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Significant Change in Systems

Dear Parents

I am writing to you on three very important points.

Important Point Number One

Next year (2008 - 2009) there will be a significant change in the way that we distribute and sell books to the students. All books (textbooks, workbooks and copybooks) will be given to the student when they arrive in school on their first day. We have already adopted this system for copybooks.

This change has several ramifications :

- There will be NO bookshop next year. There will be a uniform shop at which you can buy any school uniform you need.
- There will be NO sale of second hand books. I realise that this means that a number of families will have huge numbers of textbooks that they want to sell. To this end I have decided that the school will buy these books from you IF they are on the booklist for 2008 2009.
- The book lists will be published in the next 10 days on our website. Look for notices in the Latest News blog. The price at which I will purchase them will be half the printed book price or less, depending on the book condition. The purchase of these books will take place beginning on Monday 23rd June 2008. The system that I will be using is similar to the second hand book system that we have been using for a number of years. Each child will fill in a small A5 note for every book that they want to sell. I will then look through each book and decided how much I will buy it for. Once a decision has been made an email (it is essential that you provide an email!!) will be sent to the student informing them how and when they can come and pick up their money and any of the books that were in too bad a condition for us to buy.

- All books (textbooks, workbooks and copybooks) will be charged for at the beginning of school (similar to how we do the Rental Payments at the moment). This will be done at the Accountants Office starting in early September 2008.

Important Point Number Two

There will be a change in the fee structure next year. It will not have escaped your attention that prices are soaring for all types of goods throughout the world and Lebanon has not escaped. The price of a zaatar manakish has risen by 50% in this school year alone. The latest news from the government is that we are to expect all salaries to rise by up to 200,000 LL per month. This means that the school fees will have to be increased. As we are going to do this we are at the same time restructuring our system. The new system will see all school fees made up of the following three main parts :

Basic School Fees	These will definitely go up by between 8 and 10%.
Rental Fees	This includes a large number of things. All textbooks, workbooks and copybooks will be included here.
Annual Non-refundable Registration	This used to be called "extra" but now we have renamed it and made a policy statement about what we use this money for. The statement says "We use this money for the furtherance of all aspects of our school. Library resources, laboratory equipment and development of green field spaces to name but a few. It is also used to fund capital expenses such as new buildings and playgrounds." This will increase by 50,000 LL starting with the school year 2008 - 2009.

Important Point Number Three

Bus fees will now be calculated and advertised as being dependant on the price of 20 litres of fuel. We have been badly caught out this year by an increase in the price of petrol of more than 40%. Our bus fees will therefore now be quoted to include a factor dependant on the price of fuel.

Should you require any further details of these points please do not hesitate to contact my office and book an appointment with me.