



Kenya Methodist University

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OFFICE OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

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To All Our Esteemed Parents/Guardians

RE: COMMUNIQUÉ TO KeMU PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Receive Godly greetings from Kenya Methodist University (KeMU)!!!

1. Preamble

Our dear Parents/Guardians, I salute and appreciate you as our key stakeholder. The year 2020 began with much promise, a lot of hope and we had very high expectations. Many of you had renewed their commitment to support the institution in various ways and to the highest level possible. The university, on its part in this pursuit, prepared and devoted resources – i.e. committed and dedicated staff, well stocked libraries, revitalized research and learning facilities and well-enhanced on-campus students' experience. Then came the COVID-19 pandemic that has brought economies around the world to a standstill. Consequently, the Government of Kenya decided to close all higher learning institutions in the country from the 20th of March 2020 in order to manage the spread of the disease. We complied for the safety of our dear students.

2. Completion of 1st Trimester 2020 (January – April 2020)

At KeMU, this unprecedented closure of the University came at a time when we were only three (3) weeks away from the end of semester examinations. Most classes were at the tail-end of teaching and learning, while most Continuous Assessment Tests (CATs) had been administered. However, take solace. KeMU ensured that teaching and learning went on online and that our students did not lose valuable time. The University leveraged on technology to ensure that all students were provided with notes and assignments to enable them conclude the remaining part of the 1st Trimester, 2020. I am happy to report that the 1st Trimester 2020 was concluded successfully.

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3. Commencement of 2nd Trimester 2020 (May – August 2020)

KeMU has outlined a clear plan to ensure that registration for 2nd Trimester 2020 goes on as scheduled, albeit online. It is expected that Parents/Guardians or individual students kept their part of the bargain by clearing fees for 1st Trimester 2020. To this end, we have extended the period for late registration and waived all penalties during that time to ensure as many students as possible enroll. We have also reduced the fees payment threshold from 60% to 30% upon registration, in recognition of the challenging economic situation that families across the country are going through. However, you are encouraged to pay the full fees if you can to avoid inconveniences later.

It is my humble request that even in the midst of all the assorted challenges, please strive to support your son/daughter or the student you sponsor with the facilitation as regards end use equipment (e.g. Desktop or Laptop computer, a tablet or smartphone) and connectivity to enable him/her be part of the online teaching from May 2020.

4. Examinations, Practicals, Attachments & Clinicals

The Senate in its recent sitting, resolved that the University shall NOT administer online examinations. The students will therefore have to wait for the right time to do the face to face examinations as will be advised. The same will apply for laboratory practical sessions, industrial attachments, teaching practice and clinicals. Details on this aspect has been shared with students in a separate communique.

5. KeMU Learning Management System (LMS)

The University has a robust Open, Distance and Electronic Learning (ODEL) platform, commonly known as KeMU LMS. This online system is not new but has been in existence and in use in KeMU over the years as an alternative curricula delivery mode and through which the University has graduated many. It was on this basis that a resolution of the Senate was reached that all students be migrated to this system for continuity. This system is supported by a dedicated pool of full-time, qualified and techno savvy academic staff complement of the University. The system is manned by a team set up specifically to handle students' and faculty requests in the shortest turn-around time possible. We also have dedicated lines for general enquiries and these are displayed on our website:-



6. Commitment to Parents/Guardians

As the Vice-Chancellor, I assure all parents/guardians of KeMU that not a single student will be disadvantaged as far as academic progress is concerned. For those who have various challenges and for one reason or the other may not join our online classes, it is my promise that we shall pick them up academically from where they had stopped last. This will be achieved through make-up classes, tutorials and other personalized special arrangements until they all individually and collectively, finish their respective trimesters. Our lecturers have been fully trained to using all tools and resources available to ensure that learners get an experience that is as close to the classroom as possible or even better. These may include but not limited to, recorded classes, discussion groups and interactive online quizzes. There will also endeavor to give speedy feedback through student portals and emails. All in all, we shall ensure that no student is left behind.

7. Finally.....

Dear stakeholders, I am in cognizant that this pandemic has brought a lot of anxiety in the education sector, not only here in Kenya but across the world. But I would like to reassure you that KeMU has put in place elaborate measures to ensure we pull through together. A selected very lean and friendly staff are at work on campus and in shifts, to continue to serving our stakeholder electronically while observing guidelines as directed by the Government through the Ministry of Health.

Keep Social Distance Maintain Hygiene.... Stay Home.

Yours Sincerely,



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