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Dear Parents,

It is my great honor and pleasure to assume the headship of The American School of Marrakesh!

ASM has grown in important and meaningful ways under the leadership of Mr. Jean Brugniau and the Leadership Team. May the whole ASM community join me in congratulating and thanking him for his 10 years of tireless dedication and love for the school and its students!

This year, ASM proudly celebrates a quarter-century of delivering outstanding learning opportunities for children in Marrakesh. We continue our commitment to excellence this year by concurrently undertaking the challenging MSA reaccreditation and IB Authorization processes. Despite the significant impact on our community presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, ASM remains steadfast in providing your child with an exceptional educational experience.

As part of this ongoing effort, the Leadership Team has completed the attached ***ASM School Opening Plan***. Please read it carefully in its entirety. This document represents the thoughtful work of the Leadership Team over the summer months and will serve as a roadmap for the year. It is a plan to ensure the safe return to our campus by following a robust set of health and safety measures. It is also a plan designed to allow the School and families to adapt to changing conditions of the pandemic. For your convenience, the Plan is posted on our new website ([www.asm.ac.ma](http://www.asm.ac.ma)) where you will find the most up to date version.

The School's primary concern is the health and safety of our ASM community members. The policies and procedures set forth in the Plan are based upon the recommendations set forth by the Moroccan Ministry of National Education (MNE), the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), and the World Health Organization (WHO). The School's doctor also provided consultation in the development of health and safety protocols.

Rest assured that every effort has been taken to provide not only a safe learning environment but an engaging and successful one for your child. Across the school, our talented and dedicated faculty and staff have been receiving additional training and professional development. The School has also made significant improvements to its IT infrastructure and teaching platforms.

Though we face unprecedented times, we are reminded that high quality education remains key to accessing opportunity and improving the quality of one's life. If you have not already done so, I kindly encourage you to contact the Admissions Office as soon as possible to re-register your child, confidently knowing that the school is prepared for the new school year.

Personally, I hope to meet each of you soon and introduce my family to you. To facilitate this, I cordially invite you to join me in a virtual Google Meet next Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 PM. Click on this link to join the meeting: [meet.google.com/osn-pbda-kab](https://meet.google.com/osn-pbda-kab)

Again, I am honored and grateful to be working with you and look forward to a wonderful and successful year! As Mr. Brugnau mentioned in his departing letter, he and I will continue to communicate in order to ensure a smooth transition.

Sincerely,

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Head of School