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To whom it may concern,

Cambridge International: Exam series November 2020

We are running exams for the November 2020 series, where schools believe it is safe and where they have the necessary permissions from government authorities.

We believe exams remain the fairest and most reliable way to assess student achievement and our schools are telling us they want to hold exams if they can. Question papers are now being despatched to schools and exam centres.

We are not running an alternative system to exams using predicted grades.

Support

We know that, due to the Covid-19 outbreak, many of our centres have questions about running exams in the November 2020 exam series.

To support you, and help answer your questions, we have produced [this guide](#). You should use it, as well as the guidance in our current Cambridge Handbook, when planning the exam series in your centre. To make it easier to use and understand, we have structured this guide around the phases of the Cambridge Exams Cycle.

You can find [extensive guidance here](#) on what to do if your candidates are able to complete some assessment components but not others.

The health and safety of candidates and centre staff remains the responsibility of your centre.

This guidance does not overrule or replace advice or regulations provided by any central or local government at federal or state level, including any public health authorities or regulators, in any country. Such regulations should be followed as normal. You must also follow the regulations set out in the Cambridge Handbook.

Where these conflict or are difficult to combine, please contact us.

How do we know if it is safe to hold exams?

The safety of your candidates and colleagues is more important than running exams. If it is not safe to hold exams during the November 2020 exam series then you should make arrangements for your candidates to take their exams in a future series.

To decide if it is safe to hold exams, you should first assess your national and local government regulations and advice.

If you are allowed to meet in groups, it may be possible to hold exams. However, you will need to make sure that you follow any regulations, such as social distancing and hygiene procedures.

If your country is in lockdown, and has very restricted movement, you may not be able to hold exams. If this happens, or you are not sure whether the situation in your country means that exams can or cannot go ahead, you should contact us so that we can support you.

If you work with us through another organisation, such as the British Council, you should contact your Cambridge Associate if you have questions about holding exams.

We hope everyone at the school remains safe and well.

Yours faithfully,

Cambridge Assessment International Education