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19th December 2021

**Subject: Update 2 on School functioning model in the next term from 3rd Jan'22
as per BLUE SCHOOL INITIATIVE from ADEK**

Dear Valued Parents,

Greetings from Al Ain Juniors School!

We hope that you are keeping well and enjoying the winter break.

Update on BLUE SCHOOL INITIATIVE: In continuation to our earlier circular communication dated **11th December 2021**, we would like to share the information published by ADEK on BLUE SCHOOL INITIATIVE. As you are aware that this information is a clear roadmap to normalcy to all private schools in ABU DHABI.

Kindly note the following:

- **Vaccination Rate:** 57% of our KG to Grade 12 students attending schools are vaccinated as on 17.12.2021.
- ✓ **Corresponding Tier:** Yellow
- ✓ **Corresponding Privileges:**
 - ✚ Physical distancing: 1 meter for all students and teachers
 - ✚ Masks: Required for Grades 1 to 12 students and not required for KG students.

Implications on all stakeholders including Schools:

We were able to meet your request and the demand for Face-To-Face (FTF) learning for your children by providing opportunity for maximum number of students on FTF mode of learning during Term 1 of A.Y. 2021-2022. However due to abovementioned updated guidelines for Term 2 from ADEK, we need to adopt the following mode of learning.

ALTERNATE WEEK MODEL: 50% of students in each class attend Face to Face (FTF) learning mode, and another 50% will attend DL mode during term 2 starting from Monday, 3rd January 2022. Kindly note that in each class (from KG to Grade 12), students will be divided into two cohorts (Cohort 1 and Cohort 2) or two groups (Group A or Group B). Cohort 1/Group A will have to attend school for FTF learning & Cohort 2/Group B will have to attend Distance Learning (DL) mode during week 1, Week 3, Week 5, week 7...etc., and Cohort 2/Group B will have to attend school for FTF learning & Cohort 1/ Group A will attend DL mode during Week 2, Week 4, Week 6, Week 8...etc. Detailed class-wise cohort list will be published along with further details and guidelines in our next communication on 27th December 2021.

Why alternate week model: To ensure that we adhere to and comply by:

- ADEK Private School Reopening Policy Guidelines for AY 2021_2022 and Blue School Initiative policy.
- Anti-Discrimination Policy from ADEK which provides equal opportunity for all students to physical return irrespective of vaccination status or previously opted DL mode.

Together we will return to normal: We urge our parent community to be part of change and help us in reaching new heights and support us in implementing measures so as to return to normal operations as quickly as possible and bring back all the students to FTF learning mode gradually.

We extend our gratitude to all AJ parents for supporting us in navigating challenges till now and we are confident that our parent community will respond well and extend similar support during Term 2 of A.Y. 2021-2022. We assure you that we will do all that we can to provide quality teaching and learning support to all learners whether they are on FTF or DL mode.

Transport facility for Term 2: Those who wish to avail school transport facility, kindly contact our transport coordinators Mr. Shameer and Mr. Shekar for booking school transport by filling in the undertaking form. These staff members are available in the school premises during winter break.

Please note that our staff are on winter break and hence won't be able to respond to your immediate queries on a personal basis. However, you can reach out to us via email to Secretary to the Principal (email: melle@alainjuniors.com) for clarifications, if any, apart from above-mentioned details.

On behalf of Al Ain Juniors School, we wish to express our warmest gratitude to all the parents for the incredible support given to us this entire term and earlier.

Wish you all happy & safe holidays and a very Happy New Year 2022.

Best Wishes
AJS Administration