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6th April 2022

Subject: WAY FORWARD FOR TERM 1

Dear Esteemed Parents,

Greetings from Al Ain Juniors School! Welcome to the start of Term 1!

We hope that the spring break has provided an opportunity to spend time with your family, and we are as excited as you are to start the new term. We also hope you are keeping safe and well during this COVID-19 situation.

We would like to share with you important information regarding Term 1 – **starting Monday, 11th April 2022.**

REOPENING MODEL AND LEARNING MODE FOR TERM 1

Under the guidance of the Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK), we are thrilled to announce the full return to face-to-face learning effective from term 1. Kindly note that as per the guidelines received from ADEK, Distance Learning cannot be offered in the coming term.

REDUCED PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

Distance learning can no longer be offered in the upcoming term **except** for the categories listed below. This will be coupled with further reduced COVID-19 precautionary measures to support the return to normalcy as the health situation continues to improve.

Table 1: Entry requirements precautionary measures

| Category | Next Term Updates |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Distance Learning | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only offered during temporary COVID-19 closure, OR for the following categories of students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students with medical conditions classified as high risk during the COVID-19 pandemic. In case of high-risk individuals, a student medical risk undertaking form and a physician's letter stating that the student is unfit to physically attend school shall be submitted as evidence. Student Medical Risk Undertaking Form is available at the Front Office upon request. Students exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms including respiratory symptoms |
| Unvaccinated Students Aged 16+ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted to go back to face-to-face learning |
| Routine PCR Testing | <p>See routine PCR testing requirements below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students aged below 16: 30 days (and green pass on Al Hosn App) Vaccinated 16+ students*: 14 days (and green pass on Al Hosn App) Unvaccinated students aged 16+: 7 days <p><i>*Including approved exemptions reflected on Al Hosn App</i></p> |
| Visitors Entry Requirement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green pass on Al Hosn App (or 48 hours valid PCR test if unvaccinated) |

FIRST ENTRY PCR TEST FOR STUDENTS

- Student must present a 96-hours negative COVID-19 result.
- Students can avail a free PCR test at a private or public clinic, hospital, or drive-through test center without the need to present a designated school code.
- Present the Emirates ID to the testing center (or Passport if their Emirates ID has not yet been issued).
- Parents can contact their preferred center to confirm the availability of a free test.
- Students below the age of 12 and Students of Determination (all ages) can choose to get a saliva test at any of the designated saliva test centers in in Al Ain.

We advise students to test within the below ranges to ensure they get their results in time:

- **Students returning on Monday, 11 April 2022 are advised to test from 7 to 9 April 2022.**
- Negative PCR result on Al Hosn App is required to show at gate entry.
- Send a copy to your respective Class Teacher (screenshot from Al Hosn App)

RAMADAN HOURS FOR STUDENTS

Table 2: Ramadan School Hours

| Phase/Level | Monday to Thursday | Friday* |
|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| KG | 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. | 10:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. |
| Grades 1 to 12 | 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. | 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 A.M. |

**Friday timings are tentative and any changes from ADEK and authorities will be communicated.*

GATE ENTRY/EXIT AND DISPERSAL

It is expected that at certain times of the day the roads surrounding the school will become busier and congested. We would like to respectfully ask all parents to be considerate to each other and other road users by adhering to school guidelines on dispersal and noting down the pickup location of your ward.

Table 3: Drop off and Pick-up Location/Gate Entry and/Exit for own transport

| Class | Drop off and Pick-up location |
|---------------|-------------------------------|
| KG 1 & KG 2 | Gate A8 |
| Grade 1 to 12 | Gate A4 |

SCHOOL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

- **Ramadan Office Timings**

*Table 4: School Office Schedule during Spring Break and the holy month of Ramadan**

| Office Working Days | Office Working Hours |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Monday to Thursday | 8:30 A.M to 2:00 P.M. |
| Friday | 8:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. |

- **Fees Dues and Payment Mode**

Parents who are still having fee dues may kindly pay and clear all dues through the following methods 1) Nexopay app/ZENDA, 2) Bank transfer and 3) On-site transaction.

- **Confirmation of re-Enrolment for the Academic Year 2022/2023:**

To confirm the re-enrolment of your child for the new academic year kindly clear previous year dues (if any), re-registration fee, April 2022 tuition fee, transport (if availing transport), and MOE books.

Please note that the access to the school's distance learning platforms / Face-to-Face can only continue if the re-enrolment is confirmed and all the stipulated fees are cleared. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this regard.

- **Bus Transport:**

If you would like to avail the bus transportation facility, please contact the Transport Department at 03- 7810077(EXT 117).

- **School Book & Uniform Sale:**

School Book & Uniform sale will be held in the school campus on the below dates.

Parents are requested to follow COVID 19 protocols while visiting the school to buy books and uniforms.

Enter the school through the Wadi entrance - **Gate no. A7**

- **Books & Uniform Sale Schedule A.Y 2022-23**

Kindly take note of the Books & Uniform Sale Schedule for the academic year 2022-23 below:

Books & Uniform Sale Schedule for the academic year 2022-23

| Grade | Date | Type of Sale | Timing | Venue for Books | Venue for Uniforms |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Jr.Kg Sr.Kg & Gr1 | Monday 04/04/2022 | Full set | 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. | AJ Multi Purpose Hall | AJ School Auditorium |
| Grade 2 & 4 | Tuesday 05/04/2022 | Full set | 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. | AJ Multi Purpose Hall | AJ School Auditorium |
| Grade 5 to 7 | Wednesday 06/04/2022 | Full set | 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. | AJ Multi Purpose Hall | AJ School Auditorium |
| Grade 8 to 12 | Thursday 07/04/2022 | Full set | 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. | AJ Multi Purpose Hall | AJ School Auditorium |

Note: AJ Store at Saniya is closed until 17/04/2022. Store will resume on 18/04/2022. Timing will be announced soon.

MODE OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SCHOOL, PARENTS, AND STUDENTS

We will be adopting the following means of communication to reach out to you all as well as support students.

- ❖ **Website:** <http://www.alainjuniors.com/>- Stay tuned for the latest Information.
- ❖ **Microsoft Teams** –Teaching and Learning Tasks, Activities, Assignments, etc.
- ❖ **Emails** –Teachers shall keep you informed with the latest updates.
- ❖ **SMS**
- ❖ **WhatsApp**
 - This is a **one-way** communication channel from the school to parents for important updates and latest news.
 - Please contact Front Office for assistance to ensure your WhatsApp number is registered with the school to add you to the broadcast list.

- Save our Number to your contact list at +971 56 949 1164
- ❖ **Feedback Helpdesk (SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH US)**
 - We value your feedback and strive to provide service that is fair, efficient, and delivered to the best of our ability
 - Go to our school website and click on the Feedback link.

While we acknowledge there may be a few challenges as together we navigate through this back-to-school transition, we look forward to welcoming all families into this new term. We appreciate the partnership we have with families and look forward to learning together during this time.

Best Wishes
AJI Administration