

AJS Cir No27/AJS/AY2021-22/JANUARY

21st January 2022

Subject: Updates on the Way Forward for Term 2

Dear Esteemed Parents,

Greetings from Al Ain Juniors School!

We continuously hope and pray for everyone's safety and well-being as we fight the pandemic together.

Following the announcement made by the Abu Dhabi Emergency, Crisis and Disasters Committee, the gradual physical return of students to school has been approved and will take effect from **Monday, 24th January 2022**.

Under the guidance of the Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK), they have shared important updates and guidelines about the gradual return to face-to-face learning for schools in two groups as follows:

Table 1:

Week	Class	Recommendation	School Reopening Model
Week 4 24th - 28th January 2022	✓ KG 1 to Grade 5, and ✓ Grade 10 & 12 (CBSE); Grade 10, 11 & 12 (Cambridge)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted to return to school 	ALTERNATE WEEK MODEL Explanation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FTF Learning for 50% of the students every other week and DL for remaining 50% Example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cohort 1/Group A: FTF on Week 5,7,9 and 11; DL on Week 4,6,8 and 12 Cohort 2/Group B: F2F on Week 4,6,8 and 12 and DL on Week 5,7,9 and 11
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Grades 6 to 9 & 11 (CBSE) ✓ Grade 6 to 9 of Cambridge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuation of Distance Learning 	
From Week 5 31st January 2022 onwards till end of Term 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ All Grades KG to Grade 12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return of students physically to school 	

*The option for distance learning will remain in place throughout the term; however, parents are mandated to notify the school admin using the link provided below of their preference to continue distance learning or face-to-face learning mode until **Monday, 31st January 2022**.

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=RqgeGXQ7N0SvOkxKGYVJY2Ddm9EQR_hGnPT5Ga7_5wIURUpFWFZLV1E3Wk9RTTDDRIdQQk0yMl0VY4u

ALTERNATE WEEK MODEL

In view of the above situation, the school is shifting to an alternate week model by Cohort groupings from K.G. to Grade 12, effective from Monday, 24th January 2022. 50% of students in each class will be

attending the Face-to-Face (FTF) Learning Mode, and another 50% will be on attending online in a Distance Learning Mode (DL).

The decision to shift the student’s learning model from full return to an alternate week meets the school safety requirements and protocols set for us by A.D.E.K. The safety and well-being of the physically attending students is of utmost priority.

SCHOOL TIMINGS, LATECOMERS, GATE ENTRY/EXIT, DISPERSAL

Below is the new school timing for all students from KG to Grade 12. Please note carefully and adhere to the given schedule and safety guidelines on news timings, gate entry/exit, and students coming late in the school.

Class	Day	Start Time	End Time	Pick up location
KG 1 & KG 2	Monday to Thursday	8:30 am	1:00 p.m.	Gate A8
	Friday	8:30 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	
Grade 1 to 12	Monday to Thursday	7:30 a.m.	2:15 p.m.	❖ Gate A7: Non-siblings Siblings of Grade 1 ❖ Gate A6A: Siblings Grade 2 -12
	Friday	7:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	

Parents are requested to adhere to the above timings and follow the COVID-19 protocols during drop off and pick up.

- Gate A7 opens at 7:00 a.m. only and closes at 7:45 a.m. daily.
- Students will not be allowed to enter after 7:45 a.m. through gate A7.
- Students cannot enter school premises through the specified gate if they do not present their student ID card, mandatory documents, and appropriate school uniform (including school jacket).
- During dispersal, do not crowd at the entry and exit gates.
- Maintain appropriate physical distancing and wear a mask.
- It is a social responsibility to prevent the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

COHORT INFORMATION

Class Teachers will be sharing with parents the Cohort details according to their respective classes.

UPDATES TO THE POLICIES & GUIDELINES

❖ **SCHOOL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

- ✓ Students who opted for face-to-face learning mode must present a **96-hour negative PCR test result on the first day of return to school.**
- ✓ Students can take free-of-charge PCR tests at any private and public clinic, hospital or drive through test center without the need to present the school code. Click the link below to view the testing center available in AL AIN – All centers and locations pins are provided by SEHA.
- ✓ <https://alainjuniors-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/p/melle/Ebdq-PFw69IEut-cLoPQXoBniTwJ2vxjbgmYx8-KFWaLA?e=S3VGuD>
- ✓ Students will be required to maintain a valid 14-day negative PCR test
- ✓ Students aged 16+ must present a green pass on Al Hosn App as an additional entry requirement

- ✓ Parents and visitors will be required to have a valid 96-hour negative PCR test and a green pass on Al Hosn app. They do not require a 96-hour negative PCR test if they only enter to a designated pick-up area without interacting with school staff within close proximity.

❖ **RETURN FROM OVERSEAS TRAVEL**

- ✓ Students who have recently returned from overseas travel will be required to sign a travel declaration form, with those returning to the UAE within 2 weeks of their entry to school required to show and submit negative PCR test results taken on day 1 and day 6.
- ✓ Student travel declaration will be kept in school record

❖ **SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

- ✓ All field trips are suspended until further notice
- ✓ Sport and cultural activities can continue in line with approved precautionary measures. This does to extra- curricular activities.

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 during the distance learning program:

1. Website: [http://www.alainjuniors.com/-](http://www.alainjuniors.com/)

Stay tuned for the latest Information.

2. Microsoft Teams–Teaching and Learning Tasks, Activities, Assignments etc.
3. Emails–Teachers shall keep you informed with the latest updates.
4. SMS

HOTLINES FOR PARENTS/STUDENTS

Reach out to us for help! The School has formed a Response Team to handle all your queries related to Microsoft Teams/Distance Learning. This team shall serve as the Helpdesk during the launch of the Distance Learning Platform to make sure that all students are confident and comfortable with this online mode of teaching & learning.

Section	Response team member	Contact No.	Email
AL-AIN JUNIORS SCHOOL, BRITISH SYSTEM			
Primary: Grade 1 to 6	Fouzia Hydrose, School Counselor	03-7810077	fouzia.hydrose@alainjuniors.com
	Luna Ali Floor Supervisor	03-7810077	luna.ali@alainjuniors.com
Secondary: Grades 7 to 12	Ameen Abdulla, School Counselor	03-7810077	ameen.abdulla@alainjuniors.com
	El Sayed, Floor supervisor	03-7810077	el.sayed@alainjuniors.com
AL AIN JUNIORS SCHOOL, INDIAN SYSTEM			
Grades 1 to 12	Suhana Syed Burhan, School Counselor	03-7810043	suhana.burhan@alainjuniors.com

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Please know that, together with the support of our families and the community, we will work to ensure a successful transition for all.

Stay safe and healthy. We look forward to seeing students back at our school premises with utmost precautionary measures.

Best Wishes

AJS Administration