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ARAB UNITY SCHOOL

PARENTS GUIDE TO SCHOOL REOPENING AUGUST 2021





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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Dear Parents,

We all agree that the 2020-21 academic year was a very challenging experience. Yet, so many positive and innovative ideas were born due to these challenges that we had to overcome. We are really looking forward to a new academic year where our students' access to the AUS learning programmes will be even more exciting than they've experienced before.

We will continue to implement all the necessary measures to ensure the safety of our students, staff and parents. With these guidelines in place, we are confident that AUS will be able to welcome students back for the Academic Year 2021/22, always ensuring that the authorities' guidelines are followed with care and vigilance. The new academic year will feature two distinct learning programmes, namely full-time In-School (IS) and full-time Distance Learning (DL). This guide provides you with essential information to prepare you and your child for their return to school.

We really look forward to welcoming our students back!

Leonard Murphy
Principal





KEY MESSAGES AND ACTIONS FOR PARENTS TO SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN BEFORE SCHOOL RE-OPENS

- Understand basic information about coronavirus disease (COVID-19), including its symptoms, complications, how it is transmitted and how to prevent transmission. **Stay informed about COVID-19 through reputable sources.** Be aware of fake information/myths that may circulate by word-of-mouth or online.
- Following basic principles can help keep students, teachers, and staff safe at school and help stop the spread of this disease.
- **Encourage children to discuss their questions and concerns.** Explain it is normal that they may experience different symptoms and reactions and encourage them to talk to teachers if they have any questions or concerns.
- Explain to your children that they will play an important role in keeping themselves and their community healthy by **wearing a mask, maintaining social distancing, and sanitising hands.**
- Highlight the **positive aspects of returning to school** such as being able to meet their friends and learning new things.
- **Continuously check in with your children** to evaluate their well-being when school begins.



Approach to Reopening School for the Academic Year 2021-2022

Our school re-opening plan for 30 August has been approved by KHDA.

If there are no changes in the country's health and safety regulations for schools before school opens, the guidelines described in this document will be followed in an effort to keep everyone safe and healthy, while promoting the best possible opportunities for effective learning.

Please familiarize your child/ren of our approach to reopen school so students can continue learning, and find out how we're keeping the health, safety and wellbeing of students and staff our top priorities.

PLEASE NOTE: Unfortunately, AUS will not be able to provide discounted rates on school fees or bus fees, but please make sure to contact the accounts department regarding a support plan if the current difficult circumstances necessitate it.



IMPORTANT TO NOTE:

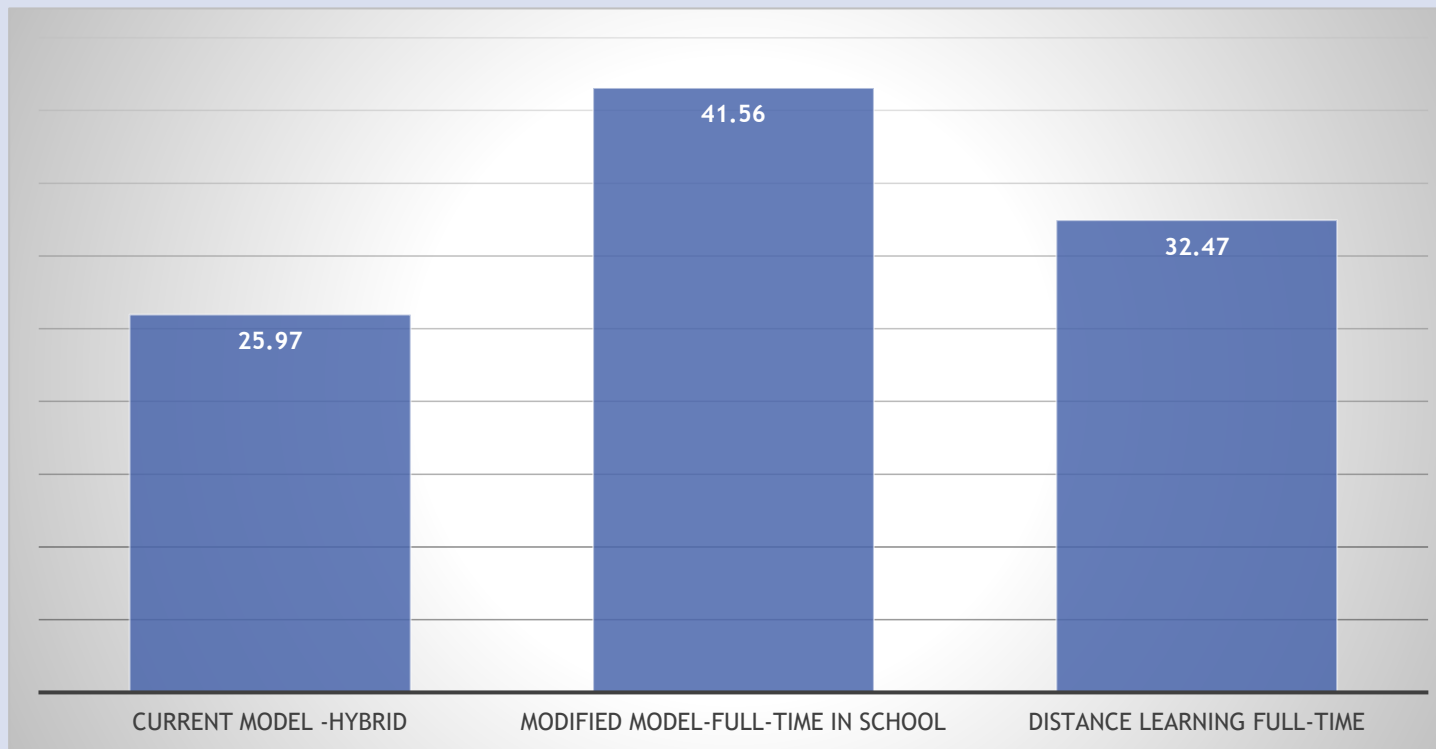
- It is mandatory for all children of school-going age to be enrolled and registered in school for Academic Year 2021/22 – even if an arrangement has been agreed with the school that your child/ren will follow a full-time Distance Learning program. This is very important to avoid any chance of your child/ren to repeat an academic year in the future due to not complying with the Ministry of Education (MoE) regulations.
- Please ensure that you are present in the UAE, at least 10 days prior to your children's school reopening date to comply with any health and travel requirements set by the government.
- Students will be expected to stay at least 1.5m apart and wear masks at all times.
- ***Inform the Principal or Head of Section if your child has undergone bereavement or loss due to the pandemic.***

NOTE: **ONLY IF MANDATED** BY THE AUTHORITIES AT THE TIME OF THE SCHOOL REOPENING: Arrange for your child to undergo a COVID-19 PCR test prior to the start of the new academic year and share the report with the school.



YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT TO US

Your feedback received from our survey at the end of June provided us with very valuable information to prepare our re-opening plans for submission to KHDA.





HEALTH AND HYGIENE



- AUS offers a safe learning environment, meeting all mandatory regulations, for onsite learning. The school has been complimented by KHDA, DHA and the Dubai Municipality inspectors for the high standards of health and safety that they've observed during their inspection visits.

- The entire school will be cleaned and sanitised every day in the afternoon hours when all the students and staff have left.
- Cleaning and sanitising of all the contact surfaces including AC, door handles, switches, water faucets, keyboards, monitor screens, etc. will be done every day after school.
- Any support or maintenance work that requires external service providers will be carried out after school hours only.
- All support and maintenance people will also comply with the guidelines provided by the health and safety authorities.





EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROCEDURES IN CASE OF SUSPECTED COVID-19 CASE

- Any suspected case will be **referred to the isolation room directly without going to the school clinic** where the school doctor or nurse on duty will immediately isolate the person in accordance to the KHDA and DHA regulations. At the time of dealing with any COVID-19 suspected case, the medical staff will wear the DHA approved Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) to ensure their own safety.
- If it is a student, the parent/s will be called immediately and the parent will have to come and collect the student from school. The parent will be required to take the student to a clinic/ hospital for further consultation and then a PCR Test, if advised, and update the school about the same along with the Medical documents. If the parent or any other pre-approved person are not able to come and collect the child, the child will be kept in the Isolation Room and the school's counselling or medical staff will support the child till s/he is collected safely.
- In the case of a staff showing suspicious COVID-19 symptoms, they will be isolated and asked to go for a consultation at a clinic/ hospital followed by a PCR test, if advised, and notify their Head of Section and the School Doctor at the earliest with the Medical documents while self-isolating.
- Any suspected case of student/ staff sent back from school, will be allowed to join back as face to face learning/ teaching only if given a clearance from the treating doctor/ negative PCR test and if s/he is free of any symptoms and afebrile (normal body temperature) for 48 hours without any fever reducing medications. They can join Distance learning/ teaching until then.





- In all COVID-19 Positive cases, the necessary tracking and tracing procedures will be followed to identify anyone whom have possibly been in contact with the infected person and they will all be asked to self-quarantine for 10 days and monitor their health. If they develop symptoms, then they need to go for a PCR test and notify the school of the result as soon as it is available.

SUPPORTING THE WELLBEING OF AN INFECTED PERSON WHEN SUSPECTED OF COVID-19 INFECTION FROM ONSET TILL RETURNING TO SCHOOL AGAIN

- The School Doctor and Nurses are trained to calm and reassure any child or adult brought to the isolation room when suspected of COVID-19 infection. Their counselling is supported by clear communication documentation provided by relevant authorities and support organizations.
- The school counselling team, that is led by the Head of Inclusion, is also trained to provide additional support to children who may be **referred to the isolation room directly without going to the school clinic** for suspected COVID-19 infection.
- Both the medical and counselling staff also provide appropriate support to the parents or caregivers of the children from identifying suspicious symptoms till returning to school again.





LEARNING MODELS

Our aim is to provide quality teaching to promote effective learning for all students whatever the challenges and circumstances.

To achieve this, the following two models of learning will be followed in AUS for the 2021-2022 academic year as per the choice registered by parents at the time of re-registration.



A
**Full-time Distance Learning
(DL)**
(Students opting for this model will access the live lessons and DL program of AUS from home)

B
**Full-Time In-School
(IS)**
(Students opting for this model will attend school every day and have full access to the AUS academic and extra-curricular programmes on-site)



A Full-time Distance Learning Model (DL)

For students whose parents opted for them **to NOT attend school physically**, this complete DL model will be followed. They will still follow the same learning cycle as the full-time In-School (IS) students by accessing the AUS live lessons, online assessments and other e-learning resources from home.

Any mandatory external exams (e.g. CAT4 and GL Progress Tests) AND end-of-term internal exams will be conducted under supervision **in school** to ensure the integrity and accuracy of the school's examination process.

In this model all students learn from home with the DL program that will be accessible via the **EDUNATION Portal/Learning Management System (LMS)**. All online materials will be available and all live, interactive video lecturing will occur via this EDUNATION Portal/Learning Management System (LMS) that is unique to AUS and digitally safe and secure. Students (and their parents) will, God willing, receive their **new individual login details for the new academic year, via the registered email with the school, during the week beginning 29th August 2021.**

Any urgent questions or queries may be shared via the Internal Message function of EDUNATION for teachers to respond to in the afternoon or the next morning. PLEASE BE PATIENT TO RECEIVE A RESPONSE FROM TEACHERS AS THEY WOULD JUST HAVE FINISHED A FULL SCHOOL-DAY OF TEACHING SESSIONS AND ON THEIR WAY BACK HOME FROM SCHOOL.



B Full-time In-School Model (IS)

This model will be followed by students whose parents opted for their children to **attend school every day to access the full academic and extra-curricular programmes of AUS.**

Class sizes will be determined by the relevant social distancing protocols (as guided by the authorities) applicable at that time and the current sanitizing and cleaning procedures will continue to ensure the best possible safety for all students and staff on campus.

This will remain the model AUS will strive towards as soon as authorities' regulations allow.

Even when everyone returns to school for IN-SCHOOL (IS) interaction every day, **technology will continue to play a key role in the future to enhance and personalise our students' learning experiences. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD HAS HIS/HER OWN DEVICE TO WORK WITH IN SCHOOL AS THE RELEVANT SECTION LEADER PRESCRIBES FOR THAT YEAR GROUP.**



ENTRY PROTOCOLS

- All students using their own transport and attending school for full-time In-School (IS) learning must report to school between **7.30am and 7.45am.**
- When arriving at school, all students and staff are required to wear their own masks and may be sent home if not in compliance with the health & safety regulations. Sanitizers will be available at the points of entry.
- **Parents or other care givers will not be allowed to enter the school premises with their children,** but may enter the school via the Main/Taher Hall reception to speak to the receptionist or parent liaison officer for any queries or support after their temperatures are checked and other health and safety checks have been conducted.



OWN TRANSPORT STUDENTS ARRIVAL ARRANGEMENTS

Temperatures of the students and staff arriving at school with **own transport** will be checked with camera or hand-held temperature scanners in the respective reception areas:

- **Primary School students** will enter from **Gate 2** close to the Primary School entrance



- **FS2, Secondary School and Sixth Form students** will enter from **the Main Reception area at the Taher Hall**



- When there is **more than one sibling entering** the school at the same time, the entrance will be used of the **youngest** sibling.
- After the temperature and other safety checks in the respective reception areas, teachers and other staff will be on duty to support and guide students to their classrooms immediately without congregating elsewhere first.



BUS TRANSPORT STUDENTS' ARRIVAL ARRANGEMENTS

- Students and staff using the school's **bus transport will be checked for temperature and other symptoms at the point of boarding the bus.** In the event that a student or staff member shows any symptoms of COVID-19, s/he will not be allowed to board the bus.
- When arriving at school, bus students and staff will move to their classrooms directly without congregating elsewhere first. Staff will be available at the bus gate to support and guide bus students to their classrooms.
- *In the event that a student or staff member develops any possible COVID-19 symptoms during the bus ride, s/he will be taken directly to the Isolation Room in the school.*



BUS TRANSPORT

- According to the KHDA and MoE regulations, the current number of students boarding any bus will be reduced to **50% of the capacity of the bus – including the driver and bus nanny.**
- Teachers and other school staff will arrive to school by 7.30am in the mornings.
- **Bus students may arrive at school between 7.30am and 7.45am and leave school at around 2.10pm.**
- **At the moment the FS2 bus will leave the school at 2:10 as we do not have earlier busses for them.**
- Every bus will have a **specific seating plan** where students must sit and they have to respect the stickers on seats to ensure occupants will be at least 1.5m apart from one another.
- Where necessary, older siblings may be allowed to sit with their younger siblings during the bus trip.





- Safety signage and hand sanitiser will be available on **every bus and before and between trips the buses will be cleaned and sanitised.**
- **Wearing masks** will be **compulsory** for all the students and staff on the school buses at all times.
- **Students' and staff's temperatures will be taken BEFORE boarding the bus and WILL NOT be allowed to board if the body temperature reading exceeds 37.5 degrees Celsius.**
- If there is any reason to suspect someone of **exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms s/he will not be allowed to board the bus at the pick-up point and the parent will be called immediately to keep the child at home** if the parent is not physically there at the moment of pick-up.
- Students will be supported and supervised by a nanny on each bus. The nannies and drivers will also be wearing masks at all times.

EXITING PROTOCOLS

- At the end of the school day **bus students** will be guided **directly to the buses** where the bus nannies and drivers will ensure that they sit according to a specific seating plan to ensure the appropriate social distancing.
- Own transport students will be guided directly to the dedicated pick-up areas as appropriate for the section of the school they are based. More detailed information regarding the PICK-UP POINTS will be shared by the relevant Heads of Sections. **Parents are requested to adhere to these arrangements to keep our students, staff and parents as safe as possible.**
- In the afternoon parents/care givers/drivers will collect their children from the dedicated area where their children will be waiting under the supervision of staff **without entering the school premises** to collect their children.



MEETING PROCEDURES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS

- KHDA requested that meetings with parents will be arranged by prior appointment and **preferably remotely** to avoid unnecessary direct interaction.
- In AUS these online meetings will be arranged via the Video Interactive feature on the school's new Portal/LMS App, called **EDUNATION**.
- Face-to-face meetings will be avoided till further notice.

ATTENDANCE

- **The return date to school for 2021-22 is on 29th August from which date attendance will be registered.**
- **FS 2 will only have online meetings for the first week** 29th August. The first day of school will be on 5 September.
- Attendance is compulsory during all modes of learning, be it In-School (IS) or remotely (Distance Learning).
- Absence is only authorised for the following reasons, confirmed by a signed letter from the parents/guardians or by the way of official documents to attest for the full duration of the absence:
 - Illness
 - Death of a first- or second-degree family member
 - Scheduled doctor appointments
 - Essential and urgent family travel for matters such as medical treatment or death of a family member

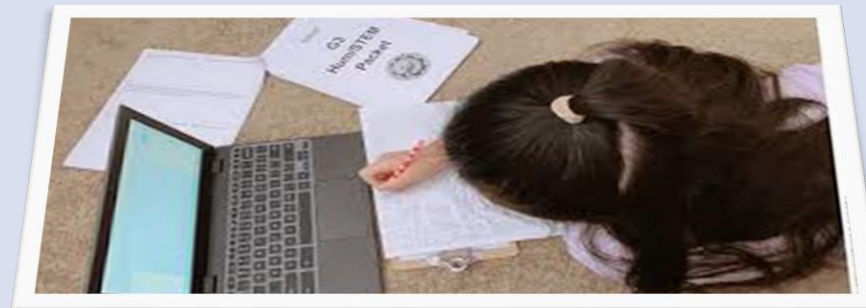
PLEASE NOTE: Authorised absence is not recorded as present on school record, BUT as "Authorised Absence"



- It is the parents' responsibility to notify the school of planned absences in advance and submit any appropriate documentation as required.
- Students with any high-risk health conditions may be exempted from physically attending the school premises upon submission of a medical certificate attesting the medical condition. Further guidelines will be shared as they become available from the authorities.
- Where officially registered Students of Determination follow specialised learning programs online via the Distance Learning (DL) program it will be accessible on the EDUNATION Portal/Student App. Login details for individual students for the new academic year will be sent to parents via email during the week beginning 29th August.
- Exempt students are still required to attend classes remotely via the school's Distance Learning (DL) program that will be accessible on the EDUNATION Portal/Student App. Login details for individual students will be sent to parents via email during the week beginning 29th August.

IMPORTANT

Due to the shift to e-resources, every student must bring his/her OWN DEVICE TO SCHOOL e.g. laptop or tablet/iPad and WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SHARE with anyone. Expectations and requirements with regards to this will be clarified by the relevant Head of Section.





FOUNDATION STAGE 2 (FS2)

Please look at the FS2 Booklet that has been mailed to every new student.

- ✚ Our **In-School (IS)** model as explained on Page 14 of this document, will provide opportunities for our students to engage with a valuable face-to-face learning experience, including high-quality online resources.
- ✚ Our full-time Distance Learning program will now be more enhanced and digitally safer due to the introduction of the EDUNATION App for students & parents.
 - Only in FS2 we are using Tapestry, your child's learning journey will be posted on Tapestry. The login details will be given during the first week's online meetings with teachers.
- ✚ The students who opted for the **In-School (IS) model** will all **start the academic year** via the **Distance Learning** program in stages according to their classes to allow them to meet their teachers and friends online from **Sunday, 29th August 2021** to create a sense of familiarity **before they have to attend school physically** from the next week starting **Sunday 5th September 2021**.
- ✚ **Bus children and siblings will be in class until 2.00pm. The children eat lunch, have a break and follow a creative program until it is time to leave**
- ✚ FS2 students **enter at the Main/Taher Hall gate** where the required health and safety checks will be performed and a **staff member will meet them to accompany them to their classrooms.**
- ✚ **Parents/care givers are NOT allowed to enter the school premises when students enter or exit the building.**
- ✚ A teacher or an assistant will welcome our children and accompany them to their classrooms in the morning and will do the same in the afternoon to bring them to the collection point at Gate 2.





- ✚ Parents may collect their children from 12.15pm till 12.25pm from the dedicated pick-up area close to Gate 2 at the Administrative Reception of the school. **Parents are NOT allowed to enter the school premises to collect their children. Please be on time it is very hot during the Summer months.**
- ✚ They will follow the same bus transport and own transport protocols than other students in terms of measuring their temperatures and physical distancing arrangements.
- ✚ A variety of learning areas are available on a daily basis and each of these areas have dedicated staff who supervise the learning and vigilantly observe other safety and physical distancing protocols. The staff working with this age group includes teachers, teaching assistants (TA) and nannies.
- ✚ **Learning bubbles (consistent groups of maximum 10 students)** will work in dedicated areas that may include the classroom, one of the activity rooms and one of the Free Choice-Play areas where dedicated members of staff supervise the learning and safety and physical distancing protocols. The same 10 students stay in a constant group to decrease the chances of interacting with larger numbers of students. In the event that anyone is diagnosed with COVID-19 these constant groups will allow easier tracking and tracing of others who may have been in contact with the COVID-19 positive child or adult.
- ✚ All the resources will stay at school for our face to face learner. Parents can collect the AUS school bag. Please do not buy a school bag.
- ✚ Distance Learners collect all the resources.
- ✚ All students will use their own dedicated resources and it will not be allowed to be shared. Regular hand washing and/or hand sanitizing routines will be followed at very regular intervals throughout the day. Sharing of food and other equipment will not be allowed and it will be vigilantly monitored and managed to ensure the highest safety standards. Dedicated nannies and cleaning staff will keep all areas, including the washrooms, clean and sanitized. When visiting the washrooms students will be accompanied by dedicated nannies and follow the 2m social distancing rule while waiting their turn.



- ✚ Each Learning Bubble will work on a rotation system that is pre-planned and determined on a timetable where main areas are used to accommodate groups of maximum 10 students who stay together without the opportunity to access the same areas at the same time. These areas include the classrooms, one of the activity rooms and one of the outside play areas. More information will be given by the teacher and Head of Year in our First week of online meet and greet via ZOOM





PRIMARY SCHOOL (YEARS 1-6)

- ✚ Our **In-School (IS)** model will provide opportunities for our students to engage with a valuable face-to-face learning experience, including appropriate, high-quality online resources on a daily basis.
- ✚ Our full-time **Distance Learning (DL)** program will now be further enhanced and digitally safer due to the introduction of the EDUNATION Portal/App for students & parents. ***Students opting for this program may still need to attend the school premises for standardised tests (as determined by KHDA) and final end-of-term exams.***
- ✚ All PS students will **start the academic year from Sunday 29th August.**
- ✚ School hours are currently **7.45am till 2pm** for both IS and DL students.



FOR THOSE STUDENTS ATTENDING SCHOOL FULL-TIME FOR THE IS LEARNING PROGRAM:

- ✚ PS students **enter the school at the Admin reception next to Gate 2 where the necessary health checks will be done.**
- ✚ **Parents/care givers are NOT allowed to enter the school premises when students enter or exit the building.**
- ✚ A member of staff will **welcome our Y1-4 children and accompany them to their classrooms in the morning** and will do the same in the afternoon, escorting them to the **collection point just inside GATE 2** where they were dropped off in the morning.



- ✚ Parents may collect their children from **2pm till 2.15pm** from the dedicated pick-up area/s that will be shared in more detail by the Head of Section. **Parents are NOT allowed to enter the school premises to collect their children.**
- ✚ Buses will leave just after 2pm and PS students will follow the same bus transport and own transport protocols **as** other students in terms of measuring their temperatures and physical distancing arrangements.
- ✚ **The number of students per classroom will be limited to accommodate the social distancing protocols announced by authorities at that time e.g. 1.5m between desks will mean a maximum of 14 students per classroom.**
- ✚ Primary school students' mobility will be minimized and they will not shift between classrooms from period to period, but will be based in one Home Room and teachers will shift between classrooms to these Home Rooms.
- ✚ When there are specialty venues to be visited for effective learning e.g. science labs, IT labs, PE lessons and Art rooms, special care will be taken during the movement of the smaller groups of children to avoid close encounters with other classes' students. Special care will be taken to ensure social distancing and other safety protocols to be effectively observed. Rooms will be sanitized between classes.
- ✚ **PS Students must all wear masks and regular hand washing/sanitization will be included in the daily routines.**
- ✚ All the books, e-resources and stationery that will be used by children have been included in the annual tuition fee and will be provided to students throughout the academic year as appropriate for their learning opportunities. All students **MUST** use their own dedicated resources and it will not be allowed to be shared. DL students will be invited to collect their required resources at the start of each term.
- ✚ Water and juice will be available for students to buy from school, but students have to bring their own food and beverages to school (including a labelled water bottle) and lunch breaks will be staggered to avoid larger groups of students to share the same spaces.
- ✚ Assessments will be a combination of online assessments and on-site assessments to accurately determine and track students' attainment and progress per lesson, per topic and per term.



SECONDARY SCHOOL - BOYS & GIRLS (YEARS 7-11)

- ✚ Our **Face-to-Face (F2F)** model will provide opportunities for our students to engage with a valuable face-to-face learning experience, including appropriate, high-quality online resources.
- ✚ Our new **AUS e-SMART** program is a full-time Distance Learning program with **dedicated DL teachers** and will now be more enhanced and digitally safer due to the introduction of the EDUNATION App for students & parents. ***Students opting for this program may still need to attend the school premises for standardised tests (as determined by KHDA) and final end-of-term exams.***
- ✚ All Secondary students will **start the academic year from Sunday 29th August.**
- ✚ The same school hours will be followed from **7.45am till 2pm.**

FOR THOSE STUDENTS ATTENDING SCHOOL FULL-TIME FOR THE F2F LEARNING PROGRAM:

- ✚ Secondary school students **enter the school at the Main/Taher Hall reception where the necessary health checks will be done.**
- ✚ **Parents/care givers are NOT allowed to enter the school premises when students enter or exit the building.**





- ✚ Parents may collect their children from **2pm till 2.30pm** from the dedicated pick-up area/s that will be shared in more detail by the Head of Section. **Parents are NOT allowed to enter the school premises to collect their children.**
- ✚ Buses will leave just after 2pm and will follow the same bus transport and own transport protocols than other students in terms of measuring their temperatures and physical distancing arrangements.
- ✚ **The number of students per classroom will be limited to accommodate the social distancing protocols announced by authorities at that time e.g. 1.5m between desks will mean a maximum of 15 students per classroom.**
- ✚ Secondary school students' mobility will be minimized and they will not shift between classrooms from period to period, but will be based in one Home Room and teachers will shift between classrooms to these Home Rooms.
- ✚ When there are specialty venues to be visited for effective learning e.g. science labs, IT labs, PE lessons and Art rooms, special care will be taken during the movement of the smaller groups of children to avoid close encounters with other classes' students. Special care will be taken to ensure social distancing and other safety protocols to be effectively observed.
- ✚ **Students will all have to wear masks and regular hand washing/sanitization will be included in the daily routines.**
- ✚ All the books, e-resources and stationery that will be used by children have been included in the annual tuition fee and will be provided to students throughout the academic year as appropriate for their learning opportunities. All students will use their own dedicated resources/devices and it will not be allowed to be shared.
- ✚ Water and juice will be available for students to buy from school, but students have to bring their own food and beverages to school (including a labelled water bottle) and lunch breaks will be staggered to avoid larger groups of students to share the same spaces.
- ✚ Assessments will be a combination of online assessments and on-site assessments to accurately determine and track students' attainment and progress per lesson, per topic and per term.



SIXTH FORM (YEARS 12-13)

- ✚ Our **Face-to-Face (F2F)** model will provide opportunities for our students to engage with a valuable face-to-face learning experience, including appropriate, high-quality online resources.
- ✚ Our new **AUS e-SMART** program is a full-time Distance Learning program with **dedicated DL teachers** and will now be more enhanced and digitally safer due to the introduction of the EDUNATION App for students & parents. ***Students opting for this program may still need to attend the school premises for standardised tests (as determined by KHDA) and final end-of-term exams.***
- ✚ All SF students will **start the academic year** from **Sunday 29th August**.
- ✚ The same school hours will be followed from **7.45am till 2pm**.



FOR THOSE STUDENTS ATTENDING SCHOOL FULL-TIME FOR THE F2F LEARNING PROGRAM:

- ✚ In the Sixth Form (Y12 and 13) it may be possible for all the students to attend certain classes due to the much lower number of students registered for certain subjects in this program in the school. **If this is possible, the arrangements will be shared by the SF leadership directly to the students involved.**



- ✚ Sixth Form (SF) students **enter the school at the Main/Taher Hall reception where the necessary health checks will be done.**
- ✚ Parents may collect their children from **2pm till 2.30pm** from the dedicated pick-up area/s that will be shared in more detail by the Head of Section. **Parents are NOT allowed to enter the school premises to collect their children.**
- ✚ Buses will leave just after 2pm and will follow the same bus transport and own transport protocols than other students in terms of measuring their temperatures and physical distancing arrangements.
- ✚ **The number of students per classroom will be limited to accommodate the social distancing protocols announced by authorities at that time e.g. 1.5m between desks will mean a maximum of 15 students per classroom.**
- ✚ SF students' **have to shift between classes as per their subject options whenever required.**
- ✚ When there are specialty venues to be visited for effective learning e.g. science labs, IT labs, PE lessons and Art rooms, special care will be taken during the movement of the smaller groups of children to avoid close encounters with other classes' students. Special care will be taken to ensure social distancing and other safety protocols to be effectively observed.
- ✚ **Students will all have to wear masks and regular hand washing/sanitization will be included in the daily routines.**
- ✚ Water and juice will be available for students to buy from school, but students have to bring their own food and beverages to school (including a labelled water bottle) and lunch breaks will be staggered to avoid larger groups of students to share the same spaces.
- ✚ Assessments will be a combination of online assessments and on-site assessments to accurately determine and track students' attainment and progress per lesson, per topic and per term.



NEW AUS e-SMART PROGRAM (FULL-TIME DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM)

- ❖ If a parent **CHOOSES NOT** to send his/her child/ren to school for the On-Campus day visits, the decision will be registered at the time of admission or re-registration. There will be cost implications as explained on the school's separate AUS FEE STRUCTURE: Year 12: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CLTB27W> Year 13: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CLSLYYG>
- ❖ **Any student opting for the AUS e-SMART program may do so for at least one full term.** A parent may opt to change to the full Face-to-Face (F2F) learning program from the start of a new term – **IF SEATS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE RELEVANT CLASSES.** If no seats are available in the F2F learning program, the student has to continue with the AUS e-SMART program UNTILL SEATS BECOME AVAILABLE.
- ❖ The AUS e-SMART program is a **complete Distance Learning (DL) model** will be used with **dedicated teaching staff and e-resources** to continue to provide quality learning opportunities to those who cannot come to school for any on-site, face-to-face education.
- ❖ **PLEASE NOTE:** Students following this full-time DL program may be required to come and sit standardised tests (as determined by the KHDA or MoE) AND end-of-term exams in-school. During these times the utmost care will be taken to follow the regulatory social distancing and other health and safety protocols as per the guidance of KHDA and the DHA.

IMPORTANT: The school fee structure for students who choose to use this mode of learning will be the same as any other mode of learning in terms of the **TUITION FEES, BUT will differ for the optional fees.**



INCLUSIVE EDUCATION SUPPORT



- ❖ For our Students of Determination and Students with Special Education Needs, individual education plans (IEPs) will be prepared in collaboration with the students, parents, teachers and other specialists (if appropriate). Our Inclusion Team, headed by Ms Dhanya Augustus (Head of Inclusion).
- ❖ If a parent decides NOT to send his/her child/ren to school for the On-Campus day visits, an official request via email should be sent to the relevant Head of Section PRIOR TO THE START OF THE SCHOOL. The reason/s for this decision should be clearly explained and any relevant documentation added for the school's records and reference of the KHDA and MoE.
- ❖ An individualised program will be followed that may consist of DL and face-to-face learning support as agreed during the preparation of the individual education plan (IEP).





OPTIMIZING SCHOOL FACILITIES

LABORATORIES & LIBRARIES

- Social distancing will be maintained in all the laboratories.
- No more than 15 students will be allowed in any of the labs at a time.
- Sanitizers will be available in all the labs too.
- Wearing a mask at all times will be compulsory for everyone present in the labs.
- The same safety regulations will apply for the Computer labs.
- All the health and safety measures will be followed in the school library too.
- Arrangement of the reading tables, chairs and bookshelves will also be organised in compliance with KHDA & DHA regulations.



SCHOOL CLINIC

- A sufficient number of medical staff will always be available in all the clinics in each section of the school.
- They will all be wearing necessary personal protection equipment as per the guidelines from the authorities.
- The Clinic Waiting Rooms will follow safe social distancing protocols at every time.

ISOLATION ROOM

- A dedicated Isolation Room will be available close to the main clinic in the event that someone is suspected of COVID-19 infection and symptoms.
- Parents will be notified at the earliest in the event of any suspicious symptoms suggesting possible COVID-19 infection.



WASHROOMS

- The use of washroom will be managed and monitored strictly to avoid excessive students in the area.
- Limited number of students will be allowed to use the washrooms at a time.
- Washrooms will be cleaned on a regular basis to keep them clean, sanitized and dry.
- Hand wash, toilet paper/tissue, sanitizers will be available in all the washrooms to maintain utmost hygiene.

This document has been designed in an effort to keep everyone as safe as possible while promoting efficient and successful learning.

Let's face every challenge that may come in the future positively together.

LET'S GO AUS!!