



Circular AUS/2021-2022

2 SEPTEMBER 2021

Dear parents and students,

FIRST WEEK BACK

Thank you so much for everyone's patience during our first week back to school. The staggered start at the beginning of the week definitely allowed a much safer situation for all to enter the premises. The new dispersal arrangements for the end of the day has also improved as the week progressed.

We had a comprehensive KHDA inspection during the week to observe the school's health and safety protocols very carefully. The feedback was very complimentary and the only additional protocol that was suggested is to add a logbook at the entry point of the school to record every visitor's vaccination status or 48-hour old Negative PCR test result. Thank you for everyone's understanding and acceptance to follow these protocols vigilantly.

ADMISSIONS

Due to a very large number of parents re-registering during the past two weeks, some did not receive timely response to confirm the status of their children's admissions status. We apologize for this delayed response and have amended our processes to deal with it more efficiently in the future.

Please remember to rather keep your child at home if s/he shows any symptoms that may suggest COVID-19 infection and to notify the school immediately of any positive PCR test result in the family. The DHA rules still remain the same with regards to sending classes, corridors or the whole school onto a Distance Learning program in the event of COVID cases reaching certain limits.

We are eagerly awaiting further direction from the authorities with regards to relaxing social distancing rules further in the near future. The KHDA's objective is to work towards allowing all students back into classrooms by the 3rd of October and we support this initiative, while ensuring everyone's safety on campus. As soon as any relaxation of the safety protocols are announced to schools, we will notify those who are currently on waiting lists at the earliest. Eventually the goal is to have all students, even those who opted for Distance Learning, back on campus.

BUS TRANSPORT

Due to the RTA safety regulations many of our parents who would have preferred bus transport from the school for their children, are still on a waiting list. The school's bus transport company, RBT, is in the process of recruiting additional bus drivers in an effort to address this challenge AND to hopefully allow an earlier trip home, just after 12pm, for the FS2 students. FS2 parents will be notified immediately if this arrangement becomes possible. Please keep in touch with Mr Atef, RBT's Manager, with regards to your child's situation in terms of bus transportation.

EDUCATION

If your child, or you as a parent, can still not access Education successfully, please notify the relevant Head of Section, Deputy or Year Leader as appropriate for your child's year group. Please remember that it may take around 48 hours after you've paid re-registration fees to access Education due to the steps that have to be taken to notify all involved after the payment has been made.

Please remember to read all the communication from the respective Heads of Section/School that will be specifically focusing on those year groups' detailed arrangements.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT parentliaison@arabunityschool.ae

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