

Dear Parents of Students in the Primary Section,

We welcome you all back for the start of a new academic year!

As always, the last few days of the school holidays are a very busy time at AUS with last minute re-registrations whom we are still busy allocating seats to.

You will be aware, from the circulars already shared by our Principal, that we will start the academic year with two separate learning models - Face to Face (F2F) meaning children who will attend school five days a week and Distance Learning (DL) meaning children who will study from home five days a week.

You will also be aware that COVID19 is still here and as such, we have new regulations to follow from the Ministry of Health and KHDA. We currently have the space to safely accommodate 15 children in each classroom in Primary (F2F students) and the rest of the students in each class will start the year as DL students.

Attached you will find the list of student ID numbers for ALL F2F students in Primary. If your child's ID number is not shown - **PLEASE DO NOT BRING THEM TO SCHOOL ON SUNDAY.**

We can only accept the students whose ID numbers are shown on the attached lists. For health and safety reasons we will have to turn away anyone not on these lists who comes to school on Sunday.

On Sunday 29th August, 2021 we are starting our 2021 - 22 ORIENTATION for students:

- **Face-to-face (F2F) students ONLY will come to school on Sunday
OWN TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS**

Years 1 & 2 must arrive between 7.30am and 8.00am at GATE 3 - As per protocols, staff will meet the children at the gate and assist them going to their classes.

Years 3 & 4 must arrive between 8.00am and 8.30am, also at GATE 3 and will be escorted to their classes.

Years 5 & 6 must arrive between 7.30 - 8.00am at GATE 6 by the sports field.

Students will be collected from the same gates at 2pm for Years 1 & 2 and 5 & 6. Students from Years 3 & 4 will be released a little later at 2.10pm from GATE 2. Parents, please be on time as requested in the KHDA protocols for health and safety and follow the social distance requests.

PLEASE NOTE: NO PRIMARY STUDENTS SHOULD ENTER FROM TAHER HALL, they will be sent to the correct gates.

Older siblings may enter from the same gate as the youngest sibling to create one drop off for families.

BUS TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

Students who have registered for the school buses will have already had a circular/email with the details from the bus company and must contact their allocated bus drivers for details - as per the circular/email from Mr Atef.

With younger, primary aged students, some parents like to drop them to school for the first day & this is absolutely fine - please just let the bus driver know so they do not wait at bus stops for your child. Just follow the GATE drop off points and times given above for OT students.

What to bring to school on Day 1?

Students only need to bring a small lunch bag and bottle of water with them - all other resources are in their classes already. Please be sure your child knows their school ID number (which can be found on their receipt of fees paid) and have it written down on a piece of paper as this will help us ensure they attend the correct class.

- **DL students will have a zoom meeting with the relevant Deputy Head on Sunday - details to follow from each Deputy.**

Please ensure DL students have their own laptop or similar device, school uniforms, a clear and calm working space (desk or table, NOT a bed etc) and note that we will be sharing arrangements to collect their resources over the coming days. For now, students will only need a pencil, some colour pencils and relevant worksheets to be printed out - these will be shared on EDUNATION..all passwords remain the same for existing students and have been emailed for new students joining us this year.

COVID 19 Safety Measures

Everyone coming to school must strictly follow the health and safety guidelines. Wearing a mask, maintaining social distancing and sanitising hands are the most important ones. Please refer to the Principal's circular and the Parents Guide to Reopening Year 2021-22 for all important details.

As most of you did last year, please ensure your child has a small hand sanitizer to supplement those placed around the school. We will again be showing all students how to wash their hands thoroughly during orientation.

Students will be allocated designated tables in the classrooms and they are required to sit only at their places every day.

Students who have any flu like symptoms should not come to school and should send leave application to their class teachers.

The Year Ahead...

The Primary Team are very much looking forward to a positive & productive year ahead and we will share updated contact details in the coming days.

We also have short introductory videos to share on EDUNATION from our staff so we urge all families to register EACH STUDENT for their own EDUNATION account **and** ensure both parents have the parent app logged in on their mobile phones so messages can reach you quickly and easily.

If you have any further questions please email primary.secretary@arabunityschool.ae however we must make it VERY CLEAR that ONLY STUDENTS ON THE ATTACHED LISTS are currently registered for F2F learning and ONLY THOSE STUDENTS should attend school on Sunday, 29th August 2021.

Stay safe,

Miss Dani & the Primary Team