



Circular AUS/2021-2022

7 OCTOBER 2021

Dear parents and students,

ALL STUDENTS BACK IN SCHOOL

The KHDA inspectors who visited us this week, approved the arrangements we've made to accommodate everyone for the Face-to-Face lessons in school. There is a strong drive to get all students back into classrooms.

Distance Learning materials and resources will still be made available on Edunation, BUT no livestream lessons will be made available any longer.

Requests to remain on Distance Learning may only be considered as per the official KHDA guidelines shared below:

18. RECOMMENDATION FOURTEEN: EXEMPTION FROM IN-PERSON LEARNING

18.1. In line with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and numerous other health organizations, it is important to prioritize a return to in person education for all children and adolescents. There are exceptions dictated by underlying medical conditions and they are highlighted below: Management of COVID-19 in Educational Institutions Page 40 of 64 Ref. No. HRS/HPSD/MC-19EI/V5.1/2021

18.1.1. All students over the age of 12 years are recommended to be vaccinated with the Pfizer mRNA vaccine. Children younger than 12 years should be vaccinated when vaccination is approved for this age group.

18.1.2. All fully vaccinated students with stable chronic disease can attend the educational institution, if all KHDA mandated precautions are strictly followed.

18.1.3. As per updated KHDA protocol, all students must be back to school for face-to-face learning by October 3, 2021.

18.1.4. Students with high risk/chronic medical conditions as elaborated in Appendix 7 can be exempted from in person/face-to-face learning, if they cannot attend the school as per treating physician recommendation. The treating physician (consultant/specialist) shall provide a medical report to school clinic to enable online/distant learning.

a. The medical report should contain the following, but not limited to:

i. Facility Name.

ii. Date.

iii. Patient Demographic Data.

iv. Clear diagnosis.

v. Description of medical condition and patient's medical history.

vi. Description of the risks of contracting COVID-19 infection. Management of COVID-19 in Educational Institutions Page 41 of 64 Ref. No. HRS/HPSD/MC-19EI/V5.1/2021

vii. Final Decision about the need for exemption from physical learning and justification for the exemption, if any.

viii. Duration of the exemption.

ix. Physician's details (Name, designation, specialty, signature, Stamp for both the physician and the facility).





18.1.5. Healthy students living in a household with high-risk patients or patients with chronic medical conditions are not exempted from face-to-face learning, unless the family member has a medical exemption from receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.

18.1.6. Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated students who are immunocompromised because of an active chronic illness or students on long-term immunosuppressive medication (Appendix 8) are to be offered online/distant learning, unless otherwise advised by the treating physician (specialist/consultant) in a detailed medical report.

DISPERSAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR Y7-13 STUDENTS FROM NEXT WEEK

Due to all schools now bringing back all their students into school, there is a huge increase in traffic around AUS as well. In collaboration with North American International School (NAIS), we will trial a different release time for ONLY our Y7-13 students who use own transport. **As a one-week trial, all Y7-13 students will leave at 2.05pm every afternoon.** We hope that the additional 5 minutes will allow all the NAIS traffic to clear before our parents have to use the same road to exit the area. After the one-week trial with this amended dispersal time for the Y7-13 students, we will re-evaluate the effectiveness and let everyone know how we will proceed after the half-term break. The rest of our AUS students' dispersal arrangements will stay the same at Gate 3 and Gate 6.

RTA has visited the school to discuss further support that they may provide in the future to address the traffic issue in a more sustainable way. Please be patient when collecting your children to promote the highest level of safety possible for everyone.

FOUNDERS' DAY

AUS will God-willing celebrate it's **47th Founders Day on Sunday 17th of October.** The program will consist of two major parts:

- Founders' Day celebration
- Investiture of new student leaders and celebrating our IGCSE/AS/AL Toppers of June 2021

Only students who participate in the proceedings on the day will attend the function. The rest of our students will view the proceedings of the event from home, after their attendance have been marked via Edunation, on that day.

HALF-TERM BREAK

The KHDA approved half-term break will be from **Monday, 18th of October, for the rest of that week.** School will open again for the students from Sunday, 24th of October.

Please stay safe and healthy!

Leonard Murphy
Principal