



Circular AUS/2021-2022

21 January 2022

Dear parents,

**MESSAGE FROM THE COVID-19 SAFEGUARDING DEPARTMENT IN KHDA**

Below please find the email message the school received from KHDA's COVID-19 safeguarding department:

"Congratulations on your return to face to face learning. This is the ideal.

Please know we understand that cases will occur.

From here on in we want distance learning to be provided only for the eligible categories (Positives, close contacts and those with the appropriate exemptions)

You must only send students, classes, section to distance learning based on the DHA matrix from pages 53 on of their [guidelines](#) .

You have the autonomy to follow this matrix. Please make sure you advise both KHDA and the DHA.

For the moment activities and events cannot take place.

This doesn't mean that students can't leave the class room.

So long as children maintain distancing, wear masks and are not in a group activity they can eat, walk, and learn outside.

An update on these restrictions is expected by the end of the month."

Thank you for everyone's patience and support to bring us to this point in our fight against this virus.

The school will continue to carefully follow the DHA/KHDA guidelines and protocols to decide if a class is placed on Distance Learning or a bus will be suspended for a set period of time. This will continue till there are any updated guidelines and/or protocols shared with the schools.

**SCHOOL TIMINGS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS**

It seems as if many schools are planning to have all their staff and students back on campus for Face-to-Face learning from Monday. This may lead to increased traffic around AUS again. After much deliberation and gathering of information regarding other schools' changed timings in and around our area, the following timings will be trialed for the next two weeks to evaluate the success of its implementation when all schools are back to full face-to-face learning:

- ✓ **From Monday to Thursday the same school timings will be followed as is currently the case**
- ✓ **This means that the same dispersal timings than before will be followed for both the bus transportation and own transportation students**
- ✓ **Every Friday school will start at the usual 7.30am**
- ✓ **Every Friday school will disperse as follows:**
  - **Buses will leave the school campus by 11.40am**
  - **Own transport students will be dispersed by 11.45am**

**ADMINISTRATION OFFICE TIMINGS**

Attached please find a document to indicate the changes in the administrative offices' timings considering the new weekend arrangements.

**ADMISSIONS FOR SIBLINGS FOR 2022-23 ACADEMIC YEAR**

The admissions for siblings of our current students for the 2022-23 academic year already started and the relevant link is available on the new school website to initiate the registration process for siblings.

If you have any queries with regards to this process, please contact the Admissions Officer on the following email address: [admission@arabunityschool.ae](mailto:admission@arabunityschool.ae)

Please stay safe and healthy!

**Leonard Murphy**  
Principal