



Circular AUS/2022-2023

30 September 2022

Dear parents and students,

**GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE IN ARAB UNITY SCHOOL**

AUS is very proud and thankful to announce the governance structure that will be implemented for the school this academic year.

Governance of the school features at three levels:

- Executive Board of Governors (Chaired by our Director and Owner, Ms Arwa Taher)
- Board of Advisors (Chaired by the Vice-Chairperson of the Executive Board of Governors. Dr Nelius Jansen van Vuuren) - including specialists in education and other areas of the community. This Board of Advisors also include student representatives, parent representatives and teaching staff representatives.
- Advisory Sub Committees (Chaired by different governors according to their areas of expertise and experience)

Attached is the organisational chart to introduce the members of the Board of Advisors.

**SCHOOL TRIPS**

In addition to the extra-curricular activities happening during school hours that includes sports days, annual day, ethnic day, investitures, National Flag Day, UAE National Day and many other events specific to different sections in the school, the school also arranges school trips for our students. These trips are at an additional cost and are not included in school fees.

Due to a strong relationship with one of the organisers of school trips to the visiting Fontana Water Circus at Dubai Festival City, AUS has been invited to arrange for our students to attend this unique event at a much-reduced price. A separate message on Edunation will share a survey for our parents to indicate if they would like their children to attend as part of this year's school trips program. **Please complete the survey when it is posted in the next few days to allow the school to make a better-informed decision regarding making use of this opportunity.** I've attached a short advertising video and brochure of the Fontana Water Circus program for your reference.

**PUNCTUALITY AND PRIDE IN THE AUS SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Thank you to all our parents who are taking care to allow our students to reach school in time for the start of the school day at 7.30am every morning. The punctuality of our students is significantly better in the mornings than in previous years at the same time. Almost all students have now received their student ID cards that will be used to record rewards for students to win Core Values badges and also to record unacceptable behaviour – including tardiness to school or classes.

From next week, own-transport students arriving late to school will be recorded late on the school information system that may lead to further disciplinary steps as per the school's policy. A committee, including the RBT Bus Transport Manager and the school's Head of Operations, will determine if exceptional road conditions, e.g. heavy fog or road accidents on specific days, are causes for many arriving late. On such days we will avoid recording late arrivals. The committee's decision is final on which days would be exempted from recording own transport students late. **Students using the school's bus transport arriving late to school will NOT be recorded as late.**

Thank you to all our students who are wearing the correct school uniform with pride. We are proud of you! From next week, students with the wrong school uniform will start to receive their first official warnings and deadlines will be agreed to correct the uniforms. Please remember that black shoes (without any other colours) must be worn with the school uniform and white sports shoes with the PE uniforms. If there is a specific reason that a student cannot wear the correct uniform, please send a note of explanation with your child with your updated mobile number to confirm arrangements.

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## KHDA – EXTERNAL STANDARDISED ASSESSMENTS

The KHDA- External Benchmark Assessments requirements for the academic year 2022-2023 have been developed to support schools to better understand the extent the achievements of students are aligned to their cognitive potential & achievement over time, and to facilitate necessary modification to their learning. **No prior preparation is required from home to prepare our students for these assessments** as it is used to obtain accurate benchmark starting points for all students to plan the most appropriate next steps in our students' learning journey.

These assessments have started this week in the form of the Islamic Baseline Tests (Is. BT) in the Secondary school boys' and girls' sections and the Reading Literacy assessments (NGRT) in the Primary school section.

*More detailed information regarding these assessments has been shared in a separate newsletter prepared by our Examination Officer that she posted on Edunation earlier..*

Leonard Murphy  
Principal