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Sub: School Reopening Circular

An ancient Chinese proverb states, "When the winds of change blow, some people build walls, others build windmills." Wise words indeed. The adage "building windmills" in the midst of the winds of change is a beautiful illustration of how we can harness the flow of life into something positive and creative by being open rather than being in resistance to it. By being open, we get to see the hidden blessing in every situation and hence use it to our advantage. We turn into an alchemist who uses something negative to create something positive and fruitful.

The winds of change are certainly blowing in this unprecedented time. We have had to change the way we communicate, the way we teach, the way we learn, and the way we interact with family and friends. And what have we learned? We have learned that we can adapt. We can be resilient, adjust, change, innovate and continue to thrive. We have learned that we have one of two choices to see the winds of change as opportunities to embrace, or as roadblocks that we moan about.

Which of these choices do we want to model for our students?

At Alain Juniors School we have developed a vision, a set of values, a strategic plan, and a learner profile that guide our decision-making. They guide how we approach learning experiences. They guide how we interact with our students. They guide the opportunities that we seek to provide them. And in this new world, those guideposts have not changed.

The environment has changed, and changed significantly. This change in environment has provided us with an opportunity to be innovative (one of our core values) in how we approach our goals. We are fostering relationships with students and one another virtually, but we have not abandoned our belief that relationships are crucial to learning and development. We are planning for the future and setting goals in new ways and for a new time, but we haven't abandoned our belief that setting goals and objectives is key to our students' growth.

We are living in a very ambiguous time. Now we have to be comfortable with a great deal of ambiguity. Acceptance that we do not have all the answers gives us the space to think creatively, and then implement innovatively. When we cannot accept the ambiguity that comes with change and uncertain times, our minds can't move forward. We get stuck. Of all the ways we teach, modeling is one of the most important.

At AJ we are building windmills - big, beautiful, bold windmills! Our students are learning to embrace challenges, practice optimism, persist in the face of setbacks, see effort as the path to mastery, learn from failure and find lessons and inspiration in the success of others. They are exhibiting grit and resilience – qualities that will lead them down new paths and help them to thrive. We look on proudly – we are confident that they will successfully ride out every storm.

Complete Face to Face Learning from September 2021 for students who have opted for F2F classes – onsite.

With the continued requests from parents, we are very pleased to welcome more students for face to-face learning at the school from the new academic year starting September 2021. Our priority remains the health and safety of our students. In order to keep in line with the guidelines and criteria with respect to social distancing, our team has come up with efficient solutions in order to accommodate more students in the campus while ensuring that a distance of 1 meter is maintained while students are school.

The merit of the face-to-face learning system lies in the fact that **all students will attend school on all days of the week.**

The class teachers will send you the schedule for your child on a weekly/monthly basis for the following week/month.

Parents can opt for Complete Distance Learning Mode for their wards

As per ADEK guidelines, parents have been given the privilege to opt for DL for their wards as per their choice. The students will continue to learn & teaching will be done through MS Teams platform. Our staff has been making continued efforts towards ensuring that our students are able to enjoy their learning experience in school while keeping with the protocols and guidelines advised.

Mode of learning once opted cannot be reversed till the end of the term in Dec'2021.

AJ Readiness Plan

<https://alainjuniors.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/HOCNreopeningteam/Edp8N3ywJhpFjotlWkJDAMBmSvKTBZTvCf2y3RpdUWtPg?e=gXRS6F>

School Timings: -

7.30am–1.50pm

a school day consists of 8 periods of 40 minutes duration with 2 breaks.

Entry & exit Points for students. Students using private transport will enter & exit the school through Gate no.4.

Bus availing students will enter & exit the school through Gate no.6

Transport: -Transport will also be made available for this academic year 2021-22. Parents who would like to avail school transport for their ward are requested to provide your confirmation with the Transport department at AJ at the transport counter set up at Gate no.2. Which will help us for better planning and organization.

Note: Transport fees will be provided only per term (September to December – 2021) & not on a monthly basis.

Uniforms: - Uniforms are available at AJ store in Sanaiya. Contact the school office for further details.

We thank you for your support in helping us adapt to the ever-changing circumstances.

Best Regards,
AJI School Administration