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**Subject: Blue Schools Initiative**  
**Abu Dhabi schools to ease Covid-19 safety measures based on vaccination rates**

Dear Parents,

Warm greetings from Al Ain Juniors School!




We are delighted to inform you the exciting news and official announcement from the Abu Dhabi Emergency Crisis and Disaster Committee and Abu Dhabi Education and Knowledge (ADEK) about launching the **“Blue Schools Initiative”** with privileges such as “Remove physical distancing for students”, “Increase Class size to 30 in Grades 1 to 12 & 25 in KG”, “Remove masks outdoors for students”, “Allow all field trips” etc.



Hence, We highly encourage all parents to be proactive in availing the vaccine for your children to enjoy the incentive vaccination privileges. Note that the UAE government has approved the **Sinopharm** vaccine for **children aged 3+** and **Pfizer-BioNTech** vaccine for **children aged 12+**, although is it not mandated for students below the age of 16 for students who are physically attending the school. Hope following details will support you in making appropriate decision to support the initiative.


Abu Dhabi Emergency, Crisis and Disasters Committee


**approves the blue schools initiative, to support Abu Dhabi’s school community to return to normalcy**



From term 2 of the current academic year, **blue schools** initiative will enable schools to gradually return to normal operations based on vaccination rates:

-  **recognising vaccination is the key path to recovery**
-  **re-emphasising transparency**
-  **enhancing the learning and social experience**

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 Visit the COVID-19 Information Center for vaccine resources. 

## What are the goals of the “Blue Schools Initiative”?

1. Increase Transparency
2. Incentivize Vaccination Adoption
3. Return to Normalcy

Schools will be classified into four tiers based on the vaccination rates of **students physically** attending the school from KG to Grade 12. However, note that students with approved exemptions will not be included when calculating vaccination rates. Therefore, schools will be able to enjoy additional privileges that will increase as they progress through the tiers. The privileges will be applicable at school level to all students physically attending the school regardless of their individual vaccination status.

## What are the student vaccination rates across each tier?

### Classification of tiers:

School Tier	ORANGE	YELLOW	GREEN	BLUE
% Vaccinated Students	<50%	50 - 64%	65 - 84%	≥85%





**4 tiers:**

Orange	Yellow	Green	Blue
below 50% students vaccinated	50%-64% students vaccinated	65%-84% students vaccinated	85% and above students vaccinated

**Higher-vaccinated schools will be able to gradually relax measures, including:**

- reduced social distancing requirements
- relaxed mask-wearing protocols
- increased classroom and school transport capacity
- return to extra-curricular activities and field trips

**Free vaccines are available for children:** | Pfizer BioNTech: 12+ | Sinopharm: 3+

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The initiative will be soon effective and all parents will be notified respectively. A complete set of guidelines and policy about **Blue School Initiative** will be shared with you soon.

Let us look forward to anticipating returning to normalcy!

Best Wishes  
AJS Administration