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Subject: <u>Lessons Learned and Looking Forward:</u> <u>Academic Years 2020–2021 and 2021-2022</u>

Dear Valued Parents,

Greetings!

"Future generation will be living in a world that is very different from that to which we are accustomed. It is essential that we prepare ourselves and our children for that new world"- Sheikh Zayed Al Nahyan

When we pause and reflect in the school year 2020–2021 we realize that it has presented unique challenges that initiated tremendous innovation, creative problem solving, taking a deeper look at our society, our own selves and bridging the gap of connectivity during this time of isolation. We each have a one-of-a-kind story from the past year, as well as great takeaways that emerged from the necessity of creating a "new normal" that was nothing like anything we've experienced.

We have learnt that learning was never the same for students worldwide. Distance learning/Hybrid Learning became the saving grace. What a paradigm shift! The challenges were daunting and many, but the quick responses from authorities like Department Of Education and Knowledge (ADEK), our school management, parental support, and learners response has contributed to a smooth transition to the dynamics saved the day. The challenges ended up to constitute the landmark achievements of A.Y. 2020-2021. Our teachers have transformed the process of teaching and learning by using simulations, short videos, and interactive assignments to bring real life experiences to light. Our students were taken on virtual trips to give them the feel of a real-life situation in the absence of face-to-face teaching which encouraged students to become independent learners. Children participated in various competitions, debated on issues plaguing the world, celebrated important days, and faced the challenges confidently as their teachers and school took them on a journey of learning by adopting to hybrid mode.

As we conclude our Academic year 2020-2021, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our children, parents, teachers and staff for extraordinary collaboration and support amid the pandemic situation with all its protocols and restrictions. Your support and goodwill have been immensely instrumental for us to have the continuity of lessons and education for all our students at AL AIN JUNIORS SCHOOL. Collectively, we shall prevail and overcome the challenges.

Parents, a special salute to you for your continuous support, cooperation and understanding.

We look forward to yet another successful year ahead. Let us all welcome 2021-2022 together, hand in hand.

Kindly note the following details:

<u>IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2020 – 2021:</u>

End Of Year OPEN HOUSE:

| Level Day | | Date | Time | |
|-------------|-----------|----------------|------------------------|--|
| KG | Monday | 28th June 2021 | 9:00 a.m to 12:30 p.m. | |
| Grade 1 – 9 | Wednesday | 30th June 2021 | 8:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m | |

Year End Report Card for Grades 1 to 9: You have been made aware from time to time, that
as per the ministry rules the final report cards are issued through ADEK eSIS (Enterprise Student
Information System) and would be calculated by taking weightage of each of the End of term
results for Grades 1 to 9 as mentioned below.

| Term 1 | Term 2 | Term 3 | Year-end Results |
|--------|--------|--------|------------------|
| 30% | 30% | 40% | 100% |

- <u>Certificates/Documents collection:</u> We have made suitable arrangement to process your requests for below mentioned documents and issue the same during summer vacation.
 - Payment invoice/Bonafide certificate/Conduct certificate/Reference or Recommendation Letters
 - > T.C. if the student has to leave the country during the summer vacation. (will be available after first week of August)
 - ➤ IGCSE, AS, and A Level board exam results will be published on 10th/12th August 2021 and the certificates will be issued as soon as we receive the same from the CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL.
 - For official letters, kindly visit our school website and follow the procedure to fill the online Official Letter form.

• School Office Timings

The school office will remain open throughout the summer to attend to all urgent requests. Office timings: 8:00 a.m - 2:00 p.m.

• Pending Fee Payment

We understand that this is a difficult time for everyone. All our teachers, other staff members have worked hard and tried their level best to provide appropriate support & guidance to your child(ren) on virtual and hybrid mode.

The parents of the students with pending fee are requested to clear the dues on or before 27th June 2021 to avoid the following consequences:

- > The results (Report Cards) for 2020-2021 will not be released/issued.
- ➤ Any official letters from school –TC, payment invoice, bona-fide letters, conduct certificate etc. will not be issued.
- Such students may not be promoted and will be blocked on eSIS until the dues are settled.

Please help us to help our staff to continue this effort by paying complete fee dues for the academic year 2020-21.

Mode of Fee Payment: NEXOPAY

Online payments are accepted through SKIPLY and Bank transfers. Payments through the parent portal 'Nexopay' shall be made available from the beginning of the next academic year.

NOTE: The SKIPLY App will no longer be supported from **30 June 2021** onwards and any fee payment made through SKIPLY will not be valid after 30 June 2021. You are encouraged to download and sign up with NEXOPAY© before this date.

Detailed information about Nexopay App was previously shared to all parents and is available on the school website http://www.alainjuniors.com/parents/nexopay-app

• Confirmation of Re-Enrolment for the Academic Year 2021/2022:

To confirm the re-enrolment of your child for the new academic year:

1. Kindly clear previous year dues (if any)

And

2. Pay re-registration fee for New Academic Year 2021-2022, Annual fee, September 2021 tuition fee & MOE books fee by Thursday 26 August 2021, to avoid any disruption of the tuition services from Sunday 29 August 2021.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this regard.

- New Admissions: Admissions are open for all grades of KG & Grades 1 12, wherever vacancies exist. For further details, contact Student Affairs Department either through phone (03-7810043) or visit our school website at www.alainjuniors.com.
- **Summer Holidays**: As informed in our previous communications the summer holidays for students are from **Thursday**, **1st July 2021 to 26th August 2021**.

School Book Sale:

Book sale will be held on the school campus as per the below schedule.

A notification will be sent via SMS to confirm the dates.

| Grade | Date | Day | Type of Sale | Timing | Venue |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| KG to Grade 1 | 22/8/2021 | Sunday | Full Set Sales | 8:00 a.m3:00 p.m. | Al Ain Juniors |
| Grade 2 to 4 | 23/8/2021 | Monday | | | Al Ain Juniors |
| Grade 5 to 7 | 24/8/2021 | Tuesday | | | School Premises |
| Grade 8 to 9 | 25/8/2021 | Wednesday | | | (AJS) |
| Grade 10 to 12 | 26/8/2021 | Thursday | | | (AJ3) |

Parents should follow the COVID 19 protocols and present a 96-hours negative PCR test result via Al Hosn App to allow school access for buying the books.

- MOE Books: It is mandatory to buy MOE Books as per the directives from ADEK. These books are:
 - Islamic Studies
 - Arabic Language
 - UAE Social studies
 - Moral Education Program (MEP)

Payments for the MOE books will be included in the new academic year fees. Issuance//collection of books will be announced to parents upon receiving from the Ministry of Education (MOE) Book Store. You will receive a notification (via SMS) once these books are available for collection/distribution.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2021 - 2022:

New Academic Year begins on:

| Level | Day | Date | |
|------------|---------|------------------|--|
| KG 1 | Sunday | 29th August 2021 | |
| KG 2 | Tuesday | 31st August 2021 | |
| Grade 1-12 | Sunday | 29th August 2021 | |

- Other details: Following details will be communicated via registered parent email during the
 last week of August 2021. Also request you to check our school website at www.alainjuniors.com
 for regular updates.
 - > New class lists and class time table
 - Orientation Programme & Mode of Learning for KG 1 to Grade 12
 - Updated Base line assessment schedule
 - Uniform and Book sale information/Schedule

A Final message to AJB students

Thank you for your hard work throughout the School year. We are honored to be your teachers. You have always made us proud by being an "AJ-ite." We offer our gratitude to the Almighty God and to your dear parents for the whole-hearted support, co-operation and partnership with AJ to produce talented, optimistic, independent, compassionate, lifelong learners and future leaders of our society.

We look forward to a new scholastic year 2021-22 with renewed enthusiasm and great commitment.

Best Wishes

AJB Administration