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## Subject: School Capacity and Admissions

Dear Valued Parent,

We live in a world of constant change where everything around us is changing all the time. The visionary UAE leadership has adopted this 'change to improve' mindset to advance in almost every area conceivable. The UAE now is very different from what it was just 10 years ago.

Aligned with this approach of continuous improvement, ADEK has embarked on a journey this year to raise the standards in the education sector as well. As per this initiative, schools in the Abu Dhabi Emirate have been asked to revise the students' capacity per classroom as to have more space per student as per international benchmarks. This helps improve the teacher focus on every student, reducing teacher workload and increasing one-on-one interaction, effectively improving student performance.

But this also means that the existing classrooms in most schools in Al Ain that were built according to earlier specifications, including ours, will have reduced student numbers in each class due to which the overall capacity of the school will be considerably reduced.

Since the revised guidelines are being applied by ADEK from the next academic year Sep 2022, many schools, including ours, will be short of the required number of classrooms to accommodate their existing student strength. **This decision will also affect the number of new admissions into Al Ain Juniors School for the upcoming Academic Year 2022-23.**

Our highest priority right now is to provide a safe and spacious environment for our students for their holistic learning. We are obliged to respect ADEK's decisions and are working closely with them to explore various options to increase the number of learning spaces and classrooms to ensure that all applicants can be accommodated.

We ask you to bear with us at this time of transition where we may not yet have complete answers to your questions, but we promise to provide regular updates as soon as we receive confirmations from ADEK.

Thank you for your understanding and continuous support.

AJS Management