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Subject: Parent's Participation in Teaching and Learning Program

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your continued support and positivity as we strive to do what is best for ALL of our students and employees during these challenging times.

We are concerned about our students' health and well-being, as well as their families. Although none of us have experienced a pandemic before, the UAE government and the community at large has quickly risen to the occasion to ensure the safety of all of us who live here and in a very progressive gesture. They have ensured that the 'learning' continues for our children. These few months have not been easy. There are mistakes, problems, and concerns along the way. However, there are more successes, happiness, hope, laughter, fun, and purpose!

We are very grateful for the immense feedback we have received from all of you. We have tried our best to adapt and modify our plan for Distance Learning (DL) based on much of that feedback. We would also like you to understand that not all suggestions are practical and there is a plethora of factors that must be looked into when we plan the delivery of lessons synchronously and asynchronously. We must note here that the students must be admired for their collaboration and flexibility and what has been most apparent has been their unwavering resilience even in these times of uncertainty. We understand and fully empathize that many parents are also working remotely at this time and now have the challenge of managing and/or monitoring your children's work more closely. We also recognize that this is a time fraught with uncertainty in matters of finance and health as well as for all of us expatriates, the added anxiety of aging parents in our home countries. Our teachers share similar worries with us and so we understand that we are not alone in these unprecedented times. We will try our best to support our students and you through these challenging times. All this has been taken into account as we adjust our teaching and delivery of units of learning and we only request you not to stress over the schoolwork via distance learning. We are doing our best to provide our students with schoolwork that keeps their minds engaged and active. But do remember, that at this point in time they are in your physical space and there may be days when you will want to adjust some work as you see fit. Please do so! We also ask for your patience and understanding as we travel this new territory and technology minefield. Our teachers are working much longer hours now while dealing with this 'new normal'.

Kindly support and follow the modifications in our teaching and learning program as we aim to provide the best form of education to our students.

- 1. Internet Connectivity:** The school is facing technical issues that will be resolved soon. Teachers will be delivering lessons without switching on their cameras so that the DL lessons can run smoothly.
- 2. Parent Observation Form:** A parent observation form is available with this circular to be used by parents for feedback on lessons. The school has introduced a practice of seeking feedback from all the parents. Your valuable input will help us to reflect and evaluate our practices; hence, we request you to use the following link to provide continuous feedback.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=RqgeGXQ7N0SvOkxKGYVJY3JaTqx3s4FFp34q8Z-kThZUOEc0QjQ3QjdVME5LMkdJM1M3T0FBQjdNSy4u>

Note: If the link does not open automatically, copy the link by using the Chrome browser.

3. **Online Application Form:** Application forms such as transfer certificate, conduct letter, recommendation letter, etc. are available online. To download these forms, please visit our school website at www.alainjuniors.com.
4. **Fee Payments:** The Front Office is temporarily not accepting any cash payments in the school till 18/10/2020. We assure all parents that no student will have his/her MS Teams account blocked before this date. We encourage all parents to utilize the online (via Skiplly app) and bank payment facilities. Payment details are available on our school website too.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

AJI School Administration