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Subject: 🕒 School Timings Update – Academic Year 2025–2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As communicated in our earlier circular dated 22nd August 2025 and subject: **Welcome to the New Academic Year 2025–2026 | CIE Results | Revised Timings | School Guidelines**, we would like to draw your attention once again to an important update regarding the school timings for the Academic Year 2025–2026. These changes have been introduced in accordance with updated educational policies and curriculum requirements. To support a smooth transition, the school has provided a one-week notice period for families to make suitable arrangements. The revised timings will be implemented starting Monday, 1st September 2025, giving parents sufficient time to plan accordingly.

In alignment with **new school policies issued by the Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK)**—specifically the **Curriculum Policy, Physical Education and Sports Policy**, and the **Arabic Language Policy mandated by the Ministry of Education (MOE)**—schools are required to review and revise their operational hours to meet updated academic and instructional requirements. Accordingly, we have carefully reviewed our current schedule and will implement **revised school timings across all grade levels**, as outlined below.

🔔 Revised School Timings – Effective 1st September 2025

Revised Timings	Reasons for Revision	Benefits
KG Mon–Thu: 8:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Friday: 8:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alignment with overall instructional time requirements by ADEK and MOE Extension of core subject periods from 40 to 45 minutes for Grades 1–12 Implementation of weekly Physical Education (PE) periods across all grades Introduction on MOE subjects UAE Arabic and Islamic in KG Addition of two 20-minute breaks during the school day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensures compliance with regulatory mandates and maintains academic integrity Increases focused learning time; reduces loss of instructional time during transitions Supports physical development, fitness, and well-being for all students Promotes mental refreshment, healthy eating, and social interaction; supports overall well-being
Grades 1–12 Mon–Thu: 7:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. Friday: 7:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.		

Note: School gates will open at 7:00 AM. Students are expected to arrive no later than 7:30 AM to ensure a timely start to the school day.



Clarification Regarding Extended Hours

We understand that some parents have concerns regarding the extension of school hours. We would like to take this opportunity to **reassure our parent community** that this decision was made based on **academic needs, policy compliance, and student well-being**.

Key reasons for the adjusted timings include:

- 🕒 **Extension of core subject periods from 40 to 45 minutes**, allowing for more effective instructional delivery and minimizing learning time lost during transitions.
- 🏃 **Implementation of a minimum of 60 minutes of Physical Education per week across all grade levels**, in line with ADEK's updated PE and Sports Policy.
- 📅 **Alignment with overall instructional time requirements** specified by curriculum authorities.
- 🕒 **Break Time Improvements:**
 - We are also pleased to share that **feedback from many parents and students requesting longer break times has been taken into serious consideration**. In response, the school has revised the daily schedule to include:
 - **Two separate breaks, each of 20 minutes in duration**, for all students. This structure allows students ample time to rest, socialize, and recharge—supporting both their physical and mental well-being throughout the school day.

To accommodate these changes without compromising curriculum coverage, the **school day will be extended by 30 minutes**, with dismissal moving from **2:15 PM to 2:45 PM for Grades 1-12, 1:00PM to 1:30 PM for KG students from Monday to Thursday**. This ensures that core academic and physical education objectives are fully met.

We are confident that these updates will create a more balanced and enriching daily experience for our students—academically, socially, and physically. We deeply appreciate your understanding and cooperation in making this transition smooth and successful.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

AJS Administration