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Japanese school of Abu Dhabi School Newsletter

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New standard, the 2nd term has started!

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With no sign of the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, the second term has started under the direction of the principal, **"Let's start the second term with the priority on the safety and security of all students of Japanese School of Abu Dhabi!"**, with compliance with ADEK and the Ministry of Education in Japan for reopening schools.

In the first term we had to close the school, and online classes (e-Learning using Microsoft Teams) were implemented. Thanks to the cooperation of the administration, the school board and the parents of community, we were able to implement the curriculum (number of class hours) which was approved by ADEK and Ministry of Education almost completely for the students.



The second term is about to start. However, there are still no signs of an end to the pandemic. Japanese School of Abu Dhabi is required to build a "new daily life" which is a significant change from the conventional "daily life" which existed before the pandemic, both in school education and in the daily life of the school. During the summer vacation, a number of online staff meetings were held to discuss the construction of an infection prevention, temperature check and quarantine system. Preventive measures of school facilities and equipment were strengthened, and rules of school life were reviewed for students going to and from school and for life in the school, and the route to and from classrooms, corridors, and toilets were confirmed. In addition, with the understanding and support of the school board, thermal camera, temperature detection equipment, disinfection equipment, sterilization tools and traffic signs will be installed. Students who come to school may be surprised to see those.

However, this is the "new standard" of the Japanese school. By observing the rules of this "new standard" life, students will be able to enjoy a fulfilling school life.

The "new standard" is a new lifestyle which involves looking back at the habits of the past and reviewing the behaviours which should be discarded from the perspective of infection prevention and control.

The "new standard" has already started all over the world. Wearing a mask, washing hands, gargling are now new habits. It is normal to refrain from unnecessary travel and keep social distancing. We don't see the greetings such as hugging, kissing or high-fiving anymore. However, people living in this global society can greet heartfully and communicate to convey their emotions. **Everyone at Japanese School of Abu Dhabi, let's improve our knowledge, strengthen our bodies, enrich the mind and personality.**

Even though it's the end of August, six teachers including the principal have not arrived in UAE. I am also patiently staying at a hotel in Tokyo. It has been extremely hot and humid summer outside with temperatures exceeding 35 degrees Celsius. I feel like being in Abu Dhabi while in Japan. "Please... That's not real "hot". Please come to Abu Dhabi now." It seems that I can hear the voices of students, teachers, and parents who I interacted online, bringing us a good sign of hopes.



【September】

Date	Event
1 Tue	Opening Ceremony Teachers' Meeting e-Learning
2 Wed	
3 Thu	
4 Fri	
5 Sat	
6 Sun	GroupA In-class
7 Mon	(G1,G2,G5)
8 Tue	
9 Wed	
10 Thu	
11 Fri	
12 Sat	
13 Sun	GroupB In-class
14 Mon	(G3,G4)
15 Tue	
16 Wed	
17 Thu	
18 Fri	
19 Sat	
20 Sun	GroupA In-class
21 Mon	(G1,G2,G5)
22 Tue	*G9 Proficiency test was cancelled
23 Wed	
24 Thu	*Summer festival was cancelled
25 Fri	
26 Sat	
27 Sun	Teachers' Meeting GroupB In-class
28 Mon	(G3,G4)
29 Tue	
30 Wed	Parent-Teacher Meeting (Online)

※ G6-G9 are all e-Learning

< Measures against COVID-19 for the 2nd term >

Teachers prepared for the reopening school in the 2nd term during the summer vacation. They worked on prevention of infection in the school, buying disinfection goods, arranging them, and making signs.

Information of the August 20th Abu-Dhabi school reopening plan

* How to run the school: Divide students into two groups and request that they come to school separately every other week.

Group A ... G1 G2 G5 Group B... G3 G4

※ G6 to G9 will continue distance learning for at least four weeks.

* To protect safety and encourage peace of mind, and health:

- Ensure social distance
- Clean and disinfect the school once every day
- Clean and disinfect all toilets in the school once every hour
- Keep to the right side when walking in the school
- Teachers will observe and give instructions when the students move to other rooms.



Abu Dhabi →
city and
the desert
← in August



* Unavoidably Cancelled Events:

Swimming school, Summer festival, BSAK interact, Hyakunin Isshu festival, Eiken and Kanken, assembly, committee, sports classes, school excursion, desert event, interaction with kindergarten students, and Flag Day and National Day related events.

Japanese School of Abu Dhabi			
Time	In-class Learning	Time	e-Learning
7:40-7:45	Arriving School	7:10-7:50	0th Period
08:00	Homeroom	08:00	Homeroom
08:15	1st Period	08:15	1st Period
09:15	2nd Period	09:15	2nd Period
10:15	3rd Period	10:15	3rd Period
11:15	4th Period	11:15	4th Period (or Homeroom, NPO/ADEK)
12:00	Leaving School	12:00-12:30	Lunch Break
		12:30-13:05	EX (NPO/ADEK)
13:15	※ 5th Period (e-Learning)	13:15	※ 5th Period (or Homeroom, NPO/ADEK)
14:15	※ 6th Period (e-Learning)	14:15	※ 6th Period (or Homeroom, NPO/ADEK)

- ① All classes are 45min. (15min. break between classes)
- ② In case of in-class learning (face-to-face learning), all Emiratis have 4 classes at school. Then they leave school.
- ③ The parts colored in Pink are only for Emiratis.

Periods with ※ mark are held depending on the grades and situations.

