



AJYAL International School, MBZ
Planned Reopening- AY 2020-2021

AJIS School Mission

- To be a **safe**, learning-centred educational institution.





AJIS's Guiding Principles for Reopening the school:

AJIS MBZ shall reopen its doors to welcome all its students according to the below:

1. The UAE Government decision to reopen all schools.
2. ADEK's and MOE's guidelines for reopening: Establishing clear health and safety procedures and guidelines to ensure all students' and staff's health and safety.



THE PLAN

AJIS leadership team, together with the health and safety officer, spent days to come up with the most flexible, safe, and healthiest option to all stake holders. Most importantly, the team wanted to have the model that would best cater for the educational, emotional, social, and well-being of students, parents, and staff.



Principles Guiding our Plan:

In our attempt to come up with the best model to reopen the school, we at AJIS wanted to:

1. Ensure health and safety of all students, staff, and stakeholders.
2. Provide a learning environment, both on campus and off-campus, that's meaningful, sustainable, and conducive to the overall teaching and learning experience.
3. Capable of sustaining our school's vision and mission to learning.
4. Engage parents in all our planning stages and execution stages.



AJIS Model of Learning

AJIS MBZ shall adopt a blended mode of learning; students come to school as normal (following the set guidelines and measures). For those students who are not able to physically be in school due to certain reasons or due to their choice, they will be given permission to continue studying from home through the distance learning model, connected to the lessons via video.

This applies to all students in all year groups: FS1 to year 13.

In case students' numbers exceed the allowed maximum in class, and school does not have the space to split, students shall be grouped into "A" and "B" categories: Category "A" will be on campus on Sunday and Wednesday. Category "B" will be on campus on Monday and Thursday. Tuesday will be completely online (distance learning) and used to disinfect the whole school. While category "A" are in school, category "B" shall be doing distance learning and vice versa.

Whichever mode of learning applied, the school shall have, as much as possible, a full school day with core subjects and non-core subjects offered as part of the student learning.

AJIS students are expected to take part in all their lessons as per the communicated daily/weekly/monthly schedule.



AJIS staff, students, and all stakeholders' health and safety are a priority. We will do so by:

1. Following all the authorities' and ADEK's school reopening guidelines.
2. Following best practices in stopping the spread and transmission of COVID-19.
3. Applying all the required hygiene, health, and safety measures at all times.



THE MODEL

AJIS Plan for teaching and learning



All students return to school.

Note 1



Distance Learning Option to students who are eligible or choose to do so.

Note 2



**Alternating Days (A & B Groups).
This model depends on student numbers.**

Note 3

Note 1: All students will return to school.

Note 2: Distance learning will be available for those students who choose DL.

Note 3: Alternating Days model will be applied if student numbers exceed the expected.

Note 4: In case pandemic worsens, distance learning will be applied (this depends on government directives).

THE MODEL

AJIS Plan for teaching and learning

FS1, FS2, and Year 1 classes will have a maximum group size of 10 students with their teachers. This is called “Bubbling”: keeping separate groups of students and their teachers without interacting with anybody else.

All classes, from Year 2 to Year 13, shall have the maximum capacity of 18 students.

Each student shall have at least 2.25 sq. m. (1.5 m x 1.5 m) inside the class as social distance.

All classes shall have enough space for students and teachers to move freely while abiding by social distancing rules.

All classes shall be equipped with disinfecting sprayers and sanitizing wipes at all times.

All classes shall be sanitized before, during, and after teaching daily. This shall be done regularly and periodically. Where possible, Plexiglas dividers shall be installed on students’ tables as a separator (mainly in FS and in primary).

Safety Protocols:

As you are aware, the first day of school for students, AY 20-21 is August 30, 2020. All AJIS students and staff MUST have negative COVID-19. The test MUST not be more than 72 hrs. old on August 30, 2020. Also, all AJIS students and staff MUST download “Al Hosn” App on their mobiles for COVID-19 tracking.

Only authorized people will be allowed on campus during school day.

NOTE: Parents/Guardians are NOT authorized to be on campus.

All authorized people (staff, students, etc.) will have their temperature checked upon entering school. Other symptoms will be checked too. (Further details on full safety protocols will be communicated later).

More details on health and safety, safe guarding, well-being, and other related will be communicated to you as we approach first day of school.

The school will operate from 8:00 AM till 2:40 PM as per below:

Buses arrive to school by 8:00 AM. Each bus will arrive 10-15 from the other. Buses leave school at 2:00 PM.

Students arriving in private means will have to be in school by 8:30 AM. These students will leave at 2:40 PM.

Every day, first period (8:00 till 8:40 (bus students) and last period (2:00 till 2:40/private transport students) will be used for counselling, well-being, form tutoring, and/or any other extra learning support.

We will be communicating with you regularly between now and August 30, 2020 for all the latest schedules, programmes, and updates.

Daily Schedule:

P1	8:00 am	8:40 am	40 mins
P2	8:40 am	9:20 am	40 mins
P3	9:20 am	10:00 am	40 mins
P4	10:00 am	10:40 am	40 mins
P5	10:40 am	11:20 am	40 mins/Primary Break
P6	11:20 am	12:00 pm	40 mins/Secondary Break
P7	12:00 pm	12:40 pm	40 mins
P8	12:40 pm	1:20 pm	40 mins
P9	1:20 pm	2:00 pm	40 mins
P10	2:00 pm	2:40 pm	40 mins

Note 1:

FS1, FS2, and Year 1 break: 10:40 – 11:20 am
(This is in a different location, separate from the whole school).

Note 2:

Primary and secondary breaks are staggered so that no congestion occurs.

Transport:



All AJIS MBZ parents are strongly advised to use their private/personal transportation means.

The school will have its transport service available for those needing it.

School buses will operate at 50% of bus capacity.

Students' temperature will be checked upon boarding the bus, leaving the bus, and entering school.

All buses will have a full set of disinfecting gel, hand wipes and thermal scanner.

More details on school transportation will be communicated to you as we get close to start of school.



AJIS MBZ based the school reopening model on ADEK's guidelines to schools and parents, international standards for health and safety (WHO), and best practices shared worldwide.

We look forward to welcoming all our children back on campus on August 30, 2020.

Regards,

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