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Dear Parents of Question-a-Day students,

The Ministry of Education and Department of Education and Knowledge seek your assistance in the introduction of an initiative to help improve learning outcomes for all Year 5 and Year 9 students, and prepare for the challenges of future international assessments when many of our students will represent Abu Dhabi.

What is Question-a-Day?

Question-a-Day is a program that was introduced to Year 4 and Year 8 students at the start of the 2017/2018 academic year. The program has continued for Year 5 and Year 9 students in the 2018/2019 academic year. It is designed to provide students with daily experience in attempting online Mathematics and Science questions. These international-style questions are in English and based on a weekly topic.

Every afternoon after school, from Sunday to Thursday, students are asked to go online and do one question each for Mathematics and Science. The question on Sunday will be quite easy, but over the week, the questions will become increasingly difficult, with the most challenging question asked on Thursday.

At the end of the week, the class teacher receives a report that shows the results for students in their class. Using this report, and some specially designed lesson ideas, the teacher is asked to provide a follow up lesson aimed at helping students to develop new and better skills in how to approach and solve more difficult problems.

How do students log on?

Each student has been provided with a Student Login Sheet with unique student number and password and the Question-a-Day url. This Sheet should have already been provided by their teacher. Parents have also been sent a text message with their child's login details.

What does each student have to do?

Students can use a phone, a tablet or a computer to log on and do one Mathematics and one Science question after school each day. If any day is missed, the question will still be there waiting the next day, with all questions for the week to be completed by Thursday.

How can parents help?

Watch the QaD Explainer Video – a quick guide to accessing and using QaD

Make sure your child has a device that they can use or borrow, such as a mobile phone, tablet or computer. Help your child log on and make sure they understand what they need to do.

Encourage students to have paper and pencil nearby to help with solving questions.

Remember that the aim of this program is to help students develop skills so that they can do these types of questions on their own. It's important that students attempt the questions on their own, without help from family members.

Remind students to do their Question-a-Day for Mathematics and for Science every day. Parents will receive a weekly reminder each Wednesday via SMS.

Keep encouraging your child. Students with a perfect participation record will receive a certificate at the end of the Trimester.

Thank you for supporting the initiative and encouraging your children to try their best in participating each day and answering the questions to the best of their ability. We appreciate your support.

If you have any questions or require further information about Question-a-Day, please contact your child's teacher.

Question-a-Day for Trimester 2 starts on 13 January for Year 5 and Year 9.