

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian/Student,

As we approach the winter break, I wanted to thank you all for your support and help over this past and trying term.

We have been inspected at least once every 2 weeks here in the school and we have been one of only a few schools in the Emirates to have remained open in full throughout this period, where we had no positive cases of Covid within our student or staff body.

This is testimony to you all, for your due diligence and understanding, as well as the superb staff we have here at AAESS, who have ensured that the stringent rules have been followed and who have worked tirelessly in ensuring all of our safety.

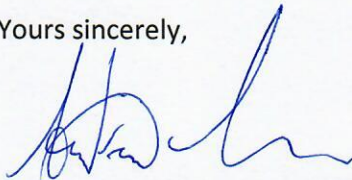
The new term will see more changes as we look to welcome back more students under the guidelines set out, and as we predicted a bumpy start to the first term here as we all adjusted to the differences, I do expect there will be another transition that we will need to adapt to, so I thank you in advance for your patience and understanding as we will once again strive for solutions to an ever evolving and organic situation.

I would also like to thank you for your generosity that has been seen through your kind donations for our Box Project, which has been a very long standing tradition here at Al Ain English Speaking School. We have been overwhelmed by the contributions you have made and I cannot think of a more poignant time to thank our Support Staff, who have been the absolute backbone in ensuring the safety of us all with their increased cleaning and working regimes.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Mike Sommerville for his time, commitment and dedication that he has given to the school over the last 8 years. Mr Sommerville is taking a sabbatical and we wish him well and hope to see him back one day, if we can tempt him away from his home in Italy!

Wishing you all a peaceful and safe winter holiday.

Yours sincerely,



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