



Al Ain English Speaking School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome Ruan Bohlmann as the Chair to the Parents Committee.

I have worked with Ruan closely over the last 2 years in his capacity as the Vice Chair, and I have been delighted to have him as a critical friend to the school.

As an undoubtedly important year, myself and Ruan have already met to discuss various topics, including the ever changing COVID rules and regulations, as well as car parking! Buses have also featured on the list as we look to work through solutions to make life more easier and safer for us all, whilst ensuring the educational standards are maintained and pushed further.

In addition, we have scheduled a meeting with the owner of Zaks, to take forward uniform feedback. This proactive approach by Ruan, is impressive, where he has also taken an active interest and time to gain insight on the teaching and learning here at AAESS. I am looking forward, already, to my next meeting with him where we are planning some great events for the 50th Anniversary, where we hope to bring the whole community together for such a wonderful celebration.

I have no doubt that Ruan will serve the Parent body of AAESS well, as well as assist me in providing a top quality education for the students, and I'm sure you will join me in wishing him every success.

I attach an introductory letter from Ruan.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Chairman of the Parents Committee. As a new Chairman of Al Ain English Speaking School, I am very excited to be given the opportunity to work with such a key group of management, staff and parents, about whom I have heard great things. I look forward to getting to know you all better over the coming weeks and to help ensure our kids get the best education.

To give you some brief information about myself, I have two kids in AAESS. I have been the Vice Chairman for the Parents Committee for the last two years. I am currently working at Al Ain Cricket Club as the Cricket Operations Manager. I am looking forward to taking on the role as Chairman of AAESS Parent Committee and to be the voice of the parents at our school.

The year ahead will be probably the most important for our kids as we start moving back to normal. More students are returning to face to face learning. This means more safety measures need to be in place and implemented by the school to ensure our kids stay safe. We as parents need to assist the school and the staff to ensure our kids know the rules and regulations implemented for their safety. As long as we all work together, our kids will have a safe and happy school journey for 2021/2022.

I see my role as supporting AAESS parents, AAESS staff and the management at this crucial time to achieve their very best.

There are some important pieces of information that I would like to share with you:

- Please adhere to all school rules and regulations during drop off and pick up times. Adhere to the social distance rule: this is for your own safety and for others.
- Please park in designated parking areas. We have parents parking and driving on the sidewalks. This could lead to a serious incident that could have been prevented. I am currently working with the Executive Principal to look at ways we can support the school in lobbying the municipality for a solution to the pick up and drop off issues we all face. I will convey these to you soon.
- Treat teachers with respect and understand the daily registration process. If you are not sure, please feel free to ask. I have already had the pleasure of having a walk around the school with Mr Thomas, where I could see and understand the challenges first hand. Let me assure you that the school is working very hard to adhere to these rules and keep our kids safe whilst delivering their lessons.

I want to thank all the teachers for doing a great job. They are truly an inspiration for many. We know it is not easy and their workload is increasing by the day in these challenging times. Kids are always leaving the school with a smile on their face, so on behalf of the Parent Committee, I thank the staff and look forward to working with you all in a positive manner to achieve excellence.

Yours sincerely,
Ruan Bohlmann