

The American International School of Jeddah

August 6, 2020



Dear Parents, Students, and Friends of AISJ,

Our community is deeply saddened by the recent explosion that rocked the city of Beirut. Our hearts go out to those in our community with friends and family that have been directly impacted by this horrible tragedy. As we begin this school year, please remember that counseling services are available for children that are processing such disasters. Experts indicate that children are currently under unprecedented emotional strain due to the pandemic. When additional challenges are put on top of those that are already feeling that stress, children might show signs of avoidance, outbursts, and withdrawal.

Professionals remind adults to take the stress and emotions of their children seriously. By listening to their fears, we provide young people an opportunity to verbally process what might be difficult to put into words. That

little bit of extra attention goes a long way in helping children feel safe. The normal schedule of school starting back will also help as routines provide a layer of security in young people. Once we are back, our teachers and counselors are ready to partner with parents in helping each child feel safe.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Jackson



Dates to Remember

August 16-20 : Teachers Return for Professional Development and Preparation

August 23 : Student Orientation Day

August 24-27 : Online Return for a Safe In Person
Reopening

[2020-21 Calendar](#)

Reopening Guide

The AISJ Reopening Guide serves as our blueprint on maintaining exceptional instructional quality while adapting to the changing health and safety needs of Jeddah. As the guide is updated to reflect new, unforeseen challenges, AISJ will notify families and students. Please click on the photo to view the whole guide.



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Guide to Reopening

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Car Stickers

Click [here](#) to get your new car ID sticker for the upcoming school year. Remember that ID stickers are required for faster entry onto the school grounds. Kindly fill out one form per family. The School will distribute up to three car-stickers per family. If your family requires more than three car-stickers, please send a request to our security office at:

aalotaibi@aisj.edu.sa

lkhalaf@aisj.edu.sa

Transportation Announcement



Please click [here](#) to provide contact information for your compound van, bus, or car. Your help ensures that we will be able to distribute materials (safety posters, for example) and directions to drivers in a timely manner.

Welcome New Teachers!

Join us in welcoming the Reuwer family and Matthew Bishop as they join the teaching team in the Middle and High Schools.



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