

2nd September 2021

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to announce that our bus service provider Shanawaz can resume services beginning next week, Sunday 5th September.

In order to make the process as smooth as possible, please read the following:

If your child has already attended school during the last week, please make sure that the blue and yellow tags are clearly visible on their bags if they are in the Primary School. This indicates that we have your declaration forms and have received a recent PCR test. If this is in place, no further action is required.

If you have a child in Secondary and they have attended school this week, they need to show the yellow tag on their bag and their PCR test on their phone, or a paper copy before entering the bus. If this is in place, no further action is required.

If your child has been virtual this week and **not attended in person**, please complete the following otherwise your child will not be permitted to enter the bus:

Students who have yet to attend school in person:

If your child/children has yet to attend school in person, please ensure that prior to Sunday, you have completed the Student Information Form <u>here</u>. Once the form has been completed, please come to school and collect the student bag tag from the security office at the main entrance between 5.30am and 5.30pm on Wednesday, Thursday or Saturday this week. **Students will not be able to board the bus without the yellow bag tag**. Students will also need to show evidence of a negative COVID test within **the last 96 hours** in order to board the bus. This applies to students of all ages.

In addition, for students aged 16 and above, they will also need to show evidence of having at least one vaccination as this is now compulsory.

For students under the age of 12, they will need to have **a paper copy** of their negative PCR or saliva test to show the bus monitor and then present to their teacher once in class. Please note a paper copy of the PCR is required for primary.

Nursery Students:

These students will be able to use the buses beginning Tuesday 7th September once the school transition period has ended. Until then, we kindly ask that you continue to arrange private transport. If nursery students have attended school this week, they need to show their yellow and blue tags. No further action is required.

If they have not attended school this week, please fill in the online form at the start of this email and come to school to collect a yellow tag. The yellow tag and a paper copy of a negative PCR (can be a saliva test for under 12's) is required before your child can board the bus.

Pick up/drop off timings and bus monitor details will be communicated in a separate email over the coming days by our bus company, Shanawaz.

Thank you for your support in making sure that you have completed the processes above. It is only through your cooperation that we can ensure the safety of our community and keep the buses running.

Kind regards,

The British International School Abu Dhabi