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Distance Learning Review Visit Report for

Al Ansar International Private School

**Distance Learning Provision March – July, 2020
(AY 2019 – 2020)**

**Overall Judgement during
Phase 1 of the implementation of distance learning is
Developed**

Distance Learning Profile

Dear Principal,

Sharjah Private Education Authority would like to thank you for engaging with our team during the recent review visit at your school on 01/06/2020.

This Distance Learning Review Visit (DLRV) was performed by two reviewers via online platforms. The review was conducted using the UAE Distance Learning Evaluation Tool - Stage 1 that consists of three (3) Zones, thirteen (13) themes and thirty-nine (39) descriptors.

The purpose of the visit was to review the school's distance learning provision, implementation of distance learning solutions and to ensure the continuation of teaching and learning during the exceptional circumstances due to COVID-19 pandemic. The review seeks to highlight the school's response as it relates to Phase 1 of the implementation of distance learning with the objective of supporting schools in the journey to a more sustainable and flexible learning option phase. The review focused on the students' learning and wellbeing, teaching and monitoring of students' learning, as well as leading and managing students' learning.

The overall schools' distance learning judgement during Phase 1 of the implementation of distance learning was arrived at as specified below:

Judgement	Definition
Developed	At least 9 Themes are Developed & none are Not Developed
Partially Developed	At least 10 Themes are Developed or Partially Developed & no more than 3 Themes are Not Developed
Not Developed	4 or more Themes are Not Developed

During the online visit, reviewers engaged in a range of activities, including discussions with senior and middle leaders, review of documents and samples of students' work, observation of virtual lessons and analysis of feedback from stakeholders.

Summary of Findings

The school's distance learning judgement during Phase 1 of the implementation of Distance Learning is: **Developed.**

The table below provides an overview of the status of development of each Theme under each Zone. This is represented by three (3) colors, green for **Developed**, amber for **Partially Developed** and red for **Not Developed**.

	Zone A Students' distance learning and wellbeing	Zone B Teaching and monitoring students' learning	Zone C Leading and managing students' learning
Themes	Attendance and participation	Planning and delivery	Agility
	Safeguarding	Sharing intended learning outcomes	Contingency
	Learning opportunities	Distance learning provision	Communication and engagement
	Equity of access	Monitoring and assessing learning	Resources management
	Wellbeing		

The DLRV shows that the school has achieved “Developed” in all themes of this review and indicates that the school is successful on its journey towards a more sustainable and flexible learning option phase.

Positive Features

1. Students' learning behaviour, particularly their respectful relationships with their peers and teachers, and their safe and secure access to a wide range of distance learning resources ensure that students are able to continue to learn new skills and knowledge. Teachers and students are skilled in the use of the distance-learning technology and are confident when working on-line.
2. Teachers' planning ensures continuity and progression in students' learning. Teachers share learning objectives clearly. The adaptations teachers make in response to the outcomes of effective assessment arrangements ensure students' learning needs are met consistently. Students' receive helpful and informative feedback to support their understanding of their progress.
3. Whole-school short and medium-term planning addresses the emerging and changing needs of all stakeholders and are based on sound analyses of the outcomes of a range of monitoring and evaluation approaches. Longer term plans consider a range of possible future scenarios, including the continuation of distance learning.

Areas for Development

1. Continue to develop the range of teaching approaches to embed distance learning for the future, for example involving students more interactively with their peers through well-planned group work.
2. Monitor more closely the time students spend on-screen to achieve an appropriate balance with off screen work and breaks.

Recommendations and Next Steps

1. Continuing to progress existing high-quality practices in Phase 1 implementation to become embedded practices in the future phases.
2. Developing existing innovative ideas by enhancing distance learning provision, e.g. student collaboration and blended learning approaches.
3. The school needs to prepare and submit a distance learning improvement plan to SPEA within three (3) weeks of receiving the DLRV report. The improvement plan should address the following:
 - a. Recommendations and improvement areas identified in the DLRV report.
 - b. Areas identified by the school as requiring improvement.
 - c. Priorities arising from the school's unique characteristics.

If you have a concern or wish to comment on any aspect of this report please contact us on schools.review@spea.shj.ae.