

April 3

Dear AGS Community,

We've now completed another week of Distance Learning. I hope that, as the weeks go on, students and teachers are beginning to find a rhythm that feels manageable — balancing live lessons with independent work.

We now know that Distance Learning will continue until at least April 17. With that in mind, it's important that we all find a pace that can be sustained. These routines take time to settle, and we appreciate the effort everyone is making to adjust.

One important part of that balance is making sure students take regular breaks from their screens. The schedule includes two 30-minute breaks each day, along with short breaks between classes. Please encourage your children to step away during these times — get some fresh air, have a drink of water, and give their eyes a rest. It also helps to keep a watchful eye on children's screen time outside of school hours, where possible.

Attendance

Regular attendance continues to be one of the most important factors in student success. During Distance Learning this is particularly true.

Please remind your children to log in on time and attend all scheduled live classes so they can stay connected and keep up with their learning. Attendance for every google meet is monitored and the time they enter and leave the meet is documented.

If your child needs to be absent, please continue to follow the usual process by contacting:

Ms. Lena (KG1–4): mcapitli@agsgrmmr.sch.ae

Ms. Betty (Grades 5–8): bfernezian@agsgrmmr.sch.ae

Ms. Gene (Grades 9–12): gboja@agsgrmmr.sch.ae

Technological Issues

If your child is experiencing any issues with their Chromebook, please have them email it@agsgrmmr.sch.ae and copy their Vice Principal so we can follow up and provide support.

Codes of Conduct

ADEK has provided Codes of Conduct for students, parents, and teachers during Distance Learning. The student and parent versions are attached to this email.

Over the next few days, teachers will be reviewing the Student Code of Conduct in class in age-appropriate ways. The parent version is there to support you as you guide your children through Distance Learning.

All three documents will also be available on the AGS website starting next week.

Thank you, as always, for the support you continue to provide at home. We know this is not always easy, and we truly appreciate the way our community is working together.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Ms. Kim (VP KG-6), Mr. Jeff (VP Grades 7-12), or myself.

Kind Regards,


Patrick Savage
School Principal
Pat Savage

Principal- AGS



Student Code of Conduct

By joining distance learning sessions, I agree to the following:

I will attend all classes and remain until I am dismissed.

During synchronous sessions:

- I will join on time, from a quiet space where I can concentrate.
- I will have my required materials ready before the session starts.
- I will behave as I would in a classroom - respectfully, attentively, and without distracting others.
- I will use only the school's approved communication platform during sessions.
- I will not record, screenshot, or share any images or recordings of my teacher or classmates without permission.
- I will tell my teacher if I am struggling to follow, cannot hear, or am having a technical problem.

During asynchronous and project work:

- I will complete the tasks my teacher sets during the scheduled time.
- I will log my project progress honestly in the school's system.
- I will bring genuine questions about my work to my 1:1 check-in - not just say everything is fine when it is not.
- I will use the internet and digital tools for school purposes during school hours.
- I will not copy or submit work that is not my own.

Regarding my wellbeing:

- I will tell my teacher, school counselor, social worker, designated safeguarding lead, student welfare lead, or any other trusted adult if I am struggling - academically, emotionally, or at home.
- I understand that my school cares about my wellbeing, not just my grades.
- I will take my screen breaks and my lunch break without using them to continue working.

By signing this , I accept responsibility for following this student code of conduct.

Student Signature

E2 — Parent Code of Conduct

My responsibilities:

- I will ensure my child is present, ready, and in a suitable space at the start of the school day.
- For KG students: I will be present or nearby during all synchronous sessions.
- For Cycle 1 students: I will ensure my child is seated at their device at session start times and is not distracted during school hours.
- For Cycle 2 and 3 students: I will support my child's independence and will not complete their work for them.
- I will respond to school welfare contacts within 24 hours.
- I will read the school's weekly parent communication and use it as my primary source of information about my child's learning.
- I will contact the school through the designated channel — not through individual teachers' personal numbers.

What the school owes me:

- The school will teach my child. I am not expected to reteach content.
- The school will send me one clear weekly communication telling me what my child covered and what to expect the following week.
- The school will not contact me during my working hours (9:00 AM to 5:00 PM GST) for non-emergency matters.
- The school will follow up with my child directly if they miss a session — before contacting me.
- If my child is struggling or I have a concern, I can contact the named teacher or Student Welfare Lead and receive a response within one school day.

Regarding digital safety:

- I will ensure my child uses only the school's approved platforms for school communication.
- I will remind my child of the rules around recording and sharing content from sessions.
- I am aware of my obligations under Federal Decree-Law No. 26 of 2025 Regarding Child Digital Safety.

AGS Distance Learning Update – March 27

Dear AGS Community,

As we come to the end of another week of Distance Learning, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our entire community. Our teachers continue to show dedication and care in supporting student learning, our parents have been incredibly supportive at home, and our students have shown great effort by attending classes, engaging with their teachers, and continuing their learning. We truly appreciate everyone's commitment during this time.

As we move into next week, the ADEK Distance Learning Plan introduces some important adjustments to how the school day will be structured. These changes are designed to better support student learning and wellbeing.

What's New Next Week

- A 10-minute break between each class
- Shorter class periods and a reduced overall school day
- Limits on screen time for lessons, and the whole day
- A combination of:
 - **Synchronous learning** (live, teacher-led online lessons)
 - **Asynchronous learning** (independent work completed by students)

New Schedule

With these changes, there will be a new schedule for all students.

For Grades 7–12. This schedule is below in this email, and is also available on each teacher's Google Classroom and Class Dojo.

The Elementary schedules vary (KG1–Grade 6) and will continue to be shared directly with families by teachers on class dojo or google classroom.

Attendance

To ensure accurate attendance records:

- Students must log in on time and attend all scheduled classes.
- Attendance will continue to be recorded through our school systems ESIS and Power School.
- If your child will be absent, please notify the school by email before 9:00 AM on the same day, including the reason for the absence.

Absence Contacts

- KG–Grade 4: mcapitli@agsgrmmr.sch.ae (Ms. Lena)
- Grades 5–8: bfernezian@agsgrmmr.sch.ae (Ms. Betty)
- Grades 9–12: gboja@agsgrmmr.sch.ae (Ms. Gene)

Phone: +971-2-644-4703 (please follow the prompts)

Important Reminder:

Students are expected to be logged in and ready to begin learning each day at 8:00 AM.

It is an expectation that students remain online for the duration of the lesson. Also note at the end of each lesson an attendance report is generated and checked by teachers, VP's and Admin staff.

Students who miss more than 5 days of online learning may be referred to ADEK.

Weekly Teacher Updates

Each week, teachers will share a brief update for parents through Google Classroom or Class Dojo. This will include a summary of the week's learning and a preview of what is coming next. We encourage you to review these updates to stay connected with your child's learning.

Report Cards

Report cards for Grades KG1–9 are scheduled to be sent by email on Tuesday, March 31. We will notify you once they have been distributed.

Parent-Teacher Meetings will be rescheduled, and more information will be shared soon.

Student Wellbeing – Counsellor Corner

We recognize that online learning can be challenging for students and families. Our school counsellor, Ms. Eleanor, has created [Counsellor Corner](#)

a dedicated space with resources to support student wellbeing.

These resources are designed to help students manage stress, build coping strategies, and maintain positive emotional health. The page will be updated regularly, and we encourage you and your child to explore and use these supports.

As always, we will continue to keep you informed as we move forward. Your partnership is essential, and we are grateful for the strong sense of community we share.

If you have any questions or need support, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Kind Regards,


Patrick Savage
School Principal
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Abu Dhabi Grammar School Distance Learning Schedule-
Starting Monday March 30

Grades 7-9

Monday-Thursday

Friday

8:00-8:45	Period 1	8:00-8:30	Period 1
8:45-8:55	Break	8:30-8:40	Break
8:55-9:40	Period 2	8:40-9:10	Period 2
9:40-10:10	Breakfast break	9:10-9:20	Break
10:10-10:55	Period 3	9:20-9:50	Period 3
10:55-11:05	Break	9:50-10:00	Break
11:05-11:50	Period 4	10:00-10:30	Period 4
11:50-12:20	Lunch Break	10:30-10:40	Break
12:20-1:05	Period 5	10:40-11:20	Period 5
1:05-1:15	Break		
1:15-2:00	Period 6		
2:00-2:10	Break		
2:10--2:55	Period 7		

Grades 10-12

Monday-Thursday

Friday

8:00-9:05	Period 1	8:00-8:30	Period 1
9:05-9:15	Break	8:30-8:40	Break
9:15-10:20	Period 2	8:40-9:10	Period 2
10:20-10:50	Breakfast Break	9:10-9:20	Break
10:50-11:55	Period 3	9:20-9:50	Period 3
11:55-12:05	Break	9:50-10:00	Break
12:05-1:10	Period 4	10:00-10:30	Period 4
1:10-1:40	Lunch Break	10:30-10:40	Break
1:40-2:45	Period 5	10:40-11:20	Period 5