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## **CIRCULAR**

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**Dear Parents** 

I trust you all are keeping safe during this trying period.

I am very proud that Virtual Learning is carrying on in such a splendid manner. I have received so many calls and messages appreciating the way it has been conducted, covering all curricular as well as co-curricular activities. The distribution of the books too was carried out in an innovative and safe manner that was in keeping with government regulations. Appreciation for the management and its dedicated team has poured in from both parents as well as well-wishers of the school. We thank the Almighty for His generous blessings upon us.

You may be aware of the lengths gone to by a few individuals, who have vested interests, to malign the institution and tarnish the reputation and goodwill garnered by the school over a period of almost four decades.

There is an old saying, 'A lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes.' While it has been our stance to disregard the spread of such mistruths, we feel that it has gone on for too long and it is now time to put an end to this whole fiasco and clear any doubts in the minds of our parents.

We have been informed that in addition to the appalling allegations and rumours that have been spread by these certain individuals, very unsavoury language has been used with personal attacks at members of the school body. They have tried to instigate parents and the community at large by spreading fake news against the school and through gross misuse of social media.

As a private educational institution recognized by the Ministry of Education, Kingdom of Bahrain, The Asian School diligently abides by all rules and guidelines laid out by the government of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The school has always supported its needy parents, right from inception and continues to do so. During the CoViD-19 period too, we have offered a concession in fees to all parents. It may seem like a small amount to each individual parent, but for the school it comes at a huge cost. In addition to this, we have taken special care to support our parents who have come to us, individually, with genuine difficulties, and we continue to do so.

The school has overheads for 12 months in a year on the income received during only 10 months. The amount given to the parents by way of fee concession due to CoViD-19 is far greater than government concessions received by us. Apart from this, as mentioned above, we also support all genuine individual cases. Therefore, despite almost all of our expenses remaining the same, the school always has and always will operate with the best interest of students and parents in mind.

There has been an accusation that we have been abusive in our dealings with the parents. I strongly condemn this accusation. There have been instances where certain persons have been rude and exhibited unacceptable behaviour towards our staff, both in person and over the telephone. The management will not accept any disrespectful behaviour towards any of our staff members and such matters will not be taken lightly. I would like to reiterate that as in the past, if any parent has any grievance, they are welcome to come to us individually, with their personal concern and discuss any such matter in a civil manner.

I would also like to declare this. No amount of such spiteful attacks against us will deter us from attaining our noble purpose. Our determination to stay true to our mission and vision of providing quality education remains steadfast.

It gives me immense happiness to note that the vast majority of our parents have stood by us. I would like to thank each and every parent who has supported us and assure you that we will continue to strive our best.

Keep safe and stay healthy.

Joseph Thomas Founder Chairman