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Important Update: Transition to Online Learning Due to Current Crisis

Dear UCA Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones safe and well during these difficult and uncertain times. As the situation in Lebanon continues to escalate, with strikes affecting the entire country, no area is considered truly safe. Daily life has been severely disrupted, impacting access to essential services. Despite these challenges, our resilience and determination remain strong as we navigate through these unprecedented times. Now, more than ever, we are committed to educating, serving, and supporting one another. Our dedicated faculty is here to ensure your children's success, fully recognizing the difficulties you face.

Our greatest wish is to return to our beloved UCA campus, where the energy and enthusiasm of our students fill the halls and classrooms. On-campus learning, with face-to-face interactions, hands-on experiences, and a vibrant community atmosphere, provides the best environment for our students to thrive. However, the safety and well-being of our students and staff remain our top priority. **While we await further directives from the Minister of Education, we are prepared to transition to online learning, beginning Monday, October 7, 2024.** All ***classes will be held online via Microsoft Teams***, allowing for real-time interactions between students and teachers. To ensure continuity, recorded lessons and materials will be available for those unable to join live sessions due to emergencies or internet issues.

While no virtual setting can fully replace in-person learning, moving forward with our online plan is the most practical solution at this time. Our focus is to keep students connected, engaged, and motivated through a structured routine, helping them stay focused and continue learning during these uncertain times. Our program is designed to be both flexible and supportive, taking into account the unique challenges each family faces.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support throughout this period. We understand the immense responsibility you bear—balancing the safety and well-being of your families while managing the demands of daily life. Please know that we stand by you and will continue to support you every step of the way.

For families with work commitments that limit their ability to assist their children with online learning, please reach out to your child's principal so we can work together to find the best possible plan. We are committed to ensuring that no student is left behind. This is a temporary situation, and as long as we work together, we will remain flexible and understanding in our efforts to support your children. **Please click on the following link for our principals' contact information:** <https://universalcollege.edu.lb/leadership-team/>

Please note that school books and copybooks will not be needed for online learning, as all materials will be provided via Teams. A modified schedule tailored to online learning will be shared with students through the platform.

We encourage you to maintain open communication with our teachers and administrators through email or Teams. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us provide the best possible support for our learners.

You can review our modified Bell Schedule using the following link: <https://universalcollege.edu.lb/Online-Bell-Schedule-2024-2025>. **Classes for Grades 1 to 12 will run from 9:00 am to 1:05 pm, with a shorter schedule for preschool students to be shared separately.**

Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. We sincerely hope for a swift resolution so that we can return to educating your children in person at our beloved UCA campus in Aley.

Thank you, once again, for your continued support and trust.

Warm regards,

Rola Malaeb

UCA Director