



Dear Parents of *Question-a-Day* students,

Thank you for encouraging your children to participate in the *Question-a-Day* initiative. Many students from across Abu Dhabi in Grade 3 and Grade 7 have been logging on to the *Question-a-Day* platform and answering Mathematics and Science questions each week.

At the end of each week a class report is available to teachers which shows the results for students in their class. Using this report, and some specially designed lesson ideas, the teacher provides a follow up lesson aimed at helping students to develop new and better skills in how to approach and solve more difficult problems.

The Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge expects all students to participate in this important strategy which has been implemented to improve student learning outcomes and raise student performance in International assessments, as stated in the National Goals of Vision 2021.

Question-a-Day will pause from 16 March and will resume on 8 April in Trimester 3, 2018.

What is the Trimester Online Test?

As a component of the *Question-a-Day* program, and to measure student progress in the area of skill development, all Grade 3 and Grade 7 students will undertake a Trimester Online Test. The Trimester Online Test will be held at or near the end of each Trimester with the aim of monitoring student improvement in achievement on international style questions.

The assessment will be conducted online, during normal lesson time on computers at school. The results of this assessment will provide information about individual and class progress and provide ADEK with data on student progress.

Will all Grade 3 and Grade 7 students be participating?

All students in Grade 3 and Grade 7 will be required to do the Trimester Online Test. There are still some students who have not yet logged on to *Question-a-Day* and completed questions, however these students will still be required to complete the Trimester Online Test and their results compared with students who have been participation in the program.

Will participation in *Question-a-Day* help students with the Trimester Online Test?

Students who have been answering the *Question-a-Day* questions each day may be more familiar with the types of questions being asked, and also have more experience answering questions online. The students who have answered the *Question-a-Day* questions regularly will also have recent experience in the content to be assessed. It is anticipated that for the Trimester 2 Online Test scheduled for 18 – 22 March, the number of students participating in the *Question-a-Day* program will have increased, and students will be further prepared for the content and types of items in the Trimester Online Test.

What does the Trimester Online Test consist of?

The test will consist of 25 Mathematics questions and 25 Science questions, and students will be given enough time to complete this assessment, up to 70 minutes if required.

When will students do the Trimester Online Test?

To allow schools time to manage classes of students using computers to do the Trimester Online Test, a period of five days will be available for classes to access the assessments.

The online assessments will be available from 18 – 22 March. Schools should select a time that is convenient for classes during this period.

Thank you for supporting this initiative and encouraging your child to try their best in the Trimester Online Test.