

# Wanna do it online or in-person?

Many students are eager to get back with friends, but parents might want to limit their exposure by letting them stay at home and take classes online due to concerns related to COVID-19. The dilemma is big and there is not any time left too. So, private schools in the Kingdom decided to find out by writing to parents directly to ask them what they want best.

Private schools give parents options for upcoming academic year

- Classes will be held for 3 or 4 hours
- No extra curricular activities permitted
- Glass barriers will be placed on study tables
- Will ensure 2 meter between tables

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## Online or in-person classes?

Private schools in the Kingdom have started approaching parents here with this question, according to an *Albilad* report.

Schools want parents to choose the educational experience that best fit their needs for the 2020-'21 academic year.

The report quoting communicate sent to parents said that classes would run only for 3 hours.

However, some schools said they would hold classes for 4 hours, but lessons will on basic school subjects only.

Activities like sports and music are



Representative picture (Courtesy of Arabian Business)

banned, until further notice.

Schools also informed parents that not any "student activities" will be conducted or will have a morning break.

Students are required to follow these instructions when they start their classes in September.

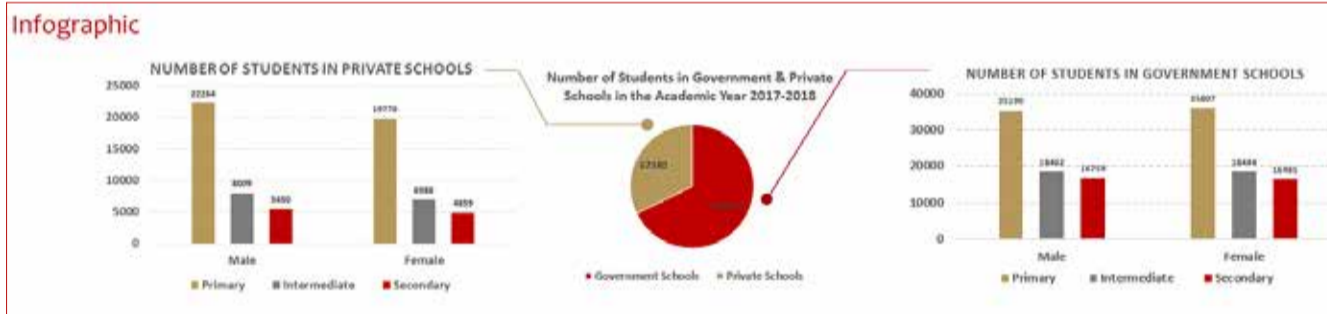
Some of the schools also told parents that they are putting in place health precautionary measures to ensure social distancing.

The most prominent decision in this regard is "placing glass barriers on all study tables," *Albilad* report said.

The schools are also mulling to reduce the number of student in each class to less than 12.

Some of the schools had limited it further to 9 students per class.

Schools have also clarified that there will be a 2-meter distance between tables in classrooms, as required by the Kingdom's health authorities.



## Bahrain Chamber webinar on Tuesday



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Bahrain Chamber announced holding a webinar on "The criteria and controls for determining the final beneficiary of a C.R."

All members are welcome to the webinar held in co-operation with the Ministry of Industry, Commerce, and Tourism, the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry said in a statement yesterday.

The webinar will be held on Tuesday at 10:30 am.

Discussions will focus on the ministerial decision (83) for the year 2020 on the criteria and controls for determining the final beneficiary of commercial records.

The chamber explained that the webinar will be conducted in Arabic, and will deliberate about the requirements as per the decision and the mechanism of beneficiary disclosure.

Members are requested to register with using this link <https://bit.ly/2DjTy12>

The webinar will be held virtual via Zoom application.

## "If you wanted to go to Saudi, it had to be by Plane or Boat!"

# Taking an e-trip down memory lane to Bahrain's glorious past

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Bahrain, as we know it today, was altogether a different world, way back in the '80s and '90s when there were no mobile phones and cool people used to carry with them pagers!

The new generation might get wide-eyed thinking about such an era, but those who have lived in the Kingdom and witnessed the change will get excited walking down that memory lane.

Take a look at some of the pictures shared by twitter user @KhalifaNasser of those golden days and you might get excited

as well. The pictures along with this write up are some amongst them.

But, that is not the end of it. There are a lot more.

Walk back a bit more or hit the search button a bit more, chances of getting landed on blogger "ammara.com" page is quite high.

As his page is filled to the brim with memories of Bahrain in the '80s and '90s.

"If you wanted to go to Saudi, it had to be by Plane or Boat! The Saudi Causeway didn't exist!" the list starts thus.

And it gets on interesting as it grows down.

"All phone numbers in Bahrain were only 6 digits; Even mobile phones were like 456654," the next line and it goes on.

Will share a bit more from the page.

"When GOSI cinema first opened and everyone thought, WOW! 2 cinema screens! Now we have a choice!"

"Back when we actually had a 1 FILS COIN! Also, 20 dinar notes were purple, and 100 fils coins were all silver."

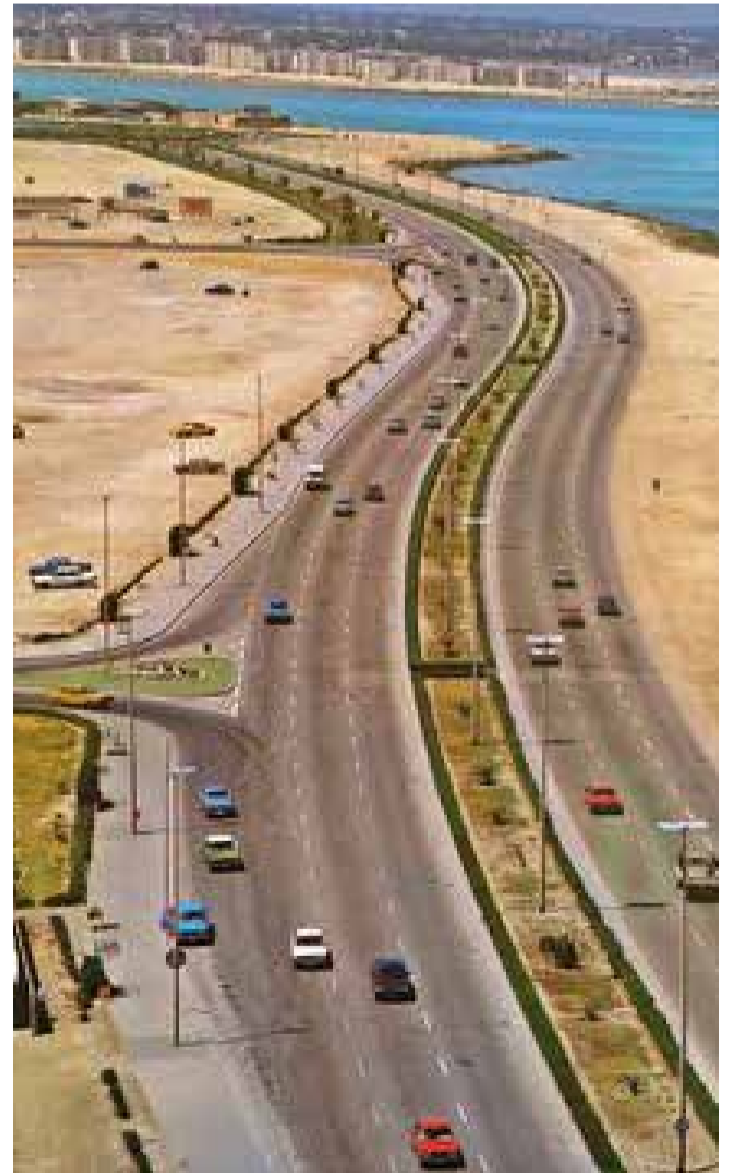
The list goes on thus also attracting many to share their own excitement.

"God, how I laughed, especially at the glass coke bottles and the 25fils off... do you remember ice cream Abu Alshams (e7lo wa ra'7ees) because it used to cost 25fils?" wrote Princess Ambiguoos in the comment section.

Another user anonymous said, "Well i lived through some of this stuff although i was born in the late '80s. i remember if we



Bahrain in the '80s and '90s. Pictures courtesy of twitter user @KhalifaNasser



wanted to watch cool kid's show duck tales, mr.bouges, and many we would switch to channel2 of Saudi arabian tv they used to put

ure trove of memories available in the virtual world on Bahrain's glorious past. In these day's of the pandemic, don't you think it's worth taking a look. Happy surfing!