

أكاديمية الشيخ زايد الخاصة للبنين

THE SHEIKH ZAYED PRIVATE ACADEMY FOR BOYS

Newsletter



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Message from the Principal...

Dear Parents

I hope all of you had a wonderful summer with your families. Now, as we approach the end of August, I am sure your attention is on the new term ahead. We are very excited to see our returning students, who have performed so well at our wonderful school. I am sure they will have grown a few centimeters and shoe sizes over the summer! We are also very excited to welcome our new students. Our KG1 will be full and we have many new students joining all of the Grades in the school.

We will be contacting you regularly over the next few weeks to make sure that we have a smooth start to the year. This first newsletter includes important dates and school times for the opening weeks as well as information about school fees, catering, buses and uniforms.

Our teaching staff have returned from their various vacations and are preparing for the term ahead. Teaching and administration teams are available, so, if you have any further questions, please contact our reception team.

Yours in Education,
John Conway

...Dates To Remember...

September 7th - New Families Orientation

KG1-GR1 families and new families in GR2-9 are invited to join us for an orientation morning Thursday, September 7th. More information on page 2.

September 10th - First Day of Classes

The first day of classes for KG2-GR9 will be September 10th. School will run from 8-10am. No buses and canteen service will be available. Class lists will be available on this day.

No classes for KG1 students.

September 11 - First Full Day of Classes for KG2-Grade 9

KG 1 - First day of classes. There will be 2 sessions for KG students during the first week of school. More information on page 2.

KG2 - Regular timings begin - 7:45 - 12:30

GR1 - GR9 - Regular timings begin - 7:45 - 3:00

New Family Orientation

We will hold an orientation Thursday, September 7th for all Early Years families and new families in Elementary and Secondary.

KG1-GR1

All KG1-GR1 students are invited to come meet their teacher on Thursday September 7th between 9:30-10:30. This is an important introduction to help your child feel comfortable settling into school. We encourage all families to attend. Class lists will be posted at the KG and Elementary receptions. Children must stay with their parents.

- 9:00-9:30 - Information session for parents of new KG1-GR1 students
- 9:30-10:30 - Classroom visit

GR2-GR9

Families in GR2-9 who are **new to the school** are also welcome for a school orientation. A welcome by the Elementary and Secondary Phase leads will take place at 9:00. Students will then be introduced to their teacher, and brought to their classrooms to get a feel of the learning environment for the coming year. New families are welcome to visit their classrooms between 9:15-10:00.

- 9:00 - 9:15 - Welcome in the cafeteria
- 9:15 - 10:00 - Classroom visit

First Day of School for KG1 Students

The first day of school for KG1 students will be September 11th. To help with the transition, the **first week (September 11-14th)** will have shortened hours:

- 1st session - 7:45 - 9:45
- 2nd session - 10:30-12:30

Parents can find out which session their child will be attending by collected the KG Orientation package, available for collection at reception after Eid.

Week 2 Timings (September 17th-21st):

- 7:45 - 10:30

Week 3 Timings (September 24th - 28th):

- Regular timings begin - 7:45 - 12:30
- Buses will begin this week for KG students.

Cafeteria

Students can purchase lunch and snacks from the canteen beginning September 11th. Catering will be offered by Keita once again this year. Keita meal cards can be purchased online at <http://www.keita.ae/> or directly from the school canteen.



Uniform



The school expects the very highest standards from its students and this includes uniforms. Children in Grade 6 and above should be wearing black shoes that can be polished that go with their uniform. If trainers are worn by younger pupils they should be black, white or black and white. We seek the support of parents in ensuring that children dress appropriately for school. Visit Zaks in Al Raha or go to their website at <https://zaksstore.com/shop/szpa/en/>.

School Bags

Students are expected to have a school bag to bring their things to and from school. However, we do not accept trolley bags (bags with wheels). Trolley bags can clutter corridors, their wheels can leave markings on floors and can be difficult to take up and down staircases.



Transportation

Buses

Please visit the school's account department for registration and payment. More information about start date next week.



Drop-Off and Pick Up

The following gates will be used for drop off and pick up:

- Gate 1 - siblings
- Gate 2 - KG
- Gate 3 - GR 1-3
- Gate 4 - GR 4-9

We understand that drop-off and pick up can take some time during the first few weeks, but will require your patience as students, families and staff get used to the new routines

School Fees

School fees are due before the start of term. Please visit the school's account department to settle outstanding fees.

