



Dear Parents,

14th September 2017

We have had a wonderful first week back at school. Our new students have settled down well and our students from last year have been able to re-adjust back into routines with ease.

Our students' learning is the focus for everything we do. Not just in academic subjects, but in all elements of growing and developing as a person. Your child's homeroom teacher is your contact person for any concerns or difficulties you or your child may be facing regarding school. The homeroom teachers and all other teachers are accessible to you via their school email or through Class Dojo, our communication tool. If you need support with accessing Class Dojo – please speak to our admin team at the front desk for support.

I would like to emphasise the importance of punctuality and attendance, as it is essential to your child's success in our school. Students are required to attend school for no less than 96% of the academic year. That is a maximum of 7 absences (unapproved) from 3rd September 2017 to 21st June 2018. Anything lower than that can affect your child's ability to make the progress they need to be ready for the next grade. If your child is absent for illness, then a medical certificate would have to be issued to ensure it is not recorded as an unauthorised absence in their end of term/year report. This is the same for punctuality; if your child is late, it is recorded on their end of year report. As many important subjects are in the first lesson, being late regularly can cause your child to be behind their peers as a result of missing important information in lessons. Students need to be in school by 7.30am, without exception.

Due to over-congestion in our school reception at dismissal times and to ensure the safety of our students. Starting from Sunday 17th September, please advise anyone collecting students that the gate will be locked until 12.55am for KG1 and KG2 and 2.25pm for Grades 1-8. The gate will not be opened until that time, so kindly remain in your vehicles to keep cool until the gates are opened to avoid waiting in the sun.

Sadly, we have been let down by our uniform suppliers and they have not delivered many of our required items, and for that I sincerely apologise. This is not an ideal way to begin the school year, however, we hope to rectify this problem in the coming few weeks. We will inform you via SMS once we receive the uniform.

What is coming up in LISG...

Assessments - Students will soon begin their baseline assessments – from 17th – 29th September. These assessments are not ones that your child needs to study for. They simply give us a starting point in each core subject (English, Arabic, Maths, Science, Islamic, Arabic Social Studies) to show where your child is lacking in skills and knowledge, to enable us to plan the curriculum and teaching ahead. Once we have completed that we will organise parent meetings to let you know how your child is settling into school and what their targets are for this term.

Mothers Council - We will hold our first mothers council meeting in October to ask for the support of mothers to participate in school life. We have several new ideas to explore such as parent volunteering, training parents in IT skills and developing a program to involve mothers in UAE National Identity. We hope to see as many mothers as possible at our first meeting where lead members of the council will be voted in.

Extra-Curricular Activities (ECAs) - ECAs will start in week beginning 1st October and be from 2.30pm – 3.15pm. On Tuesdays, teachers provide academic support after school for all core subjects (English, Arabic, Maths, Science, Islamic, Arabic Social Studies) as well as homework clubs. On Wednesdays, we offer a wide selection of enrichment activities for your child to develop a variety of skills and creativity. We also run Swimming clubs on Sundays and Thursdays and Ballet classes on Thursdays.

Student Council - We will begin another campaign for a new student council for the 2017-18 academic year. We are looking for students that demonstrate our school core values. The students will present to their classes from 24-28th September and then their peers will vote for their favourite candidate to be Class Senator. The executive positions in the Student Council will be interviewed and voted for by the School Senior Leadership Team.

Best regards,

Ms Nicki Williams
Principal