



DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL

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Our core purpose is that every young person should gain as much as possible from our school, based on our belief that all learners can, need and want to achieve.

29th May 2017

Dear Reception Parents,

We had a very successful information evening last month; thank you to all those who were able to attend. As promised, here is a breakdown of the information that was shared. Samantha Weed, who has been with DBS for 3 years is the new Progress Leader for Year One.

- Much of the daily information: homework, procedures and expectations will be shared at the parents' information evening in September.
- Classes and class teachers for next year have been shared with all parents and children are going up as a whole class.

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| Reception Gold (RG) | 1A | Ms Sam Weed |
| Reception Orange (RO) | 1B | Ms Aisha Sarwar |
| Reception Blue (RB) | 1C | Ms Rachel Chong |
| Reception Turquoise (RT) | 1D | Ms Erin Sinclair |
| Reception Purple (RP) | 1E | Ms Neelam Ghafoor |

- Reception children have been involved in various transition activities. This will include an early morning change in drop-off procedure.

From the 10th September the daily routine will be:

- Children may enter the school from 6:45 or 6:30 for breakfast club.
- They are to proceed to the Sports Hall and should wait outside until Mrs Kate Cliffe is there to welcome them.
- Their teachers and where possible Teaching Assistants will fetch them from the sports hall at 6:55 to take them to class.
- Parents may accompany children up to the Key Stage One entrance. However, if they are settled you may leave them in the Sports Hall and exit the school. Please note that parents, nannies or drivers are not to come into the Key Stage One area in the morning.
- To encourage growing independence children unpack their own first break snacks, water bottle, hat and reading folder and take these into the classroom.
- Please ensure you bring your child to school on time. In Year 1 phonics sessions begin as soon as the children are settled, which should be by 7:10. The register is taken at this time and children who arrive after this need to be signed in at the reception desk. Failure to do this may result in you receiving an 'unexplained absence' email. Please can we emphasise that this is not an ideal time to talk with the teacher. You may have a quick chat at the end of the day, send an email or make an appointment to see the teacher.
- School finishes at 1.30pm. Children should only be fetched earlier if there is an emergency. Please ensure that doctor's appointments are made after school hours.
- Children should be collected from their classroom.
- Children not collected on time will be taken to the library by 13:45 and logged on iSAMS as primary late pick up.

Teachers have weekly primary meetings, year group meetings and ECAs which begin at 13:45. As a result, they may not always be able to have a lengthy chat at the end of the day.

The Timetable:

- The day is scheduled as follows: lesson 1, snack break, lesson 2, lunch, lesson 3, lesson 4, snack break and lesson 5.
- Children will have 2 specialist PE lessons, 1 music lesson and 2 lessons of Spanish / 4 lessons of Arabic (including Islamic Studies), as well as 1 lesson of computing (ICT) each week.

Daily Essentials:

- Snacks and lunch are eaten in the classroom under the supervision of teaching staff.
- A Healthy snack is to be packed daily as well as a refillable water bottle.
- Please ensure that your child has a small piece of fruit/vegetable, yoghurt or cereal bar to eat for the first snack break.
- Let the class teacher know if you have any concerns related to your child's eating habits.
- A hat is needed for outside play.
- Full uniform is expected – this includes black school shoes and trainers on PE days.
- Small backpacks for the reading folder. Please do not purchase large wheelie bags as these are dangerous in the corridors.

Communications

Please check the website regularly as this contains information regarding ECAs, weekly events and the curriculum covered as well as homework logs. Information is also shared with parents via class mums and Class Dojo. If you have any questions about languages (Spanish/Arabic), please address these to Jennifer Rowlands on email jennifer.rowlands@dohabritishschool.com

Many parents have asked about activities during the summer holidays. Here are some helpful tips.

After they have played outside, climbed trees, swum and had lots of fun! Let them build their confidence by doing the following things independently - getting changed, tying laces, packing lunch, tidying room, being responsible for their own possessions, following a set of instructions.

Useful websites

Phonics: <http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Maths: www.ictgames.com/resources.html www.topmarks.co.uk

Stories: learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/listen-watch

They may also write a diary, draw pictures, take photos to show their class, write a letter to a new child or send an email to someone in another country.

If they express any anxiety about starting Year 1, please encourage them by talking about Year 1 and their new teacher. Organising a play date with friends from the class may also be a good way of easing into the new school year.

Have a fantastic holiday and we look forward to getting to know you all in KS1.

Kind regards,

Diane Longmore and Samantha Weed
KS1 Leader and Year 1 Progress Leader