



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
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Secondary Newsletter

2nd November 2023

Our 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

Our Vision

Is to be a vibrant, welcoming international school that provides a first class education enabling pupils to thrive within a dynamic, global environment

Our Mission

Is to prepare all pupils through a relevant, challenging curriculum and well-resourced facilities, to become lifelong learners contributing to a global community

Message from Head of Secondary



Dear Parents,

Week 8 at Doha British School and a very warm “welcome back.” I hope everyone enjoyed a rejuvenating and restful half term holiday and now we settle into the second half of Term 1. After 33 years teaching, it never ceases to amaze me that we accelerate even faster over the coming weeks towards our Winter Break and the ending of another term.

For our secondary students who are sitting forthcoming Mock Examinations it is never “too early” to start the revision and study processes for these exams. The shadows of Covid 19 and the Pandemic have thankfully evanesced to memories of yesterday, but what we do know from that period is that these exams gained an added sense of importance and gravitas. We as a learning community are very keen to promote students and parents in this process and as communicated to all parents, we have a forthcoming Exam Information Evening on November 8th from 3-4pm.

Equally exciting is our Year 6 Secondary Opening Evening that will take place on Tuesday, 28th November, 2.30-4pm. Much more information to follow on one of my personal highlight events of the school year.

Learning Tip: Our Sixth Weekly Learning Tip neatly therefore links to supporting our students in forthcoming exams and focuses on the work of Professor John Dunlosky and Effective Approaches to Study Techniques. (2015) which personally I like calling re-learning.

A broad summary Dunlosky’s research recommends the following methods:

- practice testing improves memory retrieval and is more effective than re-study or concept mapping when frequent, spaced and with feedback
- spacing practice forces students to think harder and interleaving practice strengthens memory retrieval
- elaborative interrogation enhances learning by integrating new information with prior knowledge
- self-explanation helps students understand processes, especially the use of “why” questions to stimulate deeper thinking.

Have a restful weekend and as always, thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,



MR. MARK HEALY
HEAD OF SECONDARY





Dear DBS Ain Khaled Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you well. As you are already aware, DBS Ain Khaled is a proud CIS (Council of International Schools) accredited institution. We have successfully maintained our CIS accreditation, which signifies that we consistently meet international standards of excellence in education and are dedicated to providing high-quality learning experiences for our students. As part of our ongoing commitment to excellence, we are thrilled to announce an upcoming CIS visit to our school. This visit is a crucial part of our accreditation cycle, where a team of experienced educators and experts from CIS will visit our campus.

We believe in the importance of involving our parents and guardians in this process. Your valuable insights and support play a crucial role in our school's growth and development. Together, we can ensure that we celebrate all the great work that has been taking place within our school community.

Our commitment to providing an outstanding educational experience remains unwavering. We continue to work diligently to maintain and exceed the high standards set by CIS. This accreditation is not only an acknowledgment of our past accomplishments but also a promise for an even brighter future for our students and the DBS community.

We look forward to keeping you informed and involved as we move forward with this exciting process.

Warm regards,

Doha British School Ain Khaled





HAMAD KALIFA IB STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



I am Hamad Kalifa, a year 13 student currently in my final year of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.

Throughout my enrollment in the programme, one of my most enjoyable experiences was being able to partake in the CAS Project.

The CAS Project is a student-led initiative, allowing students to collectively come together and engage in a variety of activities of their choice.

To fulfil the requirements of the project, the students must actively engage and participate in it for a month alongside their fellow students.

By gaining the ability to independently handle project arrangement and execution, I believe that collaborative skills are improved, as we had to actively listen to group members, find resolutions to conflict and circumnavigate obstacles or limitations.

Since the CAS project can be tailored to your own liking, I believe this allows you to derive satisfaction outside the vicinity of academia and curriculum based learning. This is through self discovery and increased community outreach.

The project also comes in handy as an expressional tool, allowing students to express themselves in global matters of concerns, advocate for what they believe in and serve their communities.

In summary, the skillset and memories gained from being able to work on a project with friends and peers, is indispensable. I firmly believe that this experience will act as an assistive tool shaping up one's long term preparedness in a variety of fields, such as teamwork, social responsibility and community bonding.





DBS LIONS YS FOOTBALL SUCCESS

Congratulations to our Year 8 students in their recent sporting success.

Out of the 32 schools taking part, we finished 3rd overall, bringing home a bronze medal. After going unbeaten in their group, and then winning the last 16 match & 1/4 match, we lost to a 'last minute goal' against the eventual winners in the Semi Final. We recovered from that disappointment quickly, as we then went on to win in the 3rd and 4th place final.



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DYSLEXIA AWARENESS WORKSHOP

Colleagues train with specialists over half term

21st October 2023 - Online
Jumpstart Center, Qatar

SCARBOROUGH'S READING ROPE



• Scarborough, 2001

Ms. Josie Moretti, an IDA-certified dyslexia specialist with decades of experience providing evidence-based literacy support to students across the globe, was joined by Dr. Adrienne Robek, a New York State licensed psychologist based here in Qatar. Dr. Robek discussed the identification of dyslexia through its common signs and provided practical strategies.

'Thank you, it was a great session.'

Ramandeep Sarin, Learning Support Assistant

Over the half term break, colleagues across Secondary and Primary joined specialists online to deepen knowledge and skills in supporting students with Dyslexia.

This event was a golden opportunity to explore strategies that support day to day.

ACCOMMODATIONS

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Engage students to determine what might benefit the students in their classroom. It's important to note that students' needs vary; some may only need minor accommodations, while others might benefit from more substantial interventions, support, and assistance.

Reading

- Provide access to audiobooks
- Provide access to text-to-speech software
- Only ask the student to read aloud if they volunteer
- Provide extra time for reading assignments
- Allow student to preview reading materials

Spelling

- Reduce spelling lists
- Design spelling tests with a common phonetic skill
- Do not mark or take off points for spelling errors
- Allow access to spellcheck
- Provide access to word prediction software

Math

- Allow the use of a calculator
- Provide graph & scrap paper
- Allow the use of manipulatives and math tables
- Provide frequent checks for accuracy
- Highlight the operation to be performed

Writing

- Provide access to speech-to-text software
- Offer alternative projects instead of written ones
- Provide written copies of notes
- Minimize the amount of copying
- Allow students to use a keyboard to take notes
- Allow students to record lectures
- Reduce written work
- Provide a letter formation strip
- Provide graphic organizers
- Grade assignments on content rather than form

Testing

- Allow student to take tests orally
- Provide for extra time
- Allow directions and questions to be read aloud to the student
- Provide alternatives to testing (oral projects or videos)
- Provide a quiet testing area
- Grade in collaboration with special educator

Homework

- Reduce the amount of homework
- Allow students to dictate answers
- Allow the use of keyboarding
- Provide a written list of assignments
- Break assignments into chunks





Great Art

See Things Differently

Comic Art Workshop by the Lakes International Comic Art Festival (LICAF)

Date: 24 November 2023
Time: From 01:00 pm to 06:00 pm
Where: EXPO 2023 Doha, Exhibition Hall no 2, Cultural Zone, Near to the Al Bidda Metro Station.

Great Art

See things differently

Join us at the Family UK Day to enjoy:

- Live Art Workshop
- Comic Art Workshop by the Lakes International Comic Art Festival
- Photography Award

Date: 23 November 2023
Time: From 04:30 PM to 07:30 PM
Where: British Council Office, 99 Al Sadd Street

QATAR UK FESTIVAL 2023

In the run-up to the global event "Horticultural Expo 2023 Doha Qatar" that brings together countries, private sector, civil society and public around interactive activations, conferences, workshops and more. The British Council is delivering the 8th Qatar UK Festival 2023, aiming to foster a positive view of the UK's engagement with Qatar through an integrated British Embassy, British Council partnership and engaging with local stakeholders. Qatar UK Festival 2023 will run between 20 Nov 2023 to 26 November 2023 under the theme of Sustainability and Communities through promoting social inclusion for diverse communities, endorse the devolved nations and supporting diversity through various activities; an installation socially engaged project promoting textile recycling and the power of reinvention, artistic sustainable fashion shows, art workshops and comic workshops, while engaging the youth, women, girls and different communities and schools in Qatar.

Festival activities will spread between different venues; Horticultural EXPO 2023 Doha, M7 and the British Council.

Comic Art workshop at Expo 2023

An engaging family day where a Comic/Art workshop will be delivered by UK Artists from by the Lakes International Comic Art Festival about Sustainability and Communities. There will be a fashion show around using recycle material. Material used will be environmentally friendly, making it an eco-conscious experience for the young audience.

Venue: Expo 2023 Doha, Exhibition hall no. 2, Cultural Zone, near to Al Bidda Metro station

Time: From 01:00 PM to 06:00 PM

The Family UK Day

A Family UK day will be organised at the British Council and launched by the UK Ambassador and British Council Country Director attended by British Council customers, families, and staff through a cultural family event featuring revealing a mural conducted by a Qatari Artist and students, Live Art workshop, a Comic Art workshop delivered by the Lakes International Comic Art Festival (LICAF), musical show, and concluded by announcing photography competition winners.

Venue: British Council, 99 Al Sadd Street

Time: From 04:30 PM to 07:00 PM





QATAR UK FESTIVAL 2023



Cut from the same cloth



As part of the Qatar-UK Festival 2023, this project promotes textile recycling as a metaphor for the movement of people and the power of reinvention. If your closet is overflowing with clothes you no longer wear, don't toss them out; instead, transform them into a masterpiece! Together, we'll breathe new life into old garments, turning them into something beautiful and eco-friendly

You can drop off your used clothes at this location: Wooden Box, Ground Floor, British Council, 99 Al Sadd Street, Doha, Qatar. We would like to extend an invitation for you to visit M7, which is located in Msheireb Downtown Doha on Abdullah Bin Thani Street in Doha, Qatar.

The exhibition will be held from 20th to 25th November 2023. During the event, you will have the opportunity to see and contribute to the amazing artwork created by the UK artist Teresa Albor, and a group of volunteers using the used clothes. We hope to see you there!

SEE THINGS DIFFERENTLY:

Lens on a Sustainable World photography competition

As part of the Qatar UK Festival 2023 activities, the British Council announces a photography competition. The participants are encouraged to capture photos that showcase sustainability, and communities.

The British Council and Festival partners will select three winners from each category (children and adults' categories) that will be awarded by UK Ambassador, British Council Director and Khalifa Al Obaidly, Director of Fire station (Artist in Resident) Director of TASWEER Photo **Festival on 23 November.**

Great Sustainability

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See Things Differently

Lens on a Sustainable World
Photography Competition

24 Oct - 16 Nov 2023

Ready to Register?

#SustainabilityThroughLenses





University Expo Qatar



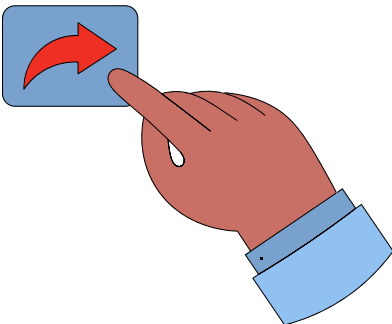
The University Expo Qatar is the only event of its kind in Qatar. A two-day exhibition for students aged 16+, as well as their parents; school counsellors; principals and career advisors.

With inspirational talks, seminars, opportunities to discuss education and career choices with local and international universities and higher education institutions, this event will be an experience like no other.

Professionals who are considering furthering their executive education, will also be able to find their pick of the most prestige postgraduate courses.

EXPO DATES: 2nd and 3rd November 2023

**REGISTER
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WINTER FAIR POSTER COMPETITION WINNERS



DBS Ain Khaled
DECEMBER - 8 - 2023
FRIDAY
2:00pm - 5:00pm

Congratulations!

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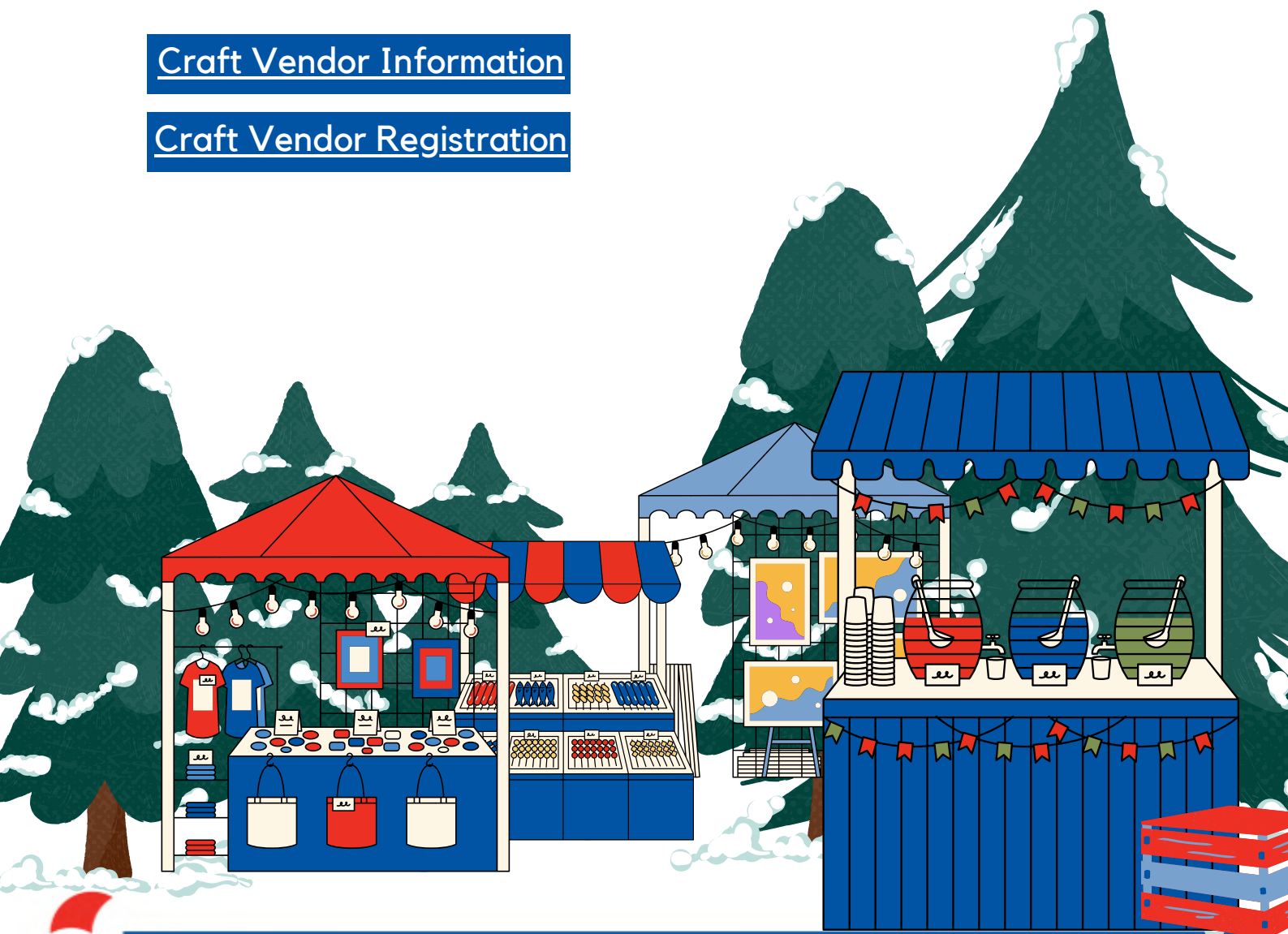


Winter Fair

If you are interested in being a vendor at this year's *Winter Fair on Friday 8th December*, please complete the form attached.

[Craft Vendor Information](#)

[Craft Vendor Registration](#)





YEAR 6 PRESENTS:

PANTASTIC

TRAVEL WITH US TO NEVERLAND
DECEMBER 11TH & 12TH
TICKETS ON SALE SOON



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Join Us in Supporting HUMANITARIAN RELIEF EFFORTS IN GAZA

We are pleased to announce that, for the next two weeks, we will have a cash box available in the foyer of our for donations to aid the Humanitarian relief efforts in Gaza.

Thank you for being a part of our compassionate community, and for helping us make a difference for the people of Gaza.

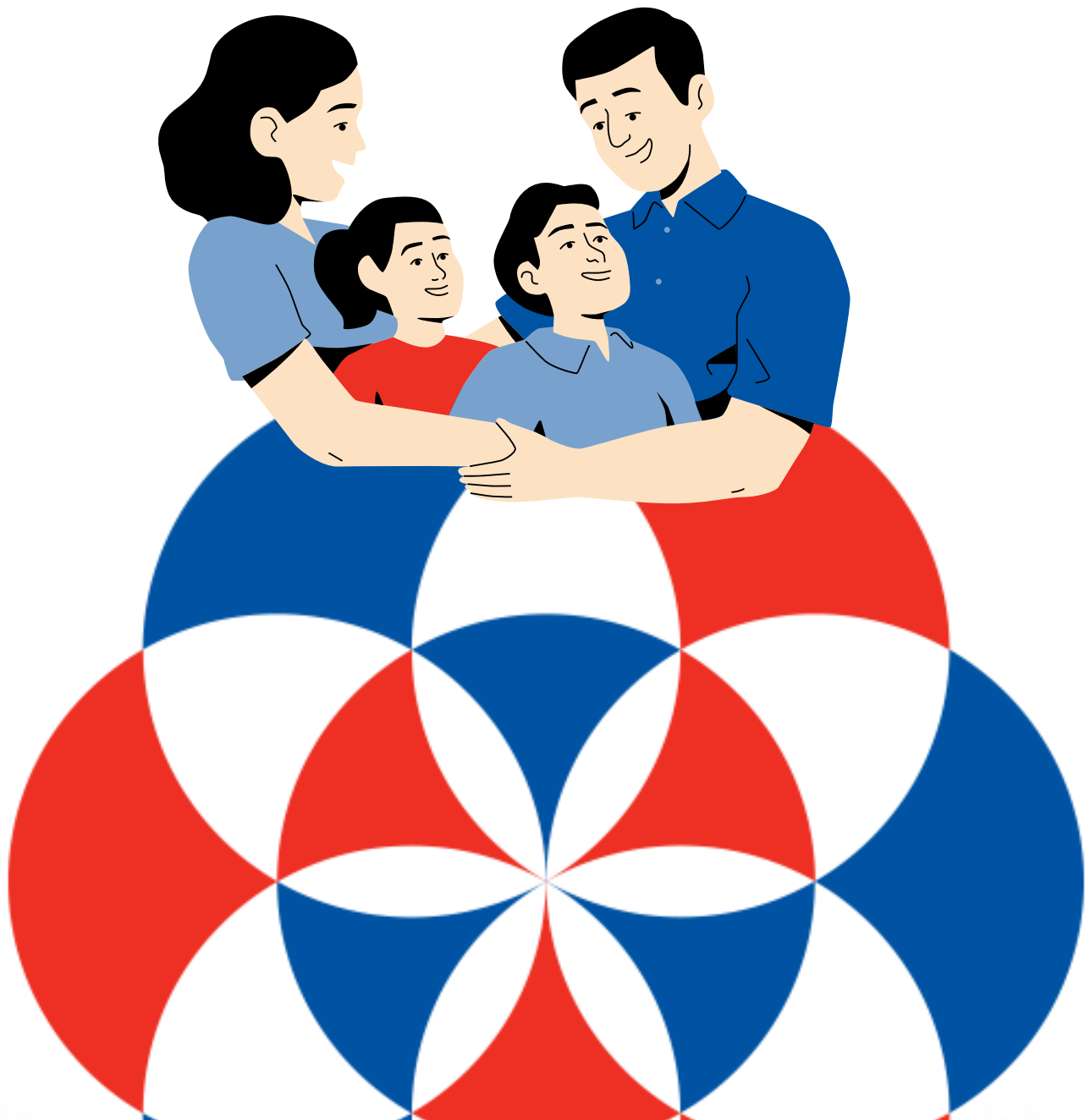




We invite all parents to complete the following survey (link [here](#)).

Parent voice is an important and valued part of our school community.

This survey is designed to capture your insights and feedback on global citizenship and our DBS guiding statements.





TRAFFIC AWARENESS AT DBS AIN KHALED

- **Stop in a safe area:** Do not stop or unload passengers in the middle of the road. This can create dangerous situations.
- **No Overtaking:** Refrain from overtaking into oncoming traffic. Everyone is waiting their turn, and patience is vital for safety.
- **Seatbelts:** Ensure that all children wear their seatbelts correctly in the car. Seatbelts are essential for their safety.
- **Speed Limit:** All drivers should maintain a maximum speed of 30 KPH near the school. Slower speeds greatly enhance safety.
- **Slow Driving:** Drive very slowly around the school, especially during peak drop-off and pick-up hours.
- **Crossing the Road:** Please ensure that children are encouraged to look both left and right for traffic when crossing the road and all Primary students to hold hands with an older sibling, parent, family member, nanny or driver.
- **Supporting Security:** Please cooperate with the security and senior staff as they manage traffic flow. Their guidance is crucial for the safety of everyone.
- **Kindness and Respect:** Please be kind and respectful to fellow drivers and DBS staff. Keeping children safe is of the utmost importance.





Thank You