



Secondary School Weekly Information Letter Thursday 31st August 2023

Dear Parents,
Please find below, information pertinent to the Secondary section of DBS Rawdat Al Hamama.

Welcome

Welcome to a new academic year at DBS! Whether you are returning or joining us for the first time, we are thrilled to have you as part of our vibrant school community. Last year marked an important chapter for us: we reopened our campus doors in August 2022, focusing on settling in, laying strong foundations, and fostering a positive atmosphere. This year, we are all set to advance to the next level. Our agenda is comprehensive and ambitious—it encompasses driving teaching and learning innovations, collaborating with the broader community, and launching programs aimed at enriching the character development of our students.

We're especially pleased with how quickly students have adapted to regular routines, and it's always heartening to see so many smiles, which we hope indicates they're having a good day. We've been keeping a close eye on all students, paying special attention to those who are new to the school, to make sure they're forming relationships and making friends, rather than feeling isolated. If your observations differ from ours, please don't hesitate to let us know. This allows us to implement early support measures and interventions as needed.

This is an exhilarating time to be part of DBS. Our vision is clear—to become the best school in Qatar. Achieving this vision requires unity, commitment, and a shared purpose. Together, as a community devoted to the welfare and success of our children, we can make this dream a reality. We look forward to an exciting, fulfilling year ahead and thank you for being part of this incredible journey!

Ministry School Tour – Mr Omar Al Naama

DBS Rawdat had the privilege and honor of hosting Mr. Omar Al Naama, the Assistant Undersecretary for Private Education Affairs, for an insightful tour of our school facilities. During his visit, Mr. Al Naama took the time to explore classrooms, interact with students, and get a firsthand glimpse into the educational environment we nurture. Our team was pleased to brief Mr. Al Naama on the myriad opportunities available to our students in both academic and personal development spheres, while also discussing future enhancements to our educational programs.

What stood out was Mr. Al Naama's positive assessment of DBS Rawdat. He noted that, having visited many schools, he could gauge within the first 10 minutes the sense of calm and purpose that permeates our educational setting. Such commendation from a person of his stature is indeed heartening and validates our efforts. We extend our sincere thanks to Mr. Al Naama for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit us. We would be honored to host him again in the future.



School Shoes

We've previously provided guidelines concerning school shoes and uniform standards. I'm pleased to report that the majority of our students are adhering to these guidelines and are presenting themselves in a smart and appropriate manner. However, there have been a few instances where the choice of shoes has not met our expectations.

As we've emphasized in prior communications, students should not wear sports-branded shoes. Instead, they should wear plain, black, polishable shoes that do not carry a sports brand. If a student is found wearing inappropriate shoes, we've communicated directly with them and requested that they switch to proper footwear.

We kindly ask for your support in maintaining a consistent and uniform appearance among our student body by ensuring that your child is properly dressed and wearing the correct shoes. If you're uncertain whether a particular pair of shoes is acceptable, feel free to email a photo to paula.lorete@dbsrawdat.com for clarification. Thank you for your cooperation.

Dynamic Teaching Team

We're excited to welcome a talented cohort of new teachers to DBS Rawdat for the upcoming academic year! Coming from diverse educational backgrounds and possessing specialized expertise, they are well-equipped to bring fresh perspectives and innovative teaching methods to our classrooms. Our new faculty members share DBS's vision for academic excellence and character development, and are committed to building strong partnerships with parents and the community. We believe their energy and passion will be a tremendous asset in helping us reach new educational heights. Join us in giving them a warm welcome as we embark on another enriching year at DBS Rawdat!

Please find details of the new staff joining DBS Rawdat.

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 Our Mission: To prepare all pupils through a relevant, challenging curriculum and well-resourced facilities, to become lifelong learners contributing to a global community.



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Form tutors

All the children have been allocated to a tutor group. The tutor in most cases in the first portof call if you wish to discuss any aspect of your childs progress or well being. Please find below the e-mail contacts of the form tutors.

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Y9	9A Alberto Hurtado alberto.rosas@dbsrawdat.com	Tom Dearden
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Pick up and Drop off

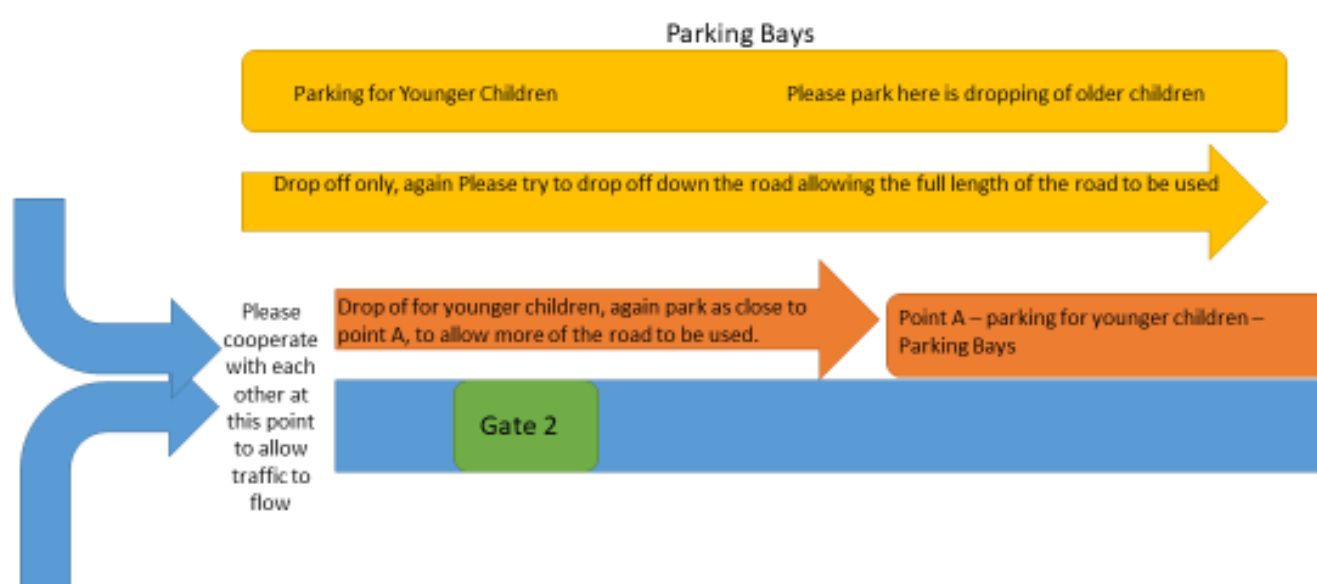
We've been closely tracking the traffic flow during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times, and will continue to do so. We're pleased to note that the drop-off process has improved throughout the week, thanks to parents adapting and cooperating with each other. This collaborative effort has significantly eased the flow of traffic.

Before implementing any long-term changes, we aim to thoroughly evaluate the current traffic patterns. This will help us make well-informed adjustments, rather than making multiple changes that could lead to confusion.

For the immediate future, we kindly request the following:

- If you are dropping off older children only, please consider letting them out further down the road. This will enable more cars to enter the area near Gate 2, making it easier for parents with younger children to drop off closer to Gate 3.
- If you plan to park and accompany your children into the school, please utilize the designated parking bays. For those with older children, we recommend using parking bays that are farther from the school gate, leaving the closer bays available for families with younger children.
- Finally, while we understand that traffic conditions can be unpredictable, we'd appreciate it if parents with children in both primary and secondary grades aim to complete drop-offs by 6:50 AM. For those with children only in primary or secondary, the ideal drop-off window is between 6:50 AM and 7:00 AM.

For the pick-up schedule, we anticipate a resolution starting on September 24th with the beginning of Extra-Curricular Activities (ECAs). At that time, students in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) will continue to be dismissed at 1 PM. The rest of the student body will depart at 2 PM, while those participating in ECAs will leave at 3 PM. Thank you for your continued cooperation and understanding.



Ultimately, we all have the same objective, which is that our children arrive and leave school, safely and on time. We believe a lot of issues can be resolved if these recommendations and guidelines are followed and we work in cooperation with each other.

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Ongoing reminders

- [Access to E-library for Students – Information on how our students can access the free e-books library from home](#)
- [Absence Procedures – Overview of what to do if your child is absent from School](#)
- [School Calendar 2023/24 - Calendar 2023/24](#)
- [School Uniform and School Shoes 2023-24](#)

Kind Regards



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