



THE BRITISH
INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL

Abu Dhabi, UAE

Welcome Book

New starters 2014/15



Welcome Letter 2014/15

Dear parents,

I am absolutely delighted to welcome each and every one of you to the British International School, Abu Dhabi for the academic year 2014/15.

Your child's first day at school can often be a nerve-wracking one. The purpose of this guide is to help you settle in as quickly as possible by providing useful information about school life. In addition, there are many members of staff present today and we do encourage you to ask them questions.

Our aim over the first few weeks of school is to settle your child into the routines of school life; we then host our first formal parent's information evenings on:

Monday 15th September at 6pm for parents of children in the primary school including Nursery and FS2 and;

Wednesday 17th September at 6pm for parents of secondary students.

These information sessions will enable you to understand more about the curriculum in different year levels, and the expectations around home learning and of course daily routines.

If in the meantime you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us. We will be more than happy to help.

Kind regards



LA Wallace

Lesley-Ann Wallace
Principal



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KEY INFORMATION FOR THE START OF TERM

We look forward to welcoming you to the British International School Abu Dhabi. We wanted to provide you with some information that might be useful when starting at the school:

SCHOOL BUS

Should you wish to use the school bus please do contact our school bus service provider Shanawaz Transport. They can be reached on bisadbus@shanawazgroup.com or you can call Fawad: +971 (0)5 5760 2648. The school bus travels to most places in Abu Dhabi and uses modern and well-equipped buses. Buses only run at the end of the school day at 2.45pm; therefore, if your child is participating in extra-curricular activities after school, we kindly ask parents to make their own collection arrangements.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

School uniform can be purchased from ZAKS store in Al Raha Mall. Before visiting the store you can call them on 02 556 5340 or visit their website at www.zaksstore.com. Please remember that school uniform is compulsory for FS1 - Year 11 students. IB students wear business attire which is explained in more detail further in this guide.

SCHOOL CATERERS

The school provides a healthy and varied choice of food through our caterers The D Club. It is not compulsory for your child to have school lunches, but if you do choose this option you can purchase food vouchers for your children in the Dining Hall. The D Club will be introducing an RFID card system for the secondary pupils - this system will be phased in during the first term to allow parents and pupils time to get used to the new processes. If you prefer to send school lunch from home we encourage this to be a healthy option. It is also important to note that we are a NUT FREE school.



WEBSITE & COMMUNICATIONS

Don't forget to visit our website regularly (www.bisabudhabi.com) as it does contain a calendar of events for the school over the year as well as news stories. You can also download letters sent from the school, under the 'News & Insights' heading on the website. Additionally, it is important that you visit the following page and subscribe to our newsletter service in order to receive news: www.nordanglia.com/abudhabi/newsletters



KEY TERM DATES

Term 1 (Autumn Term)	
27 - 28 August 2014	Induction Days
31 August 2014	Start of Term 1
4 October - 7 October 2014	Eid Al Adha (predicted dates)
24 October 2014	Hijra New Year (predicted date)
2 December - 3 December 2014	National Days
18 December 2014	End of Term 1
Term 2 (Spring Term)	
3 January 2015	Prophet's Birthday (predicted date)
11 January 2015	Start of Term 2
26 March 2015	End of Term 2
Term 3 (Summer Term)	
12 April 2015	Start of Term 3
16 May 2015	Isra' Wal Miraj (predicted date)
17 June - 16 July 2015	Ramadan (predicted dates)
2 July 2015	End of Term 3

Please note that the above dates are subject to change. In particular, the Islamic Holidays are subject to sightings and Ministry approval.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

The school uniform can be purchased from ZAKS store in Al Raha Mall. Students from FS1 to Year 11 are expected to dress neatly and presentably in proper school uniform. All students are expected to wear sensible black shoes and are asked to come with minimal jewellery, no nail varnish and no extreme hairstyles. International Baccalaureate students should dress in business attire.

All clothes worn to school (uniform and non-uniform items) should be clearly labelled with the child's name. Lost, un-named clothing and bags are placed in Lost Property. Uncollected items are donated to charity at the end of each month.

Foundation Stages and Primary School (FS1 to Year 6)

Boys should wear the teal coloured polo shirts and have the option of wearing either school trousers or shorts. Girls should wear the teal coloured polo shirts with skorts. Alternatively girls are able to wear the school dress. Students will also be required to wear house shirts in their house colours, at various house-related events throughout the year.

Secondary School (Years 7 to 11)

Students from Year 7 to Year 11 are expected to dress neatly and presentably in proper school uniform. Boys are required to wear school trousers with the white school shirt. Girls are required to wear the white school shirt but have the choice of trousers or a mid length skirt. Students will also be required to wear house shirts in their house colours, at various house-related events throughout the year.

P.E. Uniform

Unless students are undertaking a specific sport, then normal PE uniform consists of the white polo shirt and black shorts which can be bought from ZAKS store.

Additionally, proper trainers should be used. It is important that students bring a water bottle, hat and sunscreen when they have PE lessons. Children participating in football must always wear shin pads and those participating in rugby must always bring the appropriate footwear and a gum shield. If these health and safety regulations are not met then students may be excluded from lessons or practices.

International Baccalaureate students (Year 12 - 13)

The school uniform expected of students in the Secondary School does not apply to IB students, however, there is a requirement that students attend school smartly dressed.

For boys this means formal shirt and tie, formal trousers, suit/sports jacket/blazer/, and polishable leather shoes. For girls this means formal dress, trousers or skirt, blouse and/or jacket, and dress shoes – with heels of practical, business attire height. Skirts/dresses must be at least knee length, continually covering the knee when seated. Blouses must not be low cut, nor reveal midriff – the propriety of the UAE should be maintained. Jewellery and piercings, if worn, should be discreet. Tattoos should not be visible. Hairstyles should be neat, with no radical styling.

LOCKERS (SECONDARY ONLY)

All students in Secondary have the chance to purchase a locker for the year with ample room for books, school bags and change of clothes. Your child will be provided with a locker key. If your child loses their locker key, they will be expected to buy a new one. Students are responsible for their locker for the year and should report any problems immediately.

Our school uniform

EY FS1 and FS2

Teal colour polo shirt
Grey Bermuda shorts
V-neck sweater for Winter
White socks for Girls
Black socks for Boys
School backpack
House shirt

For sport

White polo shirt
Black Shorts

Accessories

Book bag
PE kit bag with white cord
Swim bag with white cord
Swim bag with blue cord
Baseball cap or bucket hat
Blue or black swimwear
Black shoes



For everyone's safety, please do not equip students with a trolley bag (suitcase style pull-along bag on wheels).

Year 1 to Year 6

Teal colour polo shirt
Grey bermuda shorts
Grey shorts
V-neck sweater for Winter
Check dress for Summer
Long trousers or shorts
White Socks for girls
Black socks for boys
School backpack
House shirt

For sport

White polo shirt
Black Shorts

Year 7 to Year 11

White shirt/blouse
Girls'/Boys' trousers
Girls' Skirt
Tie (optional)
V-neck Sweater for Winter
White socks for girls
Black socks for boys
School backpack
House shirt

Sports Uniform

White polo shirt
Black shorts

Years 12 – 13 (International Baccalaureate)

The school uniform expected of students in the Secondary School does not apply to IB students, however, there is a requirement that students attend the school smartly dressed in 'business' attire.

All our school uniform and accessories can be purchased at the ZAKS uniform shop, located at Al Raha Mall on the second floor.

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(E10 Abu Dhabi - Dubai Road)

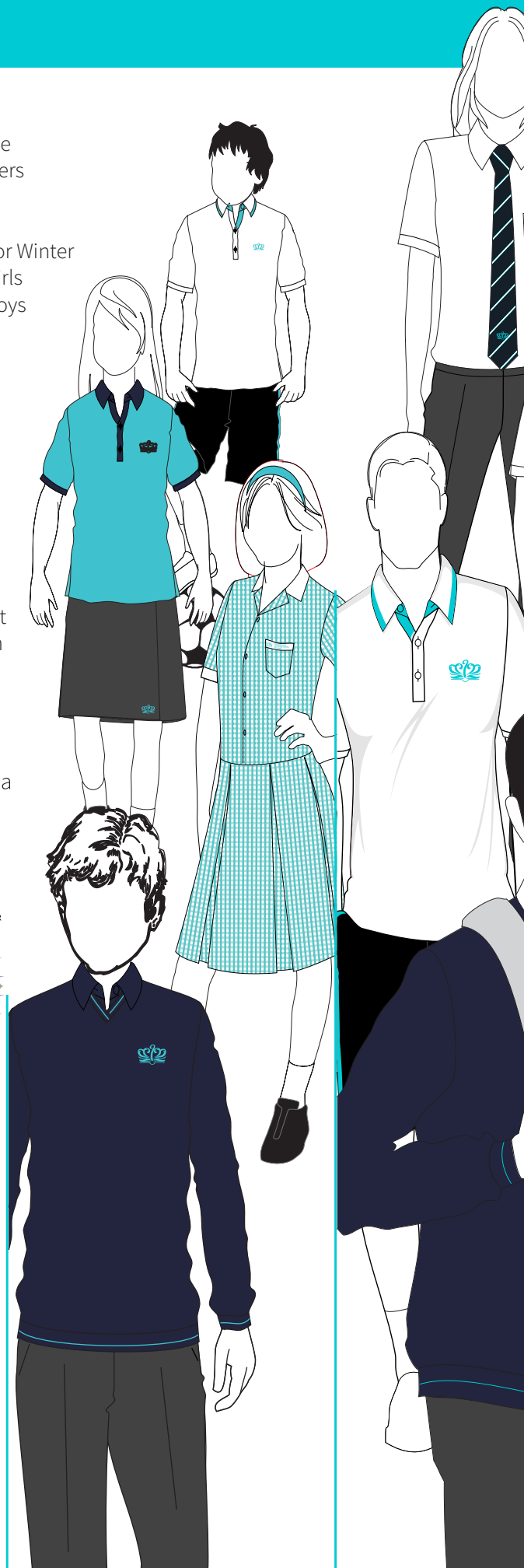
T +971 2 5565340



Additional School Uniform Services

These details are provided by the uniform supplier and The British International School, Abu Dhabi cannot accept responsibility for any inaccuracies in the information below.

- 800 ZAKS (9257): From Saturday-Wednesday between 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. parents can call 800 9257 and receive information on store timings, services, prices and compulsory uniforms required for the school. Information can also be sent by fax or email.
- Website Service: Parents have the option to purchase their uniforms online and have them delivered to their home or at their office. The Zaks website (zaksstore.com) has easy to understand 'Size Charts', and promotional offers that help facilitate to parents purchase uniforms on line, avoid queuing in stores, saving them time and effort. This is a paid service.
- Alteration: Zaks offers a two-year free alteration service on all garments purchased, as they come with generous seam allowances.
- Order Form Service: The Order forms can be faxed/emailed to parents calling in the store or on the 800 Zaks (9257) helpline, which can be filled in and sent back to the store/office. Goods can be delivered at a nominal charge to the respective residential locations.
- Made to Measure: A 'Made to Measure' service is also provided to all students who do not fit in the allocated Size Grid of readymade uniforms, at no additional charge. The lead-time for made to measure is between six and ten working days.
- Name-tag Machine: Our new Iron-On nametag machines instantly print nametags within seconds, which are a much easier alternative to stitch-on ones. They can be used on a variety of items and are very durable.
- Buckle Up Shoes: Zaks houses 'Buckle Up' (specialised 'back to school') shoes, making it a one stop shop for all your uniform requirements with features like non marking soles and sewed-in name tags. You can avail of our 'buy one get one free' offers during the back-to-school period.





COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS

We use a wide variety of methods to communicate with parents. Don't forget to visit our website regularly (www.bisabudhabi.com) as it is regularly updated with the latest news. You can find a weekly calendar on the homepage and a more detailed monthly calendar on the calendar page. You can also download letters sent from the school, under the 'News & Insights' heading on the website.

Weekly Newsletter

The most important request is that all parents looking to receive news visit the following website page and sign-up to the general news and the news for their child's year group.

www.nordanglia.com/abudhabi/newsletters

Every week a newsletter is circulated which links families to our weblog where school news is held. There are also some important reminders on the newsletter for upcoming events. Year 1 - 6 parents can expect to also receive a weekly curriculum letter for their child's specific year group. The weekly curriculum informs parents what a child will be learning for the following week.

Having trouble receiving news?

If for any reason you have any issues receiving electronic communications at the school please email newsletters@bisad.ae and we will assist you.

Weblog

The weblog is a great place to find out about things that have happened in school on each day and is full of photos. We encourage you to regularly visit the Weblog directly on:

<http://weblog.abudhabi.nordanglia.com>

Social Media

The school uses Facebook on a daily basis to update parents with urgent messages or to share good news stories. If you are interested in receiving Facebook notifications please like our page: www.facebook.com/britishinternationalschoolabudhabi

We are also on Twitter: [@bis_ad](https://twitter.com/bis_ad), YouTube: [TheBISAD](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) and Instagram: [bis_ad](https://www.instagram.com/bis_ad)

Communication Books and Homework Diaries

When a child begins school they are given a Communication Book if they are an FS/Primary student or a Homework Diary if they are a Secondary student. For the primary school, the teacher will write a note home in this book about their progress on a weekly basis. For the secondary school, parents are expected to review the homework diary and sign it weekly.

It is favourable that the Communication Book / Homework diaries are used as the first point of contact between teachers and parents because it is much easier to manage than emails.

Teacher Communication

If the Communication Book / Homework diary is failing to work then parents are welcome to email teachers with questions and/or concerns. When a parent meets a teacher for the first time they should exchange email addresses so that correspondence can be shared in this way. Normally, a teacher's email address is *firstname.surname@bisad.ae* so you can normally guess what it is even if you don't have time to ask the teacher/form tutor directly!



Meeting Requests

Sometimes, it is just easier to come and see one of the staff here at school. For this reason, we have included key contacts at the start of this booklet to ensure you can get in touch with the person you need to see.

Progress Reports

There are two official progress reports sent out each year - a mid-year report sent at the end of Term 1 and an end of year report sent out at the end of Term 3. Parents also receive a 'Settling In' report within the first few weeks of Term 1.

The 'mid-year' report and 'end of year' report reports will focus on academic achievement as well as personal and social matters, and will include some targets for future learning. The 'Settling In' report is much more focused on pastoral care.

Notes

Notes are required from home for:

- Absences (approval is needed from the Principal for leave during term time);
- being out of uniform (school and/or PE uniform);
- being late;
- leaving school early (prior to leaving)

Please ensure that notes are provided for all of these reasons as early as possible and handed in at Reception. The note will then be passed to the teacher or person responsible.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We offer students the opportunity to participate in extra-curricular activities (ECA's) designed to be fun, challenging, inspiring and motivating. ECA's are available to students from Year 1 upwards and are held after school. Most of the ECAs are free of charge except ones held by outside vendors such as wakeboarding. At the beginning of each term students will be notified of the available ECAs for their class level and will have the chance to express an interest in signing up. While we do try and accommodate students' first choice of ECA, they are very popular and some do reach capacity quite quickly.

HOUSE SYSTEM

There are 4 houses - Oak (green), Ash (red), Willow (blue) and Elm (yellow). All students have the opportunity to earn house points which are tallied every week and the winning house announced in our weekly assembly. At the end of the year a trophy is awarded to the house which has collected the most house points during that entire school year. At various intervals in the year, house competitions are held in order to raise the profile of the house system.



FIRST AID AND HEALTH

The school employs one full-time qualified nurse and an assistant who operate a clinic on the ground floor behind the main reception. They deal with minor medical issues such as cuts and bruises, as well as those children who feel unwell whilst at school. In the most unlikely event of a more serious incident occurring at school, parents will immediately be contacted by telephone to inform them of the accident.

Medicines will only be administered in school in exceptional circumstances. They must be clearly labelled with your child's name and class, and the required dosage and frequency. Such medication should be brought personally to the School Nurse, where you will be asked to sign a consent form to confirm the details. Students will not, under any circumstances, administer their own medicine.

Please advise us of any medical problems your child may suffer, particularly when there is an allergy to materials or food.

KEEPING HEALTHY & STAYING SAFE IN THE SUN

Please ensure your child has a labelled cap in school to wear outdoors and during the hot months ensure they have sun protection on.

HEALTH

Regular daily attendance at school is compulsory, but sometimes absence is unavoidable through sickness. Please inform your class teacher or form tutor if your child is absent through sickness or you can call the school reception and notify them. If your child takes the school bus, the bus coordinator will need to be informed that your child will not be on the bus. If your child exceeds two days of absence through illness, parents are asked to write a sick note.

If a child is removed from school for extended period such as a family holiday, the parents must write a note or email to their class teacher/form tutor to explain why they are going away and the duration of the stay - this must then be authorised by the Principal. Please also forward this email to the Primary and Secondary Heads' PA Jane Edwards on: jane.edwards@bisad.ae

ARRIVAL AND PICK-UP PROCEDURES

Vehicles arriving at the school to drop off or collect students should use the "pick up/drop off" parking facility at the student entrance on the west side of the building, which is clearly signposted on approach to the school. No parents or children should enter the building through the main reception entrance unless they are arriving at school after 7.45am.

Children in FS classes should be taken directly to their classrooms where they will be met by their teachers. All other primary students must assemble in the playground for registration; students in secondary should go straight to their form rooms where they will be registered. It is important that secondary students only enter and exit the building from their designated entrance on the east side.



At the end of the day, the school gates will open at 2:45pm. For pick-up, FS students should be picked up directly from their classroom and Primary students should be met at the basketball court near the pick-up/drop-off area. Secondary students will leave through the same entrance on the east side, and can walk to the west side to join their Primary siblings or meet parents.

If students are attending school team training or school fixtures it is important that they inform their bus monitor and make arrangements to be collected by their parents no later than 4.25pm.

BUS POLICY

The bus service is operated by a contractor and booking seats on buses for children falls outside the purview of the school. Parents should contact Shanawaz Transport in the first instance to arrange transport for their children: bisadbust@shanawazgroup.com

The school has established a “Bus Rules Agreement” in collaboration with the transport contractor. Students availing of the bus provision, as well as their parents, will be expected to sign and adhere to this. Essentially, the agreement is an application of the school behavioural policy to the bus service: all beneficiaries of the service are expected to behave courteously towards one another and towards the employees of the bus operator and school.

The school bus should be a safe and comfortable environment for all. Hence, on every journey the children will be under the aegis of a “bus monitor”, who will supervise the children; ensure that they are safe and that their behaviour is acceptable.

Role of the Bus Monitor:

- To ensure that all the correct children leave school on the correct bus.
- To ensure that all children wear seat-belts and remain seated throughout the journey.
- No children are permitted to sit in the front seat.
- To carry a mobile telephone and to contact parents if there is any delay to the service on either the outward or return journey.
- To contact parents if the child is not waiting at the bus stop as expected (the bus will wait for 2 minutes only, before leaving).
- If there is a problem with a student’s behaviour on the bus, point out the problem to the child and request that it stops. It is expected that students will conform to the request.

There is often a wide range of ages present on a bus and older children, particularly, need to take care of how they behave and what they choose to talk about. Vehicles are surveyed with closed circuit television (CCTV) cameras.

Please note that primary students (up to Year 6 inclusive) must be met at the bus stop or other agreed point of disembarkation by a responsible and designated adult. If this is not the case, an attempt will be made to contact the parents before the bus returns the student to school.

Parents are advised to read the agreement document in detail--which also details procedures in the event of an emergency--in the interests of their children’s safety and security.



ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (EAL)

Being a diverse international school, EAL is a big component of some children's education. EAL at our school is a course that is designed to help students to develop their language skills, learn more about school life, how to talk and interact with people and get the best out of their education. It allows students to learn English with others in a relaxed and friendly environment where they can make friends and learn how to express themselves properly in a different language.

As children progress, or for those students who only require a little help, EAL can show them how to hone their skills. By learning how to use everyday English grammar and English expressions, learning different writing styles and using advanced reading techniques, students will find that they are able to function much better in their studies than they used to.

Whether your child is a beginner in English, in the early stages of learning English or just needs a little extra help, EAL is here to help your child enjoy their time at school and acquire the tools they need to perform to their full potential in their lessons.



EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE USEFUL INFORMATION

AIMS

Within Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) we aim to provide a caring, relaxed and happy atmosphere which will allow your child to enjoy the learning experience offered, while developing their potential at their own time and pace. Our work is carefully differentiated to cater for individual needs. Before your child begins school, it may be useful to:

- Talk to your child about what to expect before coming to school - be positive!
- Children will be apprehensive, so encourage conversations about starting school with your child.
- Read stories about school and making new friends
- Arrive at school on time to ensure your child is able to participate in the full range of activities
- Stay optimistic - some children take longer to settle-in than others. This is normal and we will work closely together to help your child become comfortable and confident.
- If your child is sick please keep them home until they are better - it is very normal for children in their first year of school to get the 'sniffles'.

STARTING THE 2014/15 ACADEMIC YEAR – EYFS ONLY

To further ease your child's transition, we have shortened the first few days of the first term. This will assist your child to both gently and confidently adjust to their new environment - and ensure the most productive commencement of their lengthy, educational journey. This is also a wonderful opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher and receive feedback with regard to these important first few days of school.



EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE 1 (EYFS1)

Please note there are two groups, Group 1 and Group 2.

New parents are invited, if they so wish, to stay with their children for a short period of time for the first few days. Be so kind as to carefully read the information below and ensure arrangements are made for your child to be collected at the correct time.

Early Years Foundation Stage 1 – Group 1 and Group 2		
Orientation Day	All Children	
Wednesday 27th August	9am – 12.30pm	
Thursday 28th August	9am – 12.30pm	
First week for <u>Group 1</u> children	Class Timings	Parents Timings
Sunday 31st August - Thursday 4th September	8am – 10am	First half hour till 8.30am
First week for <u>Group 2</u> children	Class Timings	Parents Timings
Sunday 31st August - Thursday 4th September	11am – 1pm	First half hour till 11.30am
Second week for ALL children	Class Timings	Parents Timings
Sunday 7th September - Thursday 11th September	7.45am – 1pm (Please note that if your child is on the bus they can stay till 2.30pm)	Drop off only, parents are kindly asked to leave the class by 7.50am.
Third week for ALL children	Class Timings	Parents Timings
Sunday 14th September - Thursday 18th September	Normal FS timings resume 7.45am – 1pm or 2.30pm	Drop off only, parents are kindly asked to leave the class by 7.50am.

From Sunday 14th September 2014 onwards, EYFS1 classes will follow usual EYFS timings, that is, until 2.30pm. You may collect your child at either 1pm or 2.30pm, but please inform the teacher at what time you will be collecting your child. We would like to take this opportunity to kindly remind parents that they either commit to the 1.00pm or 2.30pm dismissal.

Buses only run at the end of the school day at 2.45pm; therefore, if your child finishes their school day at 1pm, we kindly ask parents to make their own collection arrangements. This also applies to all FS parents in the first few days of school when bus children will be finishing at earlier times; please ensure to make alternative collection arrangements.

EYFS1 QUIET TIME

Those staying for the extended day will have quiet time from 1:00-2:00pm therefore please send in a small blanket and a small pillow that will be sent home every weekend for washing.



EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE 2 (EYFS2)

Kindly note, new parents are invited, if they so wish, to stay with their children for a short period of time for the first few days. Be so kind as to carefully read the information below and ensure arrangements are made for your child to be collected at the correct time.

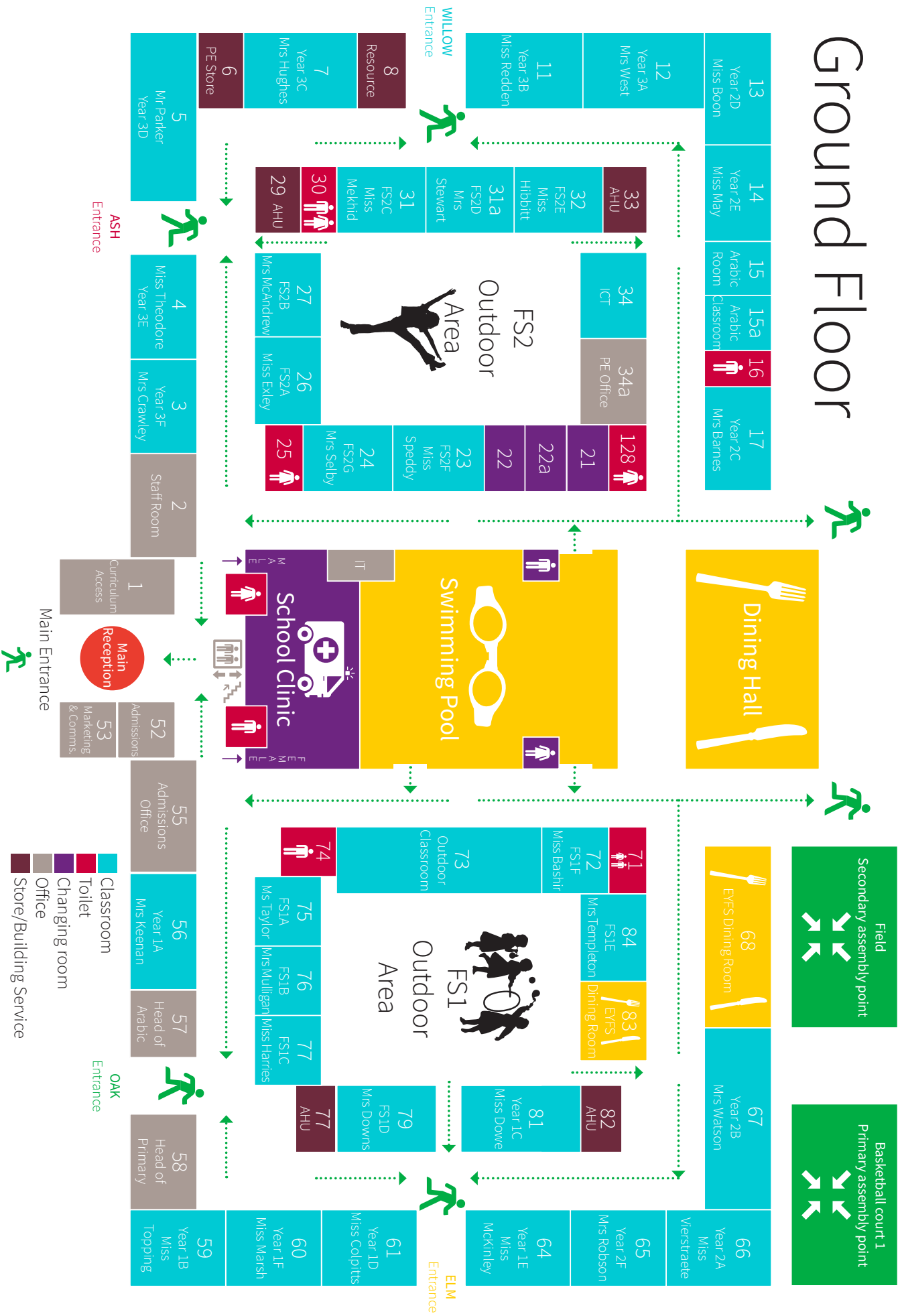
Early Years Foundation Stage 2		
Orientation Day	All Children	
Wednesday 27th August	9am – 12.30pm	
Thursday 28th August	9am – 12.30pm	
First week for NEW children	Class Timings	Parents Timings
Sunday 31st August – Thursday 4th September	7.45am – 1pm	First half hour till 8.30am on the Sunday only
First week for RETURNING children	Class Timings	Parents Timings
Sunday 31st August - Thursday 4th September	7.45am – 1pm	Drop off only, parents are kindly asked to leave the class by 8am
N.B. If your child was with us in Early Years Foundation Stage 1 in 2013/14 and used the bus service, they are able to either continue to use the bus at dismissal at 2.30pm or alternatively you can make arrangements to collect your child at 1pm during the settling in period.		

From Sunday 7th September onwards, classes will follow usual EYFS timings, that is, until 2.30pm. You may collect your child at either 1pm or 2.30pm, but please inform the teacher at what time you will be collecting your child. We would like to take this opportunity to kindly remind parents that they either commit to the 1.00pm or 2.30pm dismissal.

Please note that buses only run at the end of the school day at 2.45pm; therefore, if your child finishes their school day at 1pm, we kindly ask you to make your own collection arrangements.

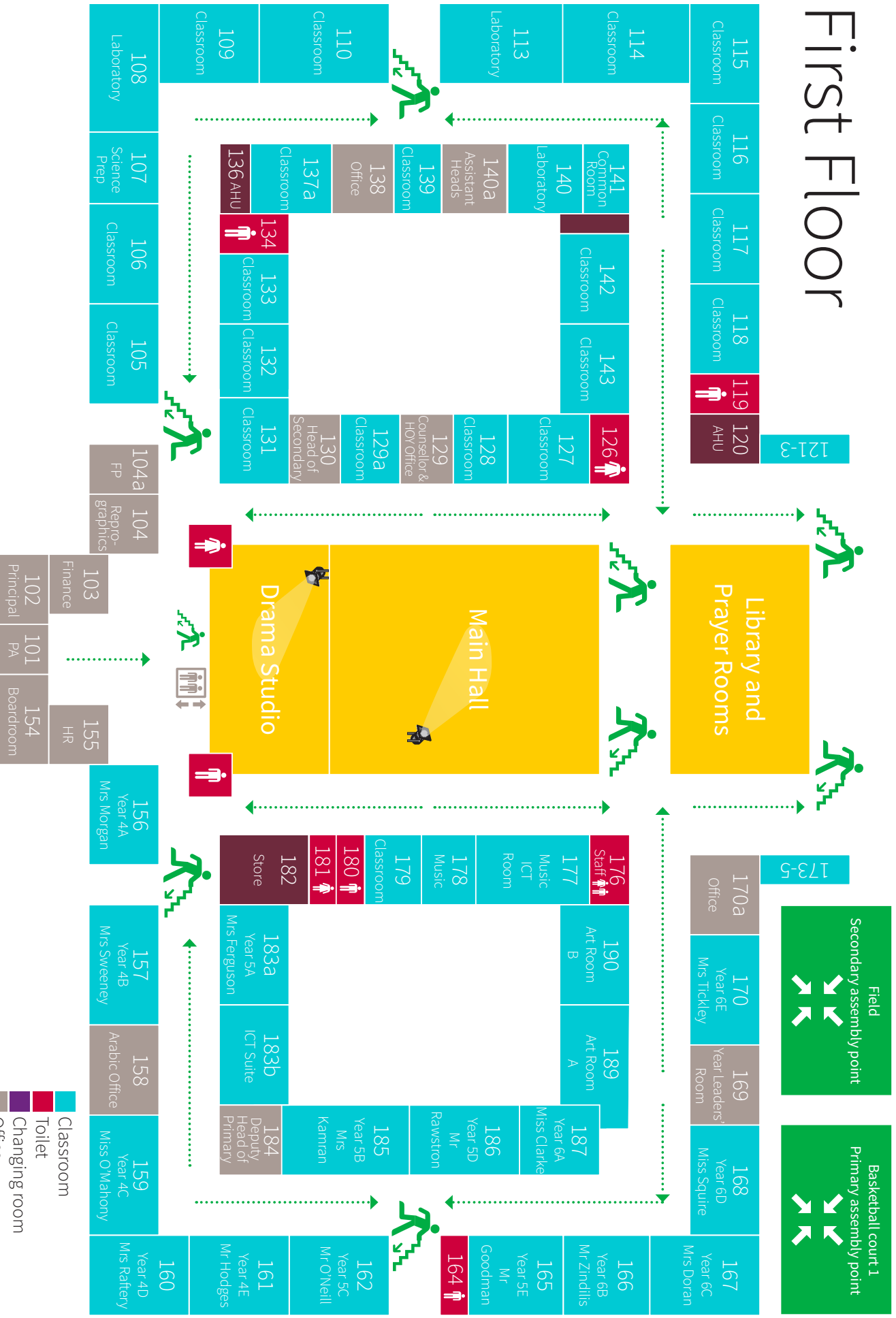


Ground Floor





First Floor



- Classroom
- Toilet
- Changing room
- Office
- Store/Building Service



ABU DHABI USEFUL INFORMATION

Emergency Number/s	
Police	999
Ambulance	998
Helicopter Ambulance	999
Coast Guard (Critical Infrastructure and Coastal Protection Authority)	996
Abu Dhabi Municipality	993, 80022220, 026788888
Water and Electricity	8002332
Weather Forecast	+9716667776 ext. 221
Abu Dhabi Government	800555
Consumer Protection Section (Department of Economic Development)	8008811
Taxi - The Center for Regulation of Transport by Hire Cars (TransAD)	600535353

English Phrases	Arabic Translated Phrases	English Phrases	Arabic Translated Phrases
Hi/Hello	Marhaba	Sorry	Aasef, Aasefa (female)
Good morning	Sabah el kheer	Yes	Na'am
Good evening	Masaa el kheer	No	Laa
Welcome!	Ahlan wa Sahlan	Right	Yameen
How are you ?	Kaifa haloka/haloki (female)	Left	Yasar
I'm fine, thanks!	Ana bekhair, shokran!	Straight	Seeda
And you?	Wa ant? / Wa anti? (female)	1	Wahed
Good/Thank God	Bekhair/AlHamdu Lellah	2	Ethnan
Thank you (very much)!	Shokran (jezeelan)!	3	Thalatha
You're Welcome! (for "thank you")	Afwan	4	Arba'a
Goodbye!	Ma'a salama	5	Khamsa
What's your name?	Ma esmouk? Ma esmouki ? (female)	6	Seta
My name is ...	Emee	7	Saba'a
I like/love	Ohibbu	8	Thamaneia
Happy Birthday	Eid Melad Saeed	9	Tesa'a
Congratulations	Mabrook	10	A'shara



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