



Student Planner LP – Reception 2019-20



The British School of Kuwait

Kuwait's Premier School

The History of the School main school of Kuwait (BSK) traces its origins to 1978 when Mme Vera and Mr. Sadiq Al-Mutawa established a small kindergarten which became known as The Sunshine School. Steady growth took place through the 1980s and, having recovered from the ravages of the 1990 invasion of Kuwait, by 1992 the School accommodated 550 Kindergarten and Primary age students. The decision having been made to serve the community at both Primary and Secondary levels, a move to the present site in Salwa took place and in September 1993, newly renamed, The British School of Kuwait opened to 900 students.

> Currently, BSK provides a quality education from Reception to Year 13. These students come from more than 70 countries and follow the National Curriculum of England through to GCSE, IGCSE, AS and A Level qualifications. The school provides a structured, caring and happy environment for learning with excellent resourcing and a qualified, highly-trained and well-motivated staff.

> In June 2018 BSK celebrated its Ruby Anniversary, marking 40 years at the forefront of British Education in Kuwait.

The School Crest

The crest of The British School of Kuwait incorporates several aspects of the school's history. The bold sunrise symbolises our students' potential, setting out on their lives of achievement.



The sun also reminds us of the original Sunshine School and its climb to success. The sun is seen rising over blue water with its strong reference to Kuwait where the sun breaks daily over the Gulf on the eastern horizon. Finally, the crest is adorned with branches of laurel, a traditional accolade, in this setting celebrating academic and cultural achievement.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Full Name		
Admin Number	Tutor Group	
Class Teacher	Tutor Room	
Arabic Teacher	Arabic Teacher Email	
Father's Mobile	House	
Mother's Mobile	Additional Numbers	
Main Parental Email		

LOWER PHASE TEAM

Assistant Head	Miss Rachel Sielski	Email	rcs@bsk.edu.kw
Teacher (Curriculum)	(RCS)	Extension No	4221
Assistant Head Teacher (Pastoral)	Miss Clare Marsh (CLM)	Email	clm@bsk.edu.kw
		Extension No	1208
	Miss Jennifer Andrew (JNA)	Email	jna@bsk.edu.kw
Head of Reception		Extension No	4201
Head of Year 1	Miss Tessa Wilde (TEW)	Email	tew@bsk.edu.kw
		Extension No	4202
Head of Year 2	Miss Hannah Farrell (HAF)	Email	haf@bsk.edu.kw
		Extension No	4203

SCHOOL DETAILS

Reception	1101 / 1103	Clinic Wembley	4120
Senior Bursar	1555	Clinic Main Building	3106
Senior Registrar	1166	Royal Scot	4520
PA to the Primary Head Teacher	5133	Transportation Manager	5204

FEE PAYMENT DEADLINES

The first instalment of 60% of the annual fees is due before Sunday 15 September 2019. The second instalment of the remaining 40% of annual fees is due before Thursday 02 January 2020.

For details, parents should please refer to their registration agreement with the school.

TERM DATES 2019-20

TERM 1

First day of term Parent Consultation days Last day of term

TERM 2

First day of term Holiday for Prophet's Birthday (PBUH) Last day of term

TERM 3

First day of term Last day of term

Sunday 05 January 2020 Wednesday 19 February 2020

Tuesday 03 September 2019

Thursday 24 October 2019

Sunday 03 November 2019

Tuesday 17 December 2019

Saturday 09 November 2019 (tbc)

Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 October 2019

TERM 4

First day of term Parent Consultation days Last day of term

TERM 5

First day of term School closed to students (Festival of Achievement) Start of Ramadan Term ends for Y11 Term ends for Y12-13 Term ends for Rec-Y8 Term ends for Y9-10 Rec-Y8 Reports released Y9-10 Reports released Rec-Y8 Consultation morning Y9-10 Consultation morning Sunday 01 March 2020 Thursday 26 and Saturday 28 March 2020 Thursday 02 April 2020

Sunday 12 April 2020 Wednesday 15 April 2020

Thursday 23 April 2020 (tbc) Wednesday 29 April 2020 Thursday 30 April 2020 **Tuesday 09 June 2020** Wednesday 10 June 2020 **Monday 15 June 2020** Tuesday 16 June 2020 **Tuesday 16 June 2020** Wednesday 17 June 2020

CLASS TUTOR CONTACT DETAILS

Reception			
Tutor Group	Class Teacher	Class Teacher Email	
Reception 1	Miss Elissa Hind	eih@bsk.edu.kw	
Reception 2	Miss Poppy Coxon	poc@bsk.edu.kw	
Reception 3	Miss Rachael Ellis	rce@bsk.edu.kw	
Reception 4	Miss Elinor Rowlands	elr@bsk.edu.kw	
Reception 5	Miss Sarah Wells	saw@bsk.edu.kw	
Reception 6	Miss Lara Howells	lah@bsk.edu.kw	
Reception 7	Miss Joanna Huelin	jhu@bsk.edu.kw	
Reception 8	Miss Rhiannon Little	rhl@bsk.edu.kw	
Reception 9	Miss Clare Welsh	clw@bsk.edu.kw	
Reception 10	Miss Sally Jones	saj@bsk.edu.kw	
Reception 11	Miss Iona Henderson	ioh@bsk.edu.kw	
Reception 12	Miss Holly Pugh	hlp@bsk.edu.kw	

Children are active learners!

Tell me and I will forget Show me and I will remember Let me do and I will understand

SPECIALIST TEACHER CONTACT DETAILS

For issues concerning the teaching of specialist subjects (listed below) please contact the relevant subject leader.

Subject	Teacher	Email Address
Arabic Coordinator	Miss Hebat-Alla Gomaa	heg@bsk.edu.kw
Arabic Teacher	Miss Maram Mohammed	mrm@bsk.edu.kw
Arabic Teacher	Miss Nashwa Al-Zoka	nsa@bsk.edu.kw
Arabic Teacher	Miss Eman Elroubi	eme@bsk.edu.kw
Arabic Teacher	Miss Raeda Alsisi	rea@bsk.edu.kw
Arabic Teacher	Miss Ghena Abdul Khlaeq	gea@bsk.edu.kw
Arabic Teacher	Miss Ghania AlHajjar	gha@bsk.edu.kw
Arabic Teacher	Miss Kenana Younis	key@bsk.edu.kw
Primary Physical Education Coordinator	Mr Scott Weninger	scw@bsk.edu.kw



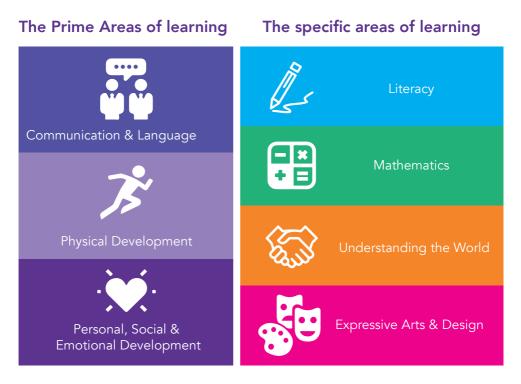
THE EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE (EYFS)

The EYFS is the stage of education for children from birth to the end of the Reception Year. It is based on the recognition that children learn best through play and active learning.

The EYFS has 4 themes. These are:

- 1. A Unique Child
- 2. Positive Relationships
- 3. Enabling Environments
- 4. Learning and Developing

Within the theme of Learning and Developing there are 7 areas. All areas are connected to one another.



Each of the 7 areas of learning has its own set of Early Learning Goals (ELG) which determine what most children are working towards achieving by the end of the Reception Year.

We will be tracking your child's progress towards the Early Learning Goals throughout their time in the Reception class.

EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE AND ASSESSMENT

We develop an assessment profile of each individual child and provide evidence in the form of a learning journey.

The EYFS Profile is based on ongoing observation and assessment in the three prime and four specific areas of learning including the three characteristics of effective learning.

CHARACTERISTICS OF EFFECTIVE LEARNING



Levels of Development

We will assess whether the ELG description best fits the child's learning and development. The end of year Reception report will indicate the level.

Emerging

Where a child's learning and development does not yet meet what is expected. There are different development ages bands within this description. BSK end of year expectation is that a child is secure within the 40-60 months development age band at the end of the EYFS.

Expected

Where a child's learning and development has met the UK expected level at the end of EYFS.

Exceeding

Where a child's development exceeds what is set out as that expected at the end of the EYFS. Usually this means they will be already working within the Key Stage 1 National Curriculum.

Children do not necessarily achieve uniformly.

HOW PARENTS CAN HELP

We know our parents are very willing to help with their children's education and only require the tools to do so. This is why we have created the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE).



What is the VLE?

BSK uses a Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) which gives students and parents access online to educational materials and interactive activities.

The VLE enables us to share information with parents about school events, to outline the learning taking place each week and to provide supportive resources and materials that students can use at home to consolidate and extend their learning independently.

Why should we use the VLE?

During a week in school many areas of the curriculum are covered. The VLE gives children the opportunity to follow up their learning by identifying areas that they would like to work on for self-improvement or out of curiosity and interest.

A range of specific/relevant activities will be provided that will enable children to continue their learning at home, consolidating and reinforcing new skills and concepts or challenging themselves to build on developing skills and extend themselves further.

How should the VLE be used?

Every Sunday the learning objectives will be updated and relevant activities displayed.

Talk with your child about what they have enjoyed learning in the week and where they need further practice and then together select one or two activities to do. We do not expect all of the suggested activities on the VLE to be completed.



CORE VALUES

In the Lower Phase, we aim to give children a positive first experience of learning and understand that a well-rounded education goes far beyond the academic success in the classroom.

We believe in educating the whole child, and our core values are at the centre of everything we do. They underpin our teaching and learning, and provide an environment which prepares our students as confident, responsible and emotionally intelligent citizens who are ready to thrive and succeed in the 21st Century. We place great emphasis on resilience, respect, honesty, empathy and courage as we believe these are the qualities that foster life-long social interaction skills and enhance academic achievement.

We actively promote these core values and encourage children to be:

- **Resilient-** to embrace challenges positively and with determination, learning from their mistakes and accepting feedback as a way to move forward.
- **Respectful-** to behave in a way that shows care towards others, themselves and the world in which they live.
- **Honest-** to tell the truth, despite the consequences, to act with integrity and behave in a trustworthy way.
- **Empathetic-** to sense other people's emotions and imagine how someone else is feeling.
- **Courageous-** to aim high and strive to be the best that they can be, having the confidence to work independently and ask for help when needed.

GROWTH MINDSET

At BSK we know that students who have a positive attitude towards their learning will make good progress and be successful.

We are passionate about nurturing a growth mindset culture in the Lower Phase. We want all students to relish challenges, embrace their mistakes as part of the learning process, value the importance of effort, respond carefully to feedback and take inspiration from others. This will help them to achieve, not only with us, but also in their future lives as adults.



REWARDS, SANCTIONS AND UNIFORM

At The British School of Kuwait we work to ensure that every student feels a valuable part of our learning community. We recognise that positive reinforcement is the most effective behaviour management strategy and that rewards form a significant part of that. Our reinforcement is consistently delivered, timely, age-appropriate and contingent on behaviour.

Our rewards are social, natural and direct, meaning students follow our rules because they understand the benefits for themselves and the school community. These intangible rewards are the strongest pastoral tools we have and are central to our aim of instilling values such as self-reliance, co-operation, honesty and productivity.

Tangible rewards such as stickers and certificates are also often used, though not sweets or toys, as we consider this inappropriate and counterproductive in the school environment.

A *Special Word on Uniform:* One reason for our uniform rules is that we wish our young students to work in an environment where the focus is on learning, not hair styles, physical characteristics or items of clothing.

No set of rules can capture every circumstance so our polite insistence is that you work with us, understanding that what we do is for the benefit of all our children. Our firm discipline is, after all, one of the reasons parents choose BSK.



Behaviour on the Buses

When using BSK buses, students always:

- Visit the bathroom before boarding the bus.
- Do not visit the canteen before, or after, boarding the bus.
- Once on the bus, to sit in their seat.
- Always wear their seatbelt.
- Are kind to each other and keep the bus tidy.
- Respect the driver as they would a teacher.
- Be kind and respectful to others on the bus.

Sanctions, in line without Rewards and Sanctions policy, will be imposed in the event of these rules being broken.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

One of the most effective ways in which The British School of Kuwait seeks to improve achievement is by improving attendance, as it is very difficult to raise the standards of children who are not in school regularly.

Consequently, the Lower Phase Head Teacher views attendance as one of his most important responsibilities.

Late students miss out on vital learning, especially phonics teaching, the backbone of language acquisition, which is conducted in the first session of the day. Late students also interrupt the learning of other students; thus the school has an obligation to all children to insist on punctual attendance.

Our target for attendance levels the Lower Phase is 95%.

There should be no unauthorised absence. The tutor must be informed as to the reason for every absence from school.

Any other absence is regarded as 'unauthorised'.

BSK has been informed by the Private Education Department at the Ministry of Education (PED) of the consequences for students that accrue unauthorised absence.

BSK registers students twice daily for morning and afternoon 'sessions'.

In Primary, lateness to school after 07.50 (non-Ramadan timing) will constitute unauthorised absence for the entire morning session. It can only be authorised only as a medical or dental appointment upon provision of a clinic or hospital report or acceptable parental explanation.

The school will send a warning letter to parents, by email, if their child accrues five full days or ten half-day sessions of unauthorised absence during an academic year.

DAILY PROCEDURES

The school day is from 07.32 until 14.30 (14.35 for Year 5). The school will not accept responsibility for students before 06.45. Parents leaving their children prior to this time do so at their own risk. Therefore, the school does not recommend this course of action. At 06.45 the entry gate at the rear of the school will be opened to allow students access to Wembley. There is shade, water and toilet facilities and students will be supervised. Students are not allowed into school buildings before the playing of the National Anthem.

If students are late for School they must enter the building via the security office at the side of the building (Gate G).

At the end of the school day students in Years 1-2 will be accompanied to Wembley by their class tutor. Reception students are collected from their classrooms and Year 5 students are released at 14.35.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

When an evacuation practice is held, or in the event of an emergency alert, the school fire alarm bell will sound continuously.

- All students must proceed, under the instruction of the teacher, to leave the buildings silently and in an orderly fashion, leaving all bags and personal possessions behind.
- Students will assemble in Wembley. The route is indicated on the Emergency Evacuation notices with is posted in prominent position, close to the the door in each room.
- Students must stand in silence for the register to be taken.
- Students will return to class in an orderly way when told to proceed by the member of staff in charge.

WHAT TO BRING TO SCHOOL



We recommend that children only bring to school the things that they really need for the day ahead.

Carrying a very heavy bag can cause back problems so we suggest that students put their Arabic, Library, Homework and Reading folders along with their Student Planner into their book bags. Remember that most books will stay at school and Arabic or Islam books do not need to come to school every day. Please check your child's timetable.

Students can then bring their snack in a smaller lunch bag. Students in Reception come to school in their PE kits on days they have PE. Please make sure that all personal items and books are named



A HEALTHY SNACK FOR YOUR CHILD

We would like parents to provide their child with a healthy and nutritious snack that can be eaten at different breaks throughout the day.



Fruit - An Apple, A Pear, A Bannana, An Orange (already peeled), Kiwi, Pineapple, Melon, Grapes, etc..



Vegetables - Carrots, Cucumbers, Small Tomatoes, Celery, Sweet Corn, Salad, Sweet Peppers



A Sandwich - (brown bread is better) filled with -Salad, Meat, Cheese, Tuna, Egg, and Jam



Drinks - Water, Plain Milk, Fruit Juice



Cereal Bar - Kellogs, Nutri Grain, Nature Valley, Nestle, etc..





Yoghurt or Cheese





Pasta & Rice Dishes



Plain Popcorn and Dried Fruits Raisins, Cranberries and Apricots



Cereals and Non-Chocolate Biscuits Rice Krispies, Cornflakes, Oatmeal and Biscuits



No Pizza



No Chocolate



No Chips or Crisps



Please! For your safety No Glass!

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Students' birthdays are celebrated in the Primary Phase as part of our weekly Year Group assemblies. We accept that on their birthdays students like to share a treat with their class. However, please note the following guidelines which are applied for Health and Safety reasons:

- We can only accept pre-prepared, small, individual portions.
- Small cupcakes, mini doughnuts or small muffins are acceptable, but not the full size ones as these hold too much sugar and fat, contributing to tooth decay and various diseases.
- The individual cakes should be delivered to Reception or Back Gate G on the day of celebration. We will not accept whole cakes that need cutting.
- We do not distribute gifts on these occasions, or light candles nor accept cameras for photos.
- As part of our healthy eating policy cakes, sweets, doughnuts, etc. are not allowed for other special occasions. For example, National Day, special family occasions or events.



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Color in the drawing with your favourite colours

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Educational Website	QR Codes	My Username:	My Password:
Primary VLE			
EducationCity			
Bug Club			



PRIMARY PHASE TIMETABLE 2019 - 2020

PT2	15	14.20 14.35	13.55 14.10					
PP10	30	13.50 14.20	13.30 13.55					
PP9	35	13.15 13.50	13.05 13.30					
PP8	25	12.50 13.15	12.40 13.05					
PB3	25	12.25 12.50	12.25 12.40					
PP7	35	11.50 12.25	12.00 12.25					
PP6	25	11.25 11.50	11.35 12.00					
PB2	25	11.00 11.25	11.15 11.35					
PP5	35	10.25 11.00	10.50 11.15					
PP4	25	10.00 10.25	10.25 10.50					
PB1	25	09.35 10.00	10.10 10.25					
PP3	35	09.00 09.35	09.40 10.10					
PP2	35	08.25 09.00	09.15 09.40					
PP1	35	07.50 08.25	08.50 09.15					
PT1	20	07.30 07.50	08.40 08.50					
	Minutes	Normal	Ramadan	NUS	NOM	TUE	WED	ТНО

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