

Primary School

Nord Anglia International School
Al Khor



2017-2018



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Welcome to
NAISAK
Primary School



Nord Anglia International School Al Khor is an ambitious school that has rapidly grown through the support of our local community and our global family of NAE schools. Learning is driven by caring and passionate teachers within a culture of pride and respect. Teaching the heart and the mind will empower our students to succeed in the 21st century.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you and your child to what promises to be an exciting new academic year in the Primary School. My vision is that all children should have equality of opportunity and be valued. I believe in developing the skills, knowledge and attitude of children and promoting a love for lifelong learning that is driven through ambition. This vision is achieved in a safe and exciting learning environment for children and staff, where high-quality leadership, proactive policy development and practice are at the fore, thus securing improvement and success, and raising standards across the Primary School.

With a varied international body of students, combined with a strong sense of community, the Primary School promotes

a thriving environment where students and staff are excited to come to school, ready to challenge themselves and look beyond the four walls of the classroom as they prepare themselves for future success.

We encourage our Primary students to strive for excellence in all that they undertake and to be personally, socially and academically ambitious. We are passionate about instilling pride and respect in every student, and look for every opportunity to celebrate their individual and collective achievements. Through our supportive and caring environment, we help our students to grow into knowledgeable, respectful and internationally minded global citizens who are well prepared for the demands of 21st Century learning.

It has been exciting to watch the school evolve over the last five years and I look forward to being part of its continued success.

The Primary team and I wish you, parents and students, a successful year ahead.

Steve Jones
Vice Principal
Head of Primary

Lesson timings

07:10-07:40	Registration Time
07:40-08:40	Lesson 1
08:40-09:10	Lesson 2A
09:10-09:40	Break
09:40-10:10	Lesson 2B
10:10-11:10	Lesson 3
11:10-11:40	Lunch
11:40-12:40	Lesson 4
12:40-13:40	Lesson 5

Curriculum

Throughout the Primary School, we use a personalised approach to learning that inspires ambition and produces exceptional progress and achievement in every subject across the curriculum. Primary age students (5-11) learn through three very strong academic curricula. The core subjects of literacy and numeracy are learned through the English National Curriculum. Science is delivered through the Cambridge Curriculum from Year 1, preparing students for their Checkpoint Examinations when they reach Year 6. The foundation subjects are learned through the International Primary Curriculum (IPC), which is a comprehensive curriculum with a clear process of learning and with specific learning goals for every subject, for personal learning and for international mindedness. These are then infused with the study of the Arabic Language, Islamic Studies and Qatari History, as prescribed by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MoEHE).



Students in the Primary School will receive a Home Learning menu each week. Please encourage your child to complete their work independently and to return it to their class teacher on time.

Home Learning Menu Example



Starters: Literacy



Write a list of adjectives to describe your home.



Put adjectives to describe your home into sentences.



Create sentences about your home using adjectives, verbs and adverbs.



Write a story with the setting being your home.

Main Course – you **MUST** do these every week:

- 🍏 Read for 15 minutes - 5 times per week
- 🍏 Learning weekly spellings
- 🍏 Times table practise
- 🍏 15 minutes on Mathematics/Reading Eggs – 3 times per week
- 🍏 Numeracy – Worksheet
- 🍏 1 x Literacy Activity Sheet

Dessert: Project to be completed by 18 October!

- 🍏 Build a periscope using materials from around your house. Can you write some information about a periscope?
- 🍏 Build something that will stop an egg from breaking when you drop it from a height.

Sides: Family Fun

- 🍏 Find a recipe that is a family favourite.
- 🍏 Read your favourite story to a family member.
- 🍏 Build a tower with recycled items and photograph it.


- 🍏 Everyone **must** finish the main course every week. Work must be completed in your Home Learning books and returned to school on Wednesday of each week.
- 🍏 Everyone **must** attempt one, or both, of the project deserts. You will be asked to present your work to your teachers and peers.
- 🍏 If you are feeling *extra* hungry, you can order from the starters. These will focus on a different subject each week. Each dish has a difficulty rating. The more chillies, the more *challenging* the task!
- 🍏 Why not spend some time tackling some of the family side dishes. Time spent as a family is important and you can learn together whilst having fun.

Tips for a successful year

Children can achieve well at school when their family take an interest in their school and school work. Getting involved in your child's education, even in the simplest way, shows that you care about their school life. Often, the more supported a child feels at home, the more effectively she or he will learn at school. Whatever your lifestyle, or family situation, it is never too soon (or too late) to start helping a child develop a positive attitude towards learning.

1. Talk to your child every afternoon when they get home from school. Ask them about their day, ask them what they have learned. If they are reluctant to talk (this is not unusual) then ask them one good thing about their day and one bad thing. If you do this talking regularly, they will soon start to open up and hopefully tell you more about their day. It is really important they know you are interested in their learning - this could take you as little as two minutes of your afternoon!





2. Try to give encouragement and show appreciation of your child's achievements, whether great or small, as this can help boost their confidence. Teach them basic organisation and time management skills so they are not overwhelmed with projects or home learning. Be realistic and avoid putting your child under pressure by having over-high expectations. Let your child develop at their own pace, but if you do have concerns, please speak to their teacher.

3. Often parents like to introduce a variety of activities in and out of school too so children have the opportunity to explore other interests that they enjoy. Learn together, do things together, visit interesting places, talk about things you have seen and encourage your child to ask questions.

4. Encourage your child to take part in the wider life of the school. Extra-curricular activities can help to improve academic performance as well as develop social skills.

5. *Read actively.* This is one of the most important things you can do with and for your child. If they are new readers then read to them and with them. Talk about the book, get them to predict and tell you things about the story. If they are more confident readers, we know it is tempting to let them read to themselves but the biggest concern with older children or more competent readers is that they lack comprehension. You need to check that they know what they are reading - check they understand all the words.

6. *Ask for help.* The school staff are here to help, if you do not know what to do and need support, then please just ask us!

School uniform

In line with our ethos of Pride and Respect, we expect all students from FS1 to Year 11 to wear clean and smart school uniform to school each day. We are introducing a new uniform for the 2017/18 academic year, which is pictured below. Each item is customised for the school in very specific colours and design. There will be a number of ways to purchase items: a 'Pop Up' shop at school from 28 August to 9 September, in Zaks store in Doha (Al Maszhabiliya St, near Al Meera Izghawa and Garrafa Sports Club) and online through the Zaks website: zaksstore.com/shop/naisak/en or uniformmart.net/naisak.

Tie & Accessories



Also available in clip-on version



Legionnaires cap



Baseball cap



P.E./Swim bag

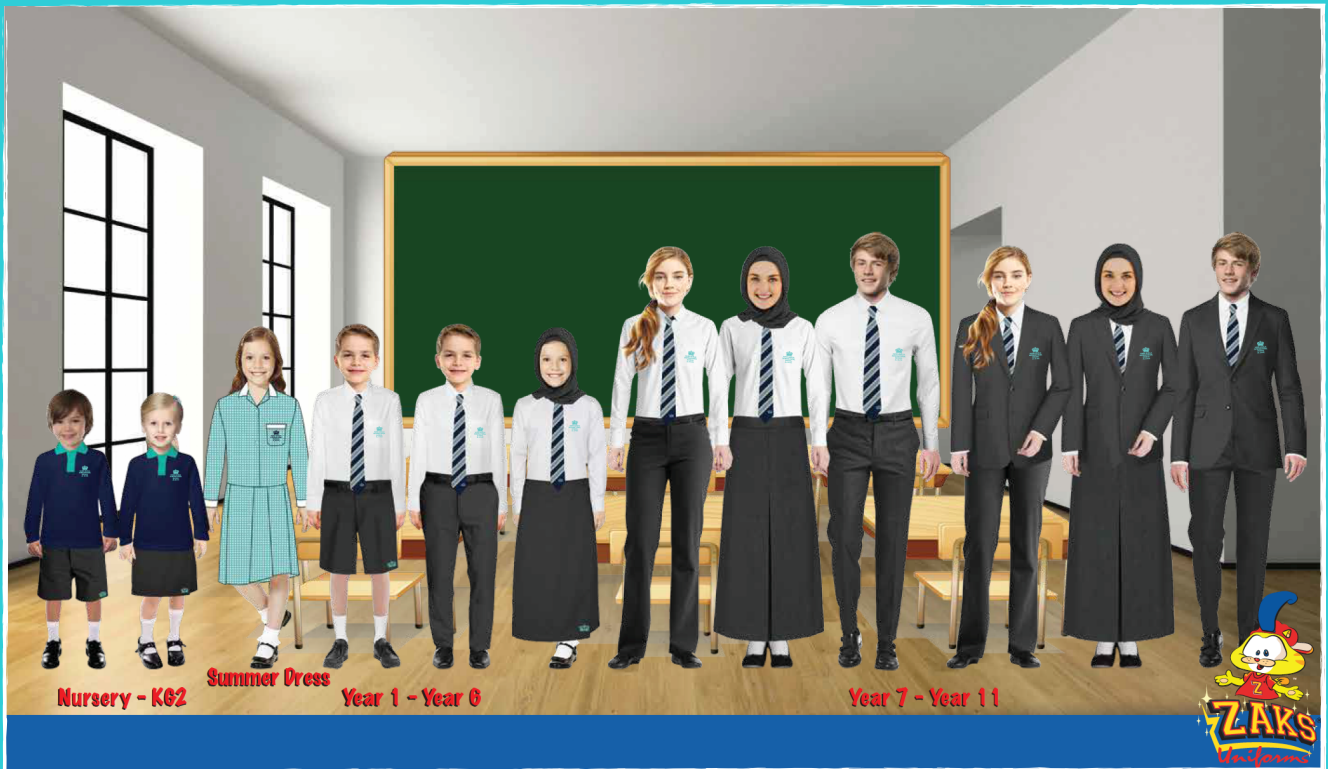


Grey sweater



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zaksstore.com/shop/naisak/en/
uniformmart.net/naisak



Nursery - K&2

Summer Dress

Year 1 - Year 6

Year 7 - Year 11



Nursery - K&2

Summer Dress

Year 1 - Year 6

Year 7 - Year 11



PE kit

House
T-shirts



*Teal PE polo also available with long sleeves

Back To School Event
Monday 28 August 13:00-17:00
&
Monday 11 September 13:30-17:00
@ NAISAK in the Gym

*You can also purchase items online. Simply log on to www.saracenwear.com, locate your chosen school, create an account using the code NK1106 and you can shop.



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SCHOOL CALENDAR 2017-2018

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- End of Term Holidays
- Eid Al-Adha
- First Day of Term
- Last Day of Term
- Half term Breaks & Official Holidays
- National Sports Day
- Inset
- Eid Al-Fitr

* Eid Holiday subject to confirmation from MoE

Communication with parents

e-Newsletter

The e-Newsletter is published weekly on a Sunday. This publication is emailed out to parents as well as posted on the school's Facebook page. The e-Newsletter contains news from students, staff and parents as well as notices and reminders.

Weekly Learning letter

All parents will be sent an electronic weekly learning letter on Thursday of each week. This will include details of what your child will be learning in each subject the following week as well as any important reminders.

Facebook

Daily communication is posted on our main Facebook page. Posts include notices, reminders and news of events taking place in school that day. The school uses Facebook to celebrate student achievement and to share learning moments with the school community. All year groups also have their own Facebook page. We highly recommend that all families set up a Facebook page to follow the school.

Notice Board

Important notices and reminders are printed and posted on the notice board at the entrance to the courtyard. These will be reminders of communication that will have already been sent home.

Communication Book

Every student is issued a Communication Book. This book is for teachers and parents to communicate. Please check your child's Communication Book each day for any notes written by their teachers. In the same way, you can write any messages you wish to communicate to your child's class teacher/form tutor. Students also use this book to record homework or personal reminders. Communication Books must be signed by parents every weekend.

Communication Folder

Foundation Stage and Primary School students are also issued with a Communication Folder in which school letters and documents will be placed. Please check this folder every day for any printed communication sent home.

School Phone Number

Should you need to reach your child's teacher by phone, please call the school reception and leave a message with the school secretary. Contact the school on +974 4437 9600.

School Absence

Please contact the school as soon as you can if your child is unexpectedly absent from school due to illness or other unplanned event. The school will send a text message to families of absent students once morning registration is completed, if no phone call explaining the absence has been received. If your child is absent for a planned event, please inform the school via the NAISAK app so that the information can be processed for attendance records. Please also write a note in your child's Communication Book for your child's class teacher.

Any planned extended absences need to be communicated to the school through the app. Extended absences can affect your child's academic progress at school; therefore, the Principal will need to approve the absence.

School Website/NAISAK app

The school website provides parents with curriculum documents, dates, calendars and photos. The 'Parent Resource' area on the site will support parent enquiries in particular.

How to contact us

Communication Books/Folders

School Phone Number: +974 4437 9600

School E-mail: infoalkhor@nais.qa

School Website: www.nordangliaeducation.com/our-schools/al-khor

School App: Search 'NAISAK' in the app store

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Lunches

- In line with our Healthy Food policy, chocolate, sweets, gums and fried food are not allowed at school.
- Students should be equipped with a transparent bottle so they can stay hydrated throughout the day.
- Only plain water and non-sugary fruit juices are allowed at school.
- To ensure all students are being fed healthily and protected from potential food allergies, our students must not share their packed lunch.

Reminders

- Phones are not allowed at school. Phones are confiscated if seen or heard, and parents are contacted to come and retrieve them.
- On PE days only, students can attend school in their NAISAK PE kit, as long as they wear the complete NAISAK PE kit and no non-NAISAK items. Shorts and leggings are not allowed outside of PE lessons.
- We expect students to show pride in their school uniform and should therefore not mix the school uniform with the NAISAK PE kit.

Attendance & Punctuality Policy in brief

- Registration is open from 07:10 - 07:40 for morning registration. Any students arriving after 07:10 must report to Reception and will be marked as late on the attendance record.
- At NAISAK, we recognise that regular and punctual school attendance is important for academic success. We encourage all students to be ambitious and to strive for 100% attendance across an academic year.
- Students are expected to attend the whole day, every day. If a student needs to leave school during the day, the day will count as an absence if more than one lesson is missed.
- Parents will be contacted if attendance is a concern. If it drops below 90%, you will be informed in writing and will be called in for a meeting.



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