



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first edition of 'HEADLINES' which will take the form of a weekly letter from myself. A monthly newsletter will be issued containing much more information about the learning taking place in Compass Gharaffa, including some photos from around school.

Let me welcome you to the school, whether you are a returning parent or a new parent. It was lovely to have the opportunity to meet so many new parents on Sunday during the induction day for your children. I hope your children are settling in well, this week has been all about getting to know each other, making new friends, and learning the routines of a new class and year.

We are very excited about our new Astroturf area, which we will be able to access as soon as the temperature and humidity decrease. There has been a new Early Years playground area created, and also toilets added to the Early Years 2 block. Our Admissions team are situated in a lovely new office at the front gate, allowing us to create extra space for music teaching and instrumental lessons.

We will be holding our regular Marhaba Monday coffee mornings, giving you a chance to come along and meet some new parents. The first of these will take place on Monday 21st of September at 7:30am in the school foyer.

Parking and drop-off

We are aware that parking is a huge issue which has been made even worse by the new road closure. Please continue to use the existing arrangements with our two drop-off zones in the morning. If you need to accompany your children into school, please park in a place where you will not be obstructing others.

At pick up time, please park up and come to collect children. If you have a driver it is really important that he is aware of this request. The safety of the children is our utmost concern, and we need everyone to respect our very valued security guards.

To try and make some improvements, from Sunday parents will also be allowed to access through the back gate, where the staff parking is. However, this is not a drop-off area, so you will need to accompany children to and from school.

From Sunday, we will also offer supervision from 6:45am in the mornings, and this will now take place in the school hall. Parents are welcome to stay with their children until 7:15 am when they can go to class.



Please help us to make the beginning and end of the day as safe as possible.

Information Fair

This event takes place in the school hall on Monday evening, from 5pm-7pm. Refreshments will be provided, and teachers along with outside providers will be on hand to explain the range of after-school activities available at or outside school. There is additional information along with my letter. We look forward to welcoming you to this event.

Parent calendars will be available later next week, but here are a list of events happening next week:

Parent Welcome Meetings:

Early Years 2: Wednesday 16th September at 7:30am

Milepost 1 (Years 1 and 2): Tuesday 15th September at 7:30am

Milepost 2 (Years 3 and 4): Monday 14th September at 7:30am

Milepost 3 (Years 5 and 6): Sunday 13th September at 7:30am

The Early Years 1 meetings will take place on Sunday 20th September

PLEASE NOTE THE EID HOLIDAY DATES WILL NOW BE TUESDAY 22ND-SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

Have a lovely weekend,

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