

NEW ACADEMIC YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

2022-2023



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School Starting Dates

KG First Day

PREK

Wednesday
31-08-2022

Group 1 7:30 – 9:30
Group 2 10:30 – 12:30

KG1

Thursday
01- 09-2022

Group 1 7:30 – 9:30
Group 2 10:30 – 12:30

KG2

Monday
05-09-2022

7:30 - 12:30

Gr 1 – 12 First Day

New
Students
only

Monday
29 -08- 2022

Gr 1- 12

Tuesday
30 -08- 2022

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School Timings

School hours for the academic year 2022-2023 are as follows:



	Pre K - KG2	Gr 1 – Gr 12
Monday – Thursday	7:30 am – 12:30 pm	7:30 am – 2:35 pm
Friday	7:30 am – 11:15 am	

Parent ID Card and Lanyards

The safety of our students is always our priority at Al Khaleej International School.

- Parents must show the card to the security for easy access whenever they visit the school for different purposes like: fees payment, Parent-Teacher Meetings, students' pick up and drop off and other office visits.
- Parents lanyards must be worn when dropping off and picking up the students. Those who did not receive the lanyard can collect it from the main reception.
- ID cards will be distributed to students in classes to deliver to their parents, they will be handed to the eldest child.
- Each family receives one parent lanyard free of charge. If you request an additional ID card, you will be asked to pay 50 AED.

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Attendance and Tardiness

Please note that students' attendance is essential for their academic progress. We will be monitoring attendance daily for the safety and good interest of students. We will share with you our attendance and absence policy for your information.

In terms of lateness, please note that due to lesson interruptions, all gates will close at 8:00 am sharp. Please ensure that your child arrives at school before 7:45 am to avoid being late for his/her learning. If your child arrives between 7:45 - 8:00, they will receive a late slip from the main reception and will be sent to their classrooms. Teachers will record the conduct marks according to the lateness policy/records on the Phoenix system.

School Calendar 2022-2023

Click [HERE](#) to view the school calendar



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Online Platforms for Next Academic Year

Kindly click [HERE](#) to check the online platforms for all the grade levels.

If you have any questions or would like more help, please contact us on the following emails:

- Educational Platforms : hala.a11_agn@gemsedu.com
- Phoenix related issues : Phoenixclassroom_agn@gemsedu.com

iPad

- iPads will be distributed to students of KG to 8 for the academic year 2022-2023.
- The iPad contract will be sent with the student to the parent once the payment for learning resources is completed.
- Once we receive the signed contract, we will distribute the iPads to students.

Books and Online Resources Q&A

For more information about the books and online platforms for 2022-2023 academic year

KG

Elementary

Middle

High



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School Uniform and Booksale



Book and uniform sale will be **in school** as the below:

- **Date:** From 18 to 29 August 2022 (including weekend days)
- **Venue:** Multipurpose Hall – Ground Floor
- **Timing:** Saturday to Thursday: 8.30 am to 2:00 pm .
Friday: 8.30 am to 11:00 am

CORE & PE UNIFORM		CORE UNIFORM		CORE UNIFORM		CORE UNIFORM		COMMON ITEMS	
KG1 - KG2		G1 - G5		G6 - G8		G9 - G12		ALL GRADES	
BOYS		BOYS		BOYS		BOYS		BLACK SHOES	
GIRLS		GIRLS		GIRLS		GIRLS		WHITE SHOES	
UNISEX		UNISEX		UNISEX		UNISEX		REGULAR BAGS	
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WhatsApp Groups and Social Media



AKIS believes in a close partnership with parents. Mutual respect, cooperation, and support are essential ingredients to make this partnership strong and fruitful. AKIS takes extra care to provide parents with assistance and help, whenever required, with utmost honesty and respect and expects the same in return.

We would like to inform our parents that joining WhatsApp groups is not advisable as we share all the information via our official communication channels.

Mobile Phones Policy



At GEMS – AKNS our top priority is to provide our students a safe and secure environment that is conducive to learning. We seek your cooperation by ensuring that all school rules and regulations are followed to achieve this objective.

This is to remind you that under no circumstances will a student be allowed to bring his/her mobile phone to school. If at any time a student brings his/her phone, it will be confiscated and kept till the end of the academic year. In case of any emergency, your child could be contacted through the school phone. Similarly, your child will be allowed to contact you from the school phone should the need arise.

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Instructions from the school clinic

Our students' safety emotional and physical well-being is our priority at AKIS. For this reason, we ask you strictly to follow the below guidelines:

- It is mandatory for every student to wear a mask on the school campus.
- Students should carry an extra pair of masks (3 disposable) in their bag to replace it after a meal or if it gets spoiled.
- Students can carry their own hand sanitizer or wet wipes to avoid using the toilet frequently or moving out of their seats even though we have hand sanitizers in all classrooms and all around the school premises.
- Students must maintain basic hygiene which includes brushing of teeth, showering, trimming nails, hair done neatly, clean uniform, and regular hair checking to be done by the parents to prevent the spread of head lice.
- Students with any kind of illness, must not be sent to school until they recover and provide the medical report on joining. No medicines should be sent in the school bag.
- Strictly follow the policy "Stay at Home if Unwell".
- Encourage your child on the importance of hand hygiene and cough Etiquette and social distance for the prevention of the spread of any illness.
- Encourage your child to have balanced healthy meals and should do physical activity to boost their immunity.



Care & Support

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Welcome on Board

Chelsea Wilson-Curriculum and Academic Standards Director

Chelsea will join GEMS AKIS in 2022. Prior to joining GEMS AKIS, Chelsea worked as Director of Teaching and Learning at Nansha College Preparatory Academy in Guangzhou, China. She joined NCPA's faculty in 2015 as an English Teacher and later English Head of Department, and over her seven years at the school moved into senior leadership, completing a Principal Licensure Program through Colorado State University.

Prior to that, she spent two years at the American International School of Bamako as an English Teacher and College Counselor, and five years at the American School of Kuwait as an English Teacher and Department Chair. Chelsea has a Bachelor's Degree in English from Colorado College and a Master's Degree in Special Education from the University of Northern Colorado.

As an educator, Chelsea focuses on developing and implementing a rigorous standards-based curriculum with fidelity, while ensuring the diverse learning needs of students are met through appropriately differentiated and scaffolded instruction. She enjoys partnering with teachers to maximize student learning.

Personally, Chelsea is looking forward to making a home in Dubai with her husband and two children, aged one and three.



Muna Hajir-Elementary Assistant Principal

A welcome back to Ms. Muna

Muna Hajir started her career in education in Amman in 2005 as a grade 1 homeroom teacher and quickly realized that education is where she belonged. After a few years of teaching and taking on other administrative roles in the primary and secondary school, she was assigned as the assistant principal and began her journey as part of the leadership team. Muna then moved to Dubai in 2014 and joined AKIS (then AKNS) in 2016 as the elementary assistant principal for 4 years. She is ecstatic about rejoining the AKIS team again as an assistant principal in 2022.

With over 10 years of experience in education, Muna strongly believes in the power of communication between the school and parents to create true synergy within the school community. Her ultimate passion is to help find and unlock the potential in every student and teacher.

Muna holds a Bachelor's Degree in food technology and dietetics and is planning to obtain her post graduate certificate in Education.



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Noor al Hassani-SAO Elementary School

She joined Gems Al Khaleej International School as a Students Affairs Officer for the Elementary School.

Prior to Gems al Khaleej International School, She worked as a Corporate Credit Relationship Manager at the National Bank of Kuwait / Jordan for around 17 years, during which she moved through different departments including customer service, relationship management, retail banking, and corporate credit management.

During her tenure at NBK, she has gained a rich experience in customer service, public relations, analytical thinking, and creative problem-solving.

Noor holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the Hashemite University of Jordan. Noor is a passionate team player with a recognized experience in relationship management and troubleshooting skills.



Aseel Riyadh-SAO Middle School

Aseel worked for 3 years as a mechanical engineer with the Ministry of Commerce in Baghdad. She then moved to UAE with her family and started her professional career as a supervisor for the middle school in an international school where she was fortunate to experience internationalism and language diversity communicating harmoniously on all different levels. After 4 years, and after developing her experience, she moved to be the high school supervisor.

Aseel is extremely passionate about ensuring positive emotions flourish in students and promoting self-belief and a "can-do attitude". She is excited to join Al Khaleej International School in continuing to nurture and develop a culture of collaboration, student voice and parent partnerships.



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Hadeel Qattan-Innovation Leader

Hadeel Qattan, an energetic & creative educator who is extremely passionate about educating children and influencing their lives and their future. She is a mother of an amazing twins Omar & Karmah

Hadeel holds more than 8 years of experience in education. She is a certified PYP ICT Teacher, certified Robotics Science Mentor(STEAM) and an Educational Technology Integration & Media Centre specialist. Aseel holds a BA degree from the University of Jordan.

Hadeel is a life-long learner who enjoys voluntary work, travelling, and spending time with friends and family. She is excited to be part of GEMS AKIS family.



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Communication Channels

We ensure that we remain in constant communication with our families during our re-opening and throughout the academic year. Our communication channels will include:

Emails – Our Parent Relations Executive (PRE), will continue to send circulars and newsletters when new information is ready to be shared with the school community.

Seesaw – Once the school year starts, our teachers will be setting up their class Seesaw pages for grades K-5 which will be used to communicate between teachers, students and parents throughout the year.

Parent Meetings - Meetings between parents and teachers/leaders are to take place virtually where possible, or can take place face-to-face if the need is critical and has been arranged by appointment only. No walk-in parent meetings can take place.

Google Classroom - Students and teachers in grades 6-12 will be using it to share lessons, send quizzes, assignments and monitor attendance and behavior.

Phoenix - This is our system for attendance, making payments, and many other features. Parents will be receiving notifications to monitor their children's learning and school life.

GEMS Connect—Parents can now access student information, track bus location, pay fees, view circulars, newsletters, timetables, assessment reports, track attendance, submit leave requests, in addition to other services.

Looking forward to seeing you next academic year. Have a wonderful summer holiday.

Ghadeer Abu-Shamat

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School Principal

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