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Welcome to Meet the Year Leader



Miss Una Foley
Head of Year



Nicki Newing
Assistant Head of Primary



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Welcome back to GCS !

It's going to be a GREAT year ahead and we cannot wait to have our students back in school.

OUR PURPOSE

OUR MISSION

OUR KEY PRIORITIES

VALUES

TEACHING AND LEARNING

READING

THROUGH VALUES WE SUCCEED

GROWING COMBINED SUCCESS

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Drop-off Procedure

If your child takes the bus:

- In the morning, the bus will collect your child at the allocated time as indicated by STS.
- You must take your child to the meeting point and wait with them until they are on the bus.
- Please contact the bus nanny if your child is unwell to attend school due to illness.

If you drop your child at school:

- Entrance to the school begins at 7:30am.
- You must say goodbye to them at the classroom door so they can go ahead and settle into class, please don't stay too long its best they get into the routine and don't worry – they will be absolutely fine!
- Please allow extra time at the start of the school year to accommodate road works and increased traffic. Your children don't like to be late for school.



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Collection Procedure

If your child takes the bus:

- Your child will be taken to the bus by an adult.
- You must be at the collection point to meet your child at the allocated time.

If you pick your child up from school:

- The collection point for Years 1-2 is at the classroom. One parent is allowed to drop off and pick up so the corridors and walkways don't get too full up. Signage will direct you to the allocated door for your child's class. Please do follow the one-way system.
- Please ensure the adult collecting your child has the 'safe word' (you will receive this in an email from your class teacher on Thursday 25th August). This will be requested upon collection until you become known to your child's class teacher.





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Attendance and Punctuality procedure—Morning

All students must be in their classroom for the National Anthem at 7:45am



If your child arrives after this time they will be marked as late on the school register.
Students that are late to school miss out on valuable learning and class activities.

You will receive an email notifying you that your child has been registered as late.



If your child is late three times in a term.

You will be contacted by:
The Assistant Headteacher Primary/Secondary.
The consequences will be discussed with you.



If your child is late again.

You will be contacted by:
The Head of School Primary/Secondary.
The next step will be discussed with you.

If your child is late again.

You will be contacted by the Vice Principal.
The final warning will be issued.

If your child is late for a final time.

You will be contacted by the Principal.
The final step of the school policy will be executed.

Lateness
procedures
for morning
and afternoon
drop offs and
collection



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Attendance and Punctuality procedure—Afternoon

All students must be collected at 2:40pm.
Students get very upset if their parent is not on time.
Thank you for being on time!



If you do not collect your child on time, they will be moved to the late room.

Your child will be registered as being collected late and you will have to sign the relevant documentation when you collect them.

If your child is collected late on three occasions in a term.

You will be contacted by:
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Thank you for being on time



- **After the National Anthem the doors close at 7.50am. Anyone arriving after this time will be marked as late.** In the unlikely case that you are late please head to main reception. Your child will be scanned in by a member of our admin team. Children don't like being late and we appreciate your support to ensure they are on time.
- Once school and learning has started, **parents are not able** to enter the corridors or classes.
- As per our GCS Behaviour Policy, punctuality is very important therefore if your child is late on 3 occasions throughout the term a member of the Senior Leadership Team will be in contact with you.

We appreciate your cooperation and support.





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Sample Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday PE kit to be worn	Thursday
7:30 – 7:50	REGISTRATION & GUIDED READING			
7:50 – 8:30	Reading	Arabic	English	<u>Maths</u>
8:30 – 9:10	Break			
9:10 – 9:50	PHONICS	Reading	Science	English
9:50 – 10:30	Science	English	PHONICS	MUSIC
10:30 – 11:10	English	PHONICS	PE	PHONICS
11:10 – 11:50	LUNCH			
11:50 – 12:30	ART	Library	<u>Maths</u>	Wellbeing
12:30 – 13:10	Mental <u>Maths</u>	<u>Maths</u>	Topic	PHONICS
13:10 – 13:50	<u>Maths</u>	ECA	Reading	Reading
13:50 – 14:30	Story Time	Story Time	Story Time	Story Time
14:40 Main gates will open for parents to collect				



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Curriculum Overview

- We have worked exceptionally hard to develop the curriculum for the new academic year, ensuring that it meets the needs of all our students and gives them the opportunity to reach their full potential.
- Within primary, we will have an overarching theme in every year group. This means that our learning in most subjects will link back to these themes.
- We will be following a brand new scheme of work called Cambridge University Press. This will be for English and Science. Supplementary textbooks will be provided for these subjects.
- We will continue to use Power Maths and a textbook will be provided again.
- All student work will be recorded in subject books which will be marked by the Class Teacher or Specialist.
- Textbooks will be sent home each Thursday as part of our home learning programme. Further information will be sent by your class teacher.
- Thank you for ensuring your child always brings their textbooks back to school.



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English

Unit 1: Let Me Tell You – You Choose

Children will listen and speak about themselves. Writing opportunity - Recount

Unit 2 – Places We Know – Q Pootle 5

Children will look at characters and rewrite the story.

Unit 3 – Rhythm and Rhyme – Traditional Tales.

Reading

My First Train Trip

Hide and Seek

It's much too early

Don't Spill the Milk

A Week in the Holidays

I have Lost My Scarf

Maths

Unit 1: Numbers to 10

Unit 2: Part, Part Whole

Unit 3: Addition and Subtraction with 10.

Unit 4: Addition and Subtraction with 10. (Part 2)

Unit 5: 2D and 3D Shapes

Unit 6: Numbers to 20.

Year 1
 2022-2023
 Term 1

History

UAE Past and Present – Children will explore the change of UAE life and changes with 7 emirates and 5 oceans. ~~hij~~ living memory (historical events, people and places)
 Diwali and the festival of lights.

Science

Unit 1: Humans – children will look at senses and parts of the body.

Unit 2: Earth – looking at land and water.

Special Events & Trips

- Local Area Bus Trip
- Diwali
- National Day
- Flag Day

Geography

Human and Physical (human Features) linking to where they live and local area. E.g. shops, houses, city, town. Compare to UK?
 Physical Features – linking to the UAE wider area e.g. Beaches, Mountains and compare.

Art/Design Technology/Music

- Children will make a self-portrait using different materials.
- Design a physical feature.

PSHE

- Sustainable and Development Goals.
- Good Health & Wellbeing

Phonics

Phase 3 Sounds

PE

50 to 100 metres run, Jumping, and balancing



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Positive reward scheme

- ☐ Giving praise and positive feedback
- ☐ Dojo points
- ☐ GEMS Awards such as GEM of the day, GEM of the week, GEM of the term
- ☐ Subject, effort and improvement awards at celebration events
- ☐ Celebration assemblies-Termly
- ☐ Extension of school privileges, including trips and award days
- ☐ Newsletters



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GCS School Uniform FS1 - Y6

CORE UNIFORM			FS1-Y1			BOYS - CORE UNIFORM			Y2-Y6			GIRLS - CORE UNIFORM			Y2-Y6			PE & WINTERWEAR			UNISEX								
BOYS			NAVY SOCKS			BELT			SHORT/LONG SLEEVES SHIRTS			SHORT/LONG SLEEVES BLOUSE			HEAD SCARF PAPPYRUS			POLO SHIRTS KG1 TO G8			NAVY TRACK PANT								
CREAM POLO DRI FIT MATERIAL			GREY SHORTS			GREY TROUSER (BOYS)																							
GIRLS			NAVY SOCKS			BELT			GREY TROUSER			NAVY SOCKS			BELT			SKORT			TROUSER - GIRLS (MTM OPTION)			HOUSE COLOURS			WHITE SOCKS		
CREAM POLO DRI FIT MATERIAL			SKORT			TROUSER - GIRLS (MTM OPTION)			NAVY SOCKS			BELT			OPTIONAL (MTM OPTION)			SCRUNCHIE & HAIR BAND			PULLOVER			JACKET			LEGIONNAIRE CAP KG1 to G2		
SCHOOL BAGS WITH LOGO 12 inches bag			SCHOOL BAGS WITH LOGO			SCHOOL BAGS WITH LOGO			SCHOOL BAGS WITH LOGO			SCHOOL BAGS WITH LOGO			SCHOOL BAGS WITH LOGO			SCHOOL BAGS WITH LOGO			BLACK & WHITE SHOES			BLACK & WHITE SHOES			BLACK & WHITE SHOES		

- Only burgundy tights
- Black leather shoes please. No trainers.
- Ties are compulsory from Year 2 and above.



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School Bags: FS1-Year 12

- Due to health and safety, no trolley bags are allowed within the school. Students must carry their bags on their shoulders.

Recommended bags:



SCHOOL BAGS WITH LOGO
12 Inches bag



SCHOOL BAGS WITH LOGO



16 Inches



18 Inches



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Things to Remember!



- Your child needs a **labelled water bottle** each day. There are water fountains to refill the water.
- **2 Face Masks and hand sanitiser**
- **PE Kit must only be worn on the day they have PE** – your teacher will notify you in advance of which day of the week your PE lesson will be



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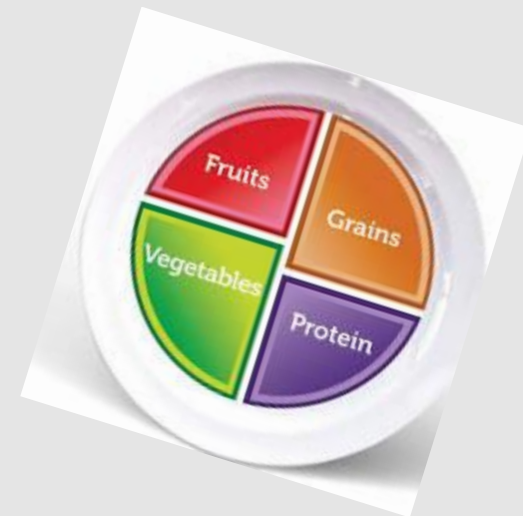
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Snack & Lunch

- We are a healthy school and encourage healthy food to be consumed.
- Students should bring 1 small healthy snack e.g. a piece of fruit, some vegetables or a yoghurt.
- In their lunchbox they should have a variety of healthy foods from the different food groups e.g. a sandwich/chapati/wrap/rice, yoghurt/leban, dried fruits, cheese sticks or fresh fruit and veg.
- Please note no chocolate, nuts, sweets or fizzy drinks please.
- Children will not be allowed to share food.



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Supporting your child at home

- Please read with your child every day in both your home language and English!
- Revisit learning from the week as guided by your child's class teacher.
- Real life experiences – take children shopping and get them to pay using money, bake a cake allowing your child to measure the ingredients etc.
- Play board games, don't forget to teach your child about how to lose. They can't always be the winner at school!
- Teach them to be independent, by getting them to help out with household chores and being responsible for their belongings.



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How GCS supports our parents

- Every Thursday afternoon, parents will receive a weekly email with information on what curriculum content has been covered and what your child will cover the following week.
- We would expect a minimum expectation of 20 minutes of reading per day.
- Homework will be assigned every Thursday and will be submitted to the class teacher every Tuesday. This will be acknowledged and returned to your child before they leave school on a Thursday.
- Every Tuesday afternoon there will be an opportunity for parents to meet virtually with their Class Teacher. This is an opportunity to discuss any concerns or ask any questions you may have. A Zoom link will be sent out to you each week.
- Our priority is the teaching and learning of your child however we will respond to your email within 24 hours. **If your communication is urgent, please contact our reception team by telephone and they will be able to pass on the message.**



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Text Books

- Your child will receive a textbook in the following subjects:
 - Maths
 - English
 - Science
 - MoE
- Text books will need to be brought to school every Monday so that your child can access the learning materials. They will be returned home every Thursday. If these are not returned this will impact on your child's learning.
- If your child does not have their books on 3 occasions then your child's book must remain in school and not return home.
- If your child has lost their books then there will be an expectation that you pay for new books.



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Extra Curricular Activities (ECA)

As a school we offer a range of extra-curricular activities ranging from sport, art, music, innovation, etc. Primary ECAs take place during school hours.

We believe that these activities enhance a child's learning and makes them a well-rounded individual.



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Thank you to all parents that have ensured that their Term 1 school fees and book fees have been paid as this allows us to share vital information about your child's class and their teacher.

We can't wait to welcome your child back to school!





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