

A LifePlus® International School

Parent – School Contract

The WellSpring Private School

Academic Year (2025 - 2026)

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1. Introduction

A positive and constructive relationship between the school and families is key to ensuring student well-being, which is at the core of a practical educational experience. Both schools and families benefit when these constructive relationships are based on clearly agreed-upon terms and the outlined conditions in a contract.

In addition to this contract, schools should have adequate procedures to address and mitigate parental concerns and complaints. At the same time, parents should be recognised and used as valuable resources and partners in their children's educational experience.

To ensure that all parties in this relationship understand their duties and responsibilities, all families must read this document carefully and sign it <u>only</u> <u>after</u> the school has addressed all queries.

The terms and conditions outlined in this contract are a reference for any potential dispute resolution. RAK DOK will uphold the agreement specified in this contract when a party refers to a matter to RAK DOK for deliberation and any future recommendation.

2. Glossary of Terms

Term	Definition		
Authority or RAK DOK	Ras Al Khaimah Department of		
	Knowledge		
МоЕ	Ministry of Education		
Child	The child or children (at any		
	age) admitted by the school to		
	be educated and whose name		
	appears in this document.		
Contract	This document sets out the		
	responsibilities of both the school and		
	the parent.		
Educational model	The form of teaching and learning a		
	school delivers or facilitates. In this		
	context, 'educational model' refers to		
	face-to-face or online, blended, or		
	distance learning.		

Educational services	The services a school provides		
	to support the students'		
	learning and development.		
Face-to-face learning or onsite	Teaching and learning occur when		
learning	students and teachers are together in		
	a physical school building.		
Additional Learning Needs	Individual requirements for additional		
	support, modifications, or		
	accommodation within a school		
	setting on a permanent or temporary		
	basis in response to a specific context.		
	This applies to any support required		
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	for Students of Determination, those with special educational needs and/or		
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	additional barriers to learning, access, or interaction in that specific context		
	(e.g., dyslexia, hearing or visually		
	impaired, or gifted and/or talented).		
Individualised Education Plan	An individualised plan or programme		
(I.E.P.)	designed for children with SEN/SEND		
	to describe the provision and		
	adaptations they need to access their		
	learning and set personalised targets.		
Parent	Refers to one or both people legally		
	responsible for a child, including		
	biological parents or legal guardians.		
	This also includes anyone entrusted		
	with the child's care by law or		
	appointed as a guardian by court		
	order, as defined by the <i>Federal</i>		
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	Decree Law No. 3 of 2016 Concerning		
	Child Rights.		
Policies	The principles, guidelines and/or rules		
	adopted by a school and shared with		
	all stakeholders to achieve specific		
	objectives. These objectives could be		
	related to any issue about the school's		
	operation, such as academics, health		
	and safety, or students' behaviour.		
School	The educational institution that		
	provides education for students.		
School tuition fees	Any financial amounts owed to the		
	school for a student's enrolment,		
	education and related activities.		
	These fees are communicated and are		
	stipulated in this contract.		
Student(s)	All those children admitted and		
	registered at the school must be		
	educated at any grade level.		
Thind mounts	The provider ether then the coheel of		
Third-party	The provider, other than the school, of		
	a specific service for the students via the school.		
Students of Determination			
Students of Determination	Students with long-term physical,		
	mental, intellectual, or sensory		
	impairment that, in interaction with various barriers, hinder their full and		
	effective participation in education on		
	an equal basis with peers of the same		
	age.		

3. Admissions

The **WellSpring Private School** is pleased to offer (Insert Student Name Here) holder of Emirates ID no (Insert Emirates ID Number Here) enrolment in (Insert Grade Here) for the academic year **2025-2026**.

Registration and Admission Fees

New students' admission

- Schools may register new students any time during the academic year, provided they meet the requirements, obtain approval from RAK DOK, and adhere to the designated registration periods.
- New schools must have RAK DOK pre-approval before registering students.
- Schools shall develop and implement an Admissions Policy per the RAK DOK policies and regulations.
- The registration deposit for new students **should not exceed 5% of the** annual tuition fees.
- The registration deposit is deductible from the first term's tuition fees.
- If new students enrol during the academic year, the school can charge tuition fees starting from the month of enrolment. (For example, if a student enrols in a new school in the 3rd week of October, the school can charge tuition fees from the beginning of October).
- Schools cannot request registration deposit payment until they have been formally offered enrolment.

- Application fee: Before receiving a formal offer of enrolment, schools may charge an application fee of a maximum of AED 500.
- Application fee is optional fee for schools who conduct entry assessments for new students.
 - o Refundable if the school **does not offer** the student a place.
 - Non-refundable if the school does offer the student a place and the student chooses not to accept it.
 - Not deductible from the total tuition fees to be paid if the student is offered and accepts a place.

Currently enrolled students

- The re-registration deposit should not exceed 5% of the annual tuition fees or AED 500 (whichever is higher).
- The re-registration deposit is deductible from the first term's fees.
- The school cannot request additional fees or deposits other than the re-registration mentioned above.
- Schools that begin the academic year in September <u>can only collect</u> reregistration deposits after the end of the Spring break.
- Schools that begin the academic year in April can only collect reregistration deposits after the end of the Winter break.
- Schools that begin the academic year in January can only collect reregistration deposits after the end of Summer Break.

Additional Learning Needs

To ensure productive learning experience for all students, including students of determination, the **school and the families must always work in partnership**. This collaboration is defined by certain expectations from both parties to set the conditions for a successful student identification and support mechanism.

Parents are expected to:

- Provide the school copies of all medical, psychological or educational
 assessments or reports before entry (where applicable). These
 documents greatly support the school in assessing your child better
 and planning to meet their educational needs. Failure to disclose such
 information, including deliberately withholding, may result in your
 child not progressing/enrolling/re-enrolling the school.
- Notify the Principal in writing if you are aware of **or suspect your child** has or might have a learning difficulty. This helps the school assess the level of support required. Parents will be asked to withdraw their child, subject to RAK DOK approval, if, in the professional judgment of the Principal and the child's teachers, and after consultation with the parents and with the student (where appropriate), the school suspects that such vital information about students with additional learning needs has been deliberately withheld.

4. Guidelines for student transfers between schools

To be admitted to a private school in Ras Al Khaimah, a student must meet the minimum age requirements specified in Table 1 (below). This is a legal requirement for student enrolment in private schools in Ras Al Khaimah.

- For schools that start the academic year in **September**, the age requirement in the table refers to the student's age as of **August 31**.
- For schools that started the academic year in **April**, the age requirement in the table refers to the student's age as of **March 31**.

Table 1: Age/grade requirements for enrolling students in a RAK private school according to Ministerial Decree no. 24 for the year 2021:

Level	Schools / Year	Minimum age (for entry)	Maximum age (as a cut-off for this grade)
А	Pre-KG / FS1	3	4

В	K.G. 1 / FS2	4	5
С	K.G. 2 / Year 1	5	6
D	Grade 1 / Year 2	6	8
Е	Grade 2 / Year 3		9
F	Grade 3 / Year 4		10
G	Grade 4 / Year 5		11
Н	Grade 5 / Year 6	Based on	12
I	Grade 6 / Year 7		13
J	Grade 7 / Year 8	the transfer	14
K	Grade 8 / Year 9	certificate	15
L	Grade 9 / Year 10	Certificate	16
М	Grade 10 / Year 11		17
N	Grade 11 / Year 12		18
0	Grade 12 / Year 13		19

5. Fees (including tuition, uniform, books, and transportation)

Payment of tuition and other fees is critical for school operations and sustainability. All schools, has financial commitments to pay salaries, maintain the physical environment, provide learning resources, and enhance student learning through various programs and external benchmark assessments.

RAK DOK must approve all fees. Schools must communicate the approved fees to all stakeholders through their official channels.

- a. The party responsible for the payment of fees must be clearly identified.
- b. The school confirms that parents will not require additional mandatory fees during the academic year 2025-2026 except for fees indicated in this contract.
- c. Parents must commit to paying the school fees for the academic year

2025-2026

- d. The Tuition fee structure for the academic year **2025-2026** is represented in Table 2 (below). Parents are required to pay these fees in full before the end of the academic year.
- e. Schools may charge a separate fee for Board exams however, schools not to charge additional fees for benchmark assessments.
- f. The school may charge additional fees for learning support services for registered students of determination. Schools refer to RAK DOK policies for further information.
- g. Parents have the right to request from the school RAK DOK written approval for any additional mandatory fees.

Table 2: **The WellSpring Private** School's mandatory fees for Academic Year **2025-2026**. For more specifics on fees please refer to the Tuition and Fees document found HERE

Mandatory Item	Fee (AED)	Due Date	
		(DD/MM/YYYY)	
Early Childhood	17000 - 28000	First Installment : 01/08/2025	
Elementary	30000 - 32000		
High School	38250 - 42000	Second installment: 01/12/2025 Third installment:	
		01/03/2026	

5.1 Registration Fees Payment and Refunds

- Application fees: Schools may charge up to AED 500 to process the
 application of new students. This fee includes standard assessment
 fees and is **not deductible** from the tuition fees. The fees may be
 refundable if the schools refuse to enrol the child.
 - Registration fees: Schools may ask parents to pay a
 deposit to confirm new enrolment. This deposit is payable
 after the student has been offered a place and parents
 have accepted the offer. The registration deposit cannot

- be more than 5% of the total tuition fees and **is deductible from the total tuition fees** for the academic year.
- Re-registration fees: Schools may ask parents to pay a reregistration deposit to guarantee a place for their children for the following academic year. This deposit cannot exceed 5% of the total tuition fees, or AED 500 (whichever is higher), and is deductible from the total tuition fees for the academic year.

5.2 Non-Payment Regulations

- The school may offer payment facilities, payment plans, or scholarships to some students subject to the school's approval process.
- The school must ensure clear communication with parents regarding the payment collection process.
- The school must notify both parents/guardians in case of a missed payment.
- The school may withhold student certificates and reports until all outstanding fees are paid in full.
- The school can withhold re-enrolment for the next academic year until all outstanding payments are collected at the beginning of the next academic year, provided parents are provided three warnings by the end of the current academic year.
- The school may temporarily suspend the student from school for three
 (3) days per term for incomplete payment. However, this can only occur after the school has issued three warnings to parents and is subject to RAK DOK approval.

- The school cannot prevent students from sitting for any end-ofterm or end-of-year examinations or any examinations assigned during the term due to non-payment of school fees.
- The school must be discrete when handling all non-payment issues to protect students from unnecessary attention and embarrassment.

5.3 Refund Policy

Refunds may be considered by the school in extenuating circumstances, such as evidence of family/student relocating to another country or Emirate. Such cases may be submitted to RAK DOK for review.

If a refund is granted, the school fees will be calculated as follows:

- Tuition fees paid before the beginning of the academic year are refundable, with only the registration/re-registration fees deducted.
- One month's fees will be deducted if the student is enrolled for two weeks or less.
- If the student was enrolled in the school for a period between two weeks and one month, two months' fees will be deducted.
- The full-term fees will be deducted if the student has enrolled for over a month.
- The refund policy is applicable per term based on the withdrawal request date.
- Refunds will be calculated by month; the monthly value will be the total tuition fees divided into 10 months.
- Book fees are refundable if the student withdraws before the beginning of the academic year.
- The same conditions for a refund of the tuition fees will apply to transportation fees.
- Any provisions in any other policies or approvals that contradict this policy will be repealed.

5.4 Discounts policy

 The school may offer discounts, payment plans, or scholarships to students, subject to the school's internal approval processes and policies.

Note: If a sibling discount is provided without a specified duration or conditions, parents must be given at least one academic year's notice before the discount is changed or cancelled.

5.5 Payment conditions

- Schools cannot request additional payments beyond the registration or re-registration deposits required to secure a student's enrolment or re-enrolment.
- Tuition fees can be paid as a lump sum for the whole academic year, or in three (3) instalments, due at the beginning of each term. The first term's payment should not exceed 40% of the annual tuition fees, the second term's payment should not exceed 30%, and the third term's payment should not exceed 30% of the annual tuition fees.
- Alternatively, schools can collect annual tuition fees in ten (10) equal monthly instalments, calculated by dividing the total tuition fees by ten (10).
- Schools may only request a registration deposit once a student has been offered a place in the school.

6. Curriculum and Educational Programmes

- **Mandatory Subjects:** All Muslim students are required to study Islamic Education from Grades 1 to 12.
- All students registered with an Arab passport must study Arabic as a first language (Arabic A) from Grades 1 to 12.
- Students with a non-Arab passport must study Arabic as an additional language (Arabic B) from Grades 1 to 9.

- Social and Moral Education studies are mandatory from Grades 1 to 9.
- All mandatory subjects are subject to modifications by the UAE Ministry of Education. Any changes or updates will be communicated to all private schools.

7. Assessments requirements

The assessment plan and policy for **The WellSpring Private** School focus on teacher-led assessment of students' progress and attainment. The external benchmark assessments, highlighted in the table below, form an essential measurement of student performance and are used as one of the many indicators to assess the school's overall quality. These assessments contribute to measuring your child's progress and the overall school's quality evaluation.

Table 3: Summary of RAK DOK's AY25/26 Mandatory External Benchmark Assessments that align with the UAE Ministry of Education's requirements:

Table A: International Assessments and External Benchmark Assessments

International Assessments and	Targeted avades	\A/bish students now
External Benchmark Assessments	Targeted grades	Which students par
national assessments:		
Programme for International Student Assessment		
(PISA)		
Trends in International Mathematics and Science	■ 15-year-olds	Cample of students
Study (TIMSS)	Grades 4 and 8	Sample of students (informed by MoE)
Progress in International Reading Literacy Study	■ Grade 4	Informed by MoE)
(PIRLS)		

nal	Benchmark	Assessments	ın	Arabic,		
emat	ics, Science, and	d English			All grades from 3 to 9	All students
to Ta	able B, as recomi	mended for each (curric	ulum)	All grades Horit's to 9	All students
4 (or	r any equivalent	t)			Grades 3, 5, 7 & 9	All students

Table B: Required External Benchmark Assessments per school curriculum

Curriculum	External Benchmark Assessment (online versions only) * Any equivalent test with an approved provider	Subjects	All students in Targeted Grades
UK	• GL. – P.T. Test series (P.T.E., P.T.M., P.T.S.)	English, Mathematics, Science	Grades 3 to 9
	 ACER – I.B.T. or A.B.T. or other appropriate external benchmark assessment 	Arabic	
US	 NWEA – M.A.P. (three times per year) 	English, Mathematics, Science	Grades 3 to 9
	 ACER – I.B.T. or A.B.T. or other appropriate 	Arabic	

	external benchmark		
	assessment		
IB	■ NWEA – M.A.P.	English, Mathematics,	Grades 3 to 9
	• G.L. – P.T. Test series	Science	Grades 5 to 5
		Science	
	(P.T.E., P.T.M., P.T.S.) • ACER – I.S.A.		
		A I - : -	
	■ E.I. – ASSET	Arabic	
	ACER – I.B.T. or A.B.T. or		
	other appropriate		
	external benchmark		
CADIC	assessment	Contine Mathematics	Cuadas 7 to 0
SABIS	■ NWEA – M.A.P.	English, Mathematics,	Grades 3 to 9
	• G.L. – P.T. Test series	Science	
	(P.T.E., P.T.M., P.T.S.)		
	■ ACER – I.S.A.		
	■ E.I. – ASSET	Arabic	
	ACER – I.B.T. or A.B.T. or		
	other appropriate		
	external benchmark		
	assessment		
Indian	■ EI – ASSET	English, Mathematics,	Grades 3 to 9
	ACER – IBT	Science	
		Arabic	
	 ACER – I.B.T. or A.B.T. or 		
	other appropriate		
	external benchmark		
	assessment		

Pakistan	■ EI – ASSET	English, Mathematics,	Grades 3 to 9	
	■ ACER – IBT	Science		
	■ ACER – I.B.T. or A.B.T. or	Arabic		
	other appropriate			
	external benchmark			
	assessment			
Bangladesh	■ EI – ASSET	English, Mathematics,	Grades 3 to 9	
	■ ACER – IBT	Science		
	■ ACER – I.B.T. or A.B.T. or	Arabic		
	other appropriate			
	external benchmark			
	assessment			
UAE MoE	 ACER – I.B.T. Arabic, 	Arabic, English,	Grades 3 to 9	
	English, Mathematics &	Mathematics and		
	Science	Science		
	• A.B.T. (The International			
	Benchmark Test for			
	Arabic Subjects)			
	 The Test of Arabic 			
	Language Arts (TALA)			

Please note: During the Academic year (2025/2026), your school will be required to conduct an external benchmark assessment for the Arabic language for all students in Grades 3 to 9. RAK DOK has identified a range of pre-approved providers to conduct these assessments.

A wide variety of both formative and summative internal assessments will be used to measure student outcomes. Regularly using authentic, high-quality formative assessments is expected to increase student achievement.

8. UAE certificate equivalency requirements

For the UAE certificate equivalency requirements, please visit the UAE. Ministry of Education website (https://www.moe.gov.ae)

9. Extracurricular activities

Extracurricular activities can enhance and support student learning and engagement. Students can engage in activities promoting innovation, creativity, and social contribution, providing a well-rounded education. These activities encourage students to engage in community service learning, allowing them to positively impact and contribute to their community. A strong emphasis is placed on sustainable development activities that enhance well-being, such as promoting physical activity for a healthy lifestyle and fostering community engagement.

The school may offer a diverse range of social, cultural, intellectual, emotional, and physical extracurricular activities across most grade levels. These activities are designed to extend students' learning and interests and are planned by developmental area (e.g., social, emotional, intellectual, cultural, or physical) to ensure a balanced program. Students can sign up for clubs and activities that interest them after reviewing the extracurricular activity booklet provided to parents and students before the selection period. Most activities are scheduled once a week, but the school may decide to offer additional days. The extracurricular offerings may vary yearly based on student interest, teacher availability, and expertise.

All extracurricular activities supervised by (*The WellSpring Private* school faculty and conducted using *The WellSpring Private* school facilities are already included in the tuition fees. However, parents may be required to pay additional fees if an activity requires the school to hire an external provider or if the activity occurs in an external facility (outside the school premises). Parents will be informed of any additional costs in advance through the extracurricular activity booklet released before activity selection. Parents

must complete registration forms each term to permit their child to participate in these activities.

Schools must obtain RAK DOK approval for any additional fees before requesting them from Parents.

Please refer to the school's "extracurricular activities" policy for details.

10. Communication

Effective communication fosters a strong partnership between the school and parents, enhancing the student's learning experience. Communication with parents should be conducted through various channels, including the school's website, pamphlets, the school parents' communication platform, and newsletters. All communications from the school must be provided in the school's language of instruction, and an additional language should be included that best serves the needs of the school community.

The responsibilities of the school include:

- Communicating all school policies, any changes, and important announcements to parents promptly.
- Using all contact details provided by parents to communicate key messages.
- Keeping parents informed by updating the school's information on policies, expectations, programs, staff, and any other necessary details.
- Informing parents of their child's progress through regular assessment reports (at least 3) and parent/teacher meetings. The school commits to fairness, objectivity, transparency, and credibility in the assessment reports shared.
- Offering parents the opportunity to see and review their child's work and assessments.

The responsibilities of the parents include:

- Providing the school with accurate and updated contact details, including home and mobile numbers, email addresses, and home addresses, and updating the school about any changes in the contact information.
- Regularly check the school-established communication channels for any updates and important information.
- Approach school staff respectfully when making inquiries about their child's progress.
- Attend all scheduled meetings, conferences, and reviews regarding their child's progress and performance. Active participation and involvement in these meetings are crucial and may impact their child's re-enrolment prospects for the following year.
 - Ensuring your child(ren) maintains high attendance and punctuality to support their academic progress.
 - Ensuring your children adhere to the school code of conduct and behaviour policy.

11. Attendance and punctuality

Regular attendance is important to ensure all students have the best opportunity to learn and achieve their potential. Similarly, regular lateness to school can negatively impact student achievement and disrupt the learning experiences of other students. Therefore, parents, students, and the school must collaborate to promote and maintain high attendance rates.

The responsibilities of the school include:

 Sharing and implementing a clear school policy on attendance and punctuality, emphasising that attendance is mandatory for all students on all school days.

- Clearly define the school's expectations regarding punctuality throughout the school day, including the definition of a school day, the start of the registration process, and distinctions between excused and unexcused absences.
- Proactively communicate with parents if there is a pattern of nonattendance or lateness to encourage improvement.
- Notify the Child Protection Unit if a student is absent for more than three (3) consecutive days without a valid excuse or response from parents/quardians.
- Schools must promptly report chronic absenteeism (10 consecutive or 15 non-consecutive days of unexcused absences) to RAK DOK in the first instance.
- To share the *Ministry of Education (MoE) Students Behaviour Policy* with all parents for their acknowledgement and signature.

The responsibilities of the parents include:

- Review, agree to, and support the school's policy on attendance and punctuality.
- Encourage and support their child's regular attendance and punctuality, adhering to the school's set start and end times.
- Understand and comply with the school's policy that continued tardiness and absenteeism may lead to disciplinary actions and affect their child's re-enrolment for the following academic year.
- Sign the MoE's Student Behavior Policy provided by the school.

RAK DOK endorses these decisions, and the Authority will uphold the consequences of continued tardiness and absenteeism.

12. Attitudes and Behaviour

Schools aim to provide all students with a safe and supportive environment, enabling them to reach their full academic and personal potential. To achieve this goal, students and parents are responsible for adhering to the *school's behaviour policy* attached to this contract. This contract outlines the expected conduct during school hours, extracurricular activities, on school buses, school trips, and student participation in social media forums.

• Ensuring the student understands the school's expectations and potential consequences of breaching the behaviour code.

The school maintains a zero-tolerance policy for bullying in all its forms, including emotional, physical, psychological, and cyberbullying. Proven instances of intentional bullying may result in immediate suspension of the aggressor from the school according to the regulations followed in the MOE Student Behaviour Policy. Such cases will be referred to RAK DOK for ratification.

Further, the school **will not tolerate** any form of defamation or intentional harm practised through social media forums. The school must set a clear policy for parents and students about using and participating in social media outlets and forums. This policy must include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Parents and students in all grade levels using any social media forum must always demonstrate respect for the school community members (including all students and staff).
- Parents and students must not breach confidentiality, defame, or make threats to any person in the school community.

Instances of proven and intentional breach of the above will result in sanctions that may include suspension from the school.

Disciplinary Actions:

**The school has the right to issue warning letters to students for any behavioural issues. Where necessary, the school may require the student to sign an undertaking letter to ensure similar unacceptable behaviours will not happen again.

** After obtaining RAK DOK approval, the school reserves the right to suspend a student for up to three days in case of any serious behavioural issue.

**The school reserves the right to not re-enrol students for the next academic year in cases of repeated behavioural issues. This decision will be documented where all warning letters are dated and with the necessary supporting evidence. Such refusal to re-enrol students will require prior RAK DOK approval.

13. Health and Safety

The school and parents are responsible for providing students with a safe and healthy environment. In this context, the school will issue and enforce various health and safety guidelines that parents must follow to ensure their children are fully compliant.

The responsibilities of the school include:

- Providing students with appropriate medical care as per the regulations.
- Providing students with medical conditions and the care and attention they deserve while always treating cases with confidentiality.
- Promoting and reinforcing awareness about healthy lifestyle habits, including choice of food and regular exercise.

The responsibilities of the parents include:

- Sharing all relevant information about their child's medical condition and history with the school.
- Ensuring that meals and snacks provided to students adhere to the school's policies and guidelines.
- Supporting the school's decision to confiscate food and drink items that do not fit the expectations set by the school.

14. Transportation

The school is responsible for ensuring student safety on school buses, whether managed by the school or outsourced to a third party. The school will implement rigorous safety procedures outlined in a school policy and ensure the full implementation of the policies and guidelines outlined by the relevant authorities.

The following are expectations set by the school for parents:

A. Private vehicles:

- To ensure student safety, parents driving to school will receive a route map detailing entry and exit points.
- Parents must follow the designated entry and exit routes the school sets.
- School personnel/staff who manage student arrival and dismissal must follow all instructions.

B. Buses:

 School buses, whether managed by the school or outsourced to a third party, are considered part of the school premises when used by students. • Students and parents must comply with all safety rules and behaviour expectations set by the school and enforced by personnel.

*Failure to comply with transportation rules may result in disciplinary action and affect a student's eligibility for transportation services in the following academic year.

15. Distance and Blended Learning Mode

During the academic year, there may be times, such as inclement weather, when the school may shift from face-to-face to online learning. This decision is made by the school principal in consultation with RAK DOK and other relevant Government entity directives. Health and safety of students and staff are the primary considerations when determining whether to switch from face-to-face to online learning.

If the school switches to online learning, even for a short period (e.g. one day), learning is expected to continue uninterrupted for all students. The school will monitor student attendance, class participation, and learning activities during distance and blended learning days.

School responsibilities during distance and blended learning

- Providing updated information to parents and the school community about school policies, rules, expectations, possible changes, programmes, and any other necessary information from the school.
- Communicating the school's timetable and routine, including mode of teaching and learning (e.g. live sessions, recorded sessions, selflearning).
- Sharing the school's main staff contact points with parents, including the best ways to contact them.
- Responding to parents' calls and requests promptly
- Informing parents and students of the exams and assessment platforms, including the expectations and responsibilities of all parties.

- Ensuring a flexible timetable that accommodates working parents' needs to support their children when possible.
- Communicating the availability of extracurricular activities and the mode of delivery, if applicable
- Raising awareness and setting clear expectations of safe online behaviour for both parents and students
- Ensuring the safety and security of I.T. systems and programmes used to deliver distance learning
- Supporting students' wellbeing and raising awareness about protecting their mental, physical, and emotional health
- Regularly updating parents on their child's progress
- Informing parents about their child's attendance and behaviour when applicable.
- Ensure that the resources required for home activities are accessible and not onerous to parents.
- Inform parents about how different events will be held.
- Communicate with parents about the delivery of intervention plans for students with additional learning needs or for students of determination.

Parent's Responsibilities during distance and blended learning

- Ensuring your child attends classes, activities, assessments and exams on time.
- Keeping up-to-date with news or announcements from the school and responding in a timely manner when required.
- Being courteous when communicating with staff and students.
- Adhering to the school's requirements for completing tasks and homework within the time specified by the school.
- Complying with the school's policy on assessment and examinations.
- If needed, support your child's physical, emotional and mental wellbeing in collaboration with the school.
- Formally inform the school if your child faces any challenges.

- Ensure students have the devices and resources needed to access distance learning.
- Complying with school policy on parent and student behaviour.
- Keeping your child/children at home if they are generally unwell.

Terms & Conditions:

 If your child has a chronic illness that prevents them from attending school in person, the school must provide a distance learning option according to the conditions specified by RAK Department of Knowledge. The school will decide the most suitable learning approach for the child such as online, submission of projects/assignments, hybrid etc.

16. Appeal process

Every school must set up an appeal process to ensure parents and students have the right to fair and impartial decisions affecting their educational experience. While it is best to resolve issues informally through meetings and discussions, some concerns and complaints may require further deliberation. Parents are expected to follow this process for conflict resolution within the school:

- a. If a student or parent wants to question a decision made by the school, the parent should first meet the person directly involved in the decision, such as a teacher or supervisor.
- b. If the parent is still unsatisfied, they should meet with the head of the section or a representative of the senior leadership team where applicable.
- c. If the issue is unresolved, the parent must meet the director or Principal.
- d. If the issue remains unresolved after this stage, the parents should write an official letter to the school's relevant committee (e.g. the Grievance

Committee); the school may then form a committee comprised of a teacher, a parent, a school leader, and a member of the Board of Governors.

None of the committee members shall have any connection to the original concern or complaint. The committee will study the matter and issue a written report to the school's Principal (director) and the parent within 10 working days.

e. Each process step from (A to C) should not exceed five (5) working days. If the parent is still not satisfied, then the parent has the right after that to refer the matter to RAK DOK by raising it through the E-Feedback System (official portal or by emailing info@dok.rak.ae

RAK DOK has the right to uphold or repeal any decision. RAK DOK's final decisions are binding on both the school and parents.

This contract is the sole reference for the Ras Al Khaimah Department of Knowledge to resolve any dispute between the school and the parents. It supersedes all prior or subsequent agreements and understandings between both parties, including school policies that may conflict with its clauses.

Declaration

I/We, parent/ guardian of (Insert Student Name Here), hereby certify that I/we have read the terms and conditions and all related school policies and agree to abide by them.

I/we agree to support the school in all aspects of our child's education and any sanctions that may be deemed appropriate concerning my child.

I/we, parent/guardian, hereby agree to pay all mandatory fees (including tuition) to the school on time. If, for any reason, there is a need to delay payments, this should be communicated in writing to the school for their review and agreement, who may agree to a payment plan with the parent. All outstanding fees must be paid before the end of the current academic year. Failure to comply may result in the school withholding the student's transfer certificate, leaving certificate, or school reports. It is also important to note that the student will not be eligible to be enrolled in another school until all outstanding fees have been paid to the school.

Please note that signing this contract implies fully accepting the above terms and conditions.

Important Information:

This contract is valid as long as your child studies at this school. Any future amendment to the contract will be shared with you for review, and concerns must be raised within four weeks of the announcement of changes. Beyond this period, the changes will be considered accepted by the parent.

The contract will automatically be renewed for the entire year if the student resumes classes for the new academic year at the same school.

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