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Dear Parents.

It is hard to believe that we have already been at school for over 4 weeks! Our students have come in ready to learn and have settled into the daily routines. Please remember that you play a vital role in your child's success at school. You can help by asking your child about his/her day, having a positive attitude about learning, and reading to or with your child every night.

We take great pride in educating children and will continue to ensure the safety and continued success of all of our students. Together, with the assistance of all parents, we can ensure that RBS remains a great place for learning.

Reach British School allows all students to contribute to a positive school culture and climate and a safe school environment for learning and building relationships with their peers. It is important to review classroom and school rules and expectations with your child to be able to support them at home.

School attendance is very important. Coming to school on-time, every day, is the best way to make sure that your student has access to their education and is prepared for learning. If a student is tardy five minutes every day, that is a total of 15 hours of missed school in one school year! If you are planning on missing part of the school day for a medical or dental appointment for your child, be sure to ask for a school excusal note from your child's doctor or dentist. If your child is ill, please call the school right away, and; if possible, request all missed work.

If you drove past the school or utilized our outdoor playing spaces this summer, you may have noticed numerous maintenance and construction projects. First, we repainted our classrooms and corridors. I am especially pleased with the new addition to our playground "Jungle Gym". This has been a huge hit with all our students.

Dene Bright

Principal



- 1. Coffee morning with the Head of Primary Thursday 4th Oct
- 2. Individual photos for students from Sunday 7th Tuesday 9th Oct
- 3. Internal & External ECA's will start on Tuesday 9th Oct
- 4. Parents council meeting Wednesday 10th Oct
- 5. Parent Workshop Wednesday 10th Oct
- 6. Science Week 14th Oct 18th Oct
- 7. Parent Teacher Conferences EYFS & Year 1-6 on Tuesday 16th.
- 8. Parent Teacher Conferences for Year 7-11 on Wednesday 17th Oct
- 9. Assessments Week (21st Oct-25th Oct)
- 10. Goldilocks and the Three Bears Show for FS&Year 1&2 on Thursday 25th Oct.
- 11. Pink Day on Sunday 28th Oct.
- 12. Black & Orange Day / Free Dress Day on Monday 30th Oct
- 13. Mid Term Break Wednesday & Thursday (31st Oct- 1st Nov)

2018

October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Dear Parents.

I would like to thank all teachers, students and the administrative staff for their hard work over the past five weeks. I am very proud to be part of the Reach British School team and look forward to supporting our teachers and see how our students make progress on their learning journey this year.

This is an exciting week as we are launching two online learning resources in Key Stage 2 and 3 for our year 3 to 8 students. We have carefully selected these resources as they are handy online learning tools that can be used in and outside the school to improve skills in Reading (Reading Eggs) and Mathematics (Mathletics).

We have also upgraded our students' play area by installing a Jungle Gym that our Primary students can now use during break times. Please be informed that we do not allow any students to play on the Jungle Gym before or after school hours and that we always remind our students to play safe and take turns when using it.

I would like to encourage all parents to make sure that you bring your children to school on time so that they are ready for the morning assembly that starts at 7:45 am. It is great to see positive, smiling children arriving at school each morning. Please make sure that your children get enough sleep so that they can enjoy school and are able to learn to the best of their ability!

Yours sincerely,

Johannes Bodenstein

Vice Principal

Message from Head of Secoandary

Dear Parents,

The students in secondary school all undertook baseline testing in Mathematics, English and Science during week 4. Our teachers are busy correcting these to give us useful data on the teaching and learning required this academic year.

The aesthetics of the secondary school are taking shape and already the walls and displays are starting to look very exciting with student work.

Kind regards,

Mr. Matthew Croasdell

Head of Secondary

Message from Head of Primary

that Dear Parents.

What a great start to the year we have had. We welcomed many new students who have begun their new academic studies here at Reach British school. Our teachers have undertaken a comprehensive assessment of each student in the core subjects. Teacher now know the current levels for Writing, Reading, Phonics and Math for each student in their class. With this information, teachers are planning differentiated lessons where student's needs are met and they can access work at their level.

We look forward to the start of Extra-Curricular Activities that begin in October. We have a range of activities, such as multi-sports, chess, swimming and kickboxing and our newly rolled out Academic ECA where we support students in booster classes that is aimed to consolidate and extend different focus points.

We are also very excited to announce the commencement of Mathletics and Reading Eggs that will support our students in their reading and math skills at home. In the month of October, we look forward to school trips for each year level, parent teacher meetings and lot more quality teaching and learning for our students.

As you are aware, Class Dojo is our main form of parent communication here at Reach British School. Please make sure as parents you are connected. The teacher will send weekly newsletter (Scope of work) and any important information regarding their class to Dojo. We have also implemented a new homework approach, that involves all parents being linked to the homework folder. Parents can view homework and download any documents to help support homework.

I would like to express my thanks for all the support you have shown the staff, school and me over the first month of school. Together we will work so that all our students are successful and reach their potential. Our teachers are available to meet and discuss any items, during a scheduled meeting time. Parents are asked to communicate first with the teacher involved with teaching your child – so that we can support our students.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Mr. Alan Moody

Head of Primary



Message from our Early Years Foundation School

On behalf of my brilliant, hardworking team and myself, I am pleased to share with you that all children in our FS1 and FS2 classes have settled in, and are thoroughly enjoying school.

Just to give you an idea of what is happening in our classes, here are a few notes below. Any additional information including weekly teaching and learning topics will be sent to you on Class Dojo by your child's class teachers.

I cannot stress to you that Class Dojo is the most important communication tool so if you have not downloaded the app and accepted your child's class teacher's invitation then please do not hesitate any longer – just do it! You will be kept up to date with everything!!

At present your child's time in school is a mixture of learning through play (outdoor and inside) using their first topic, All About Me. Children will have an opportunity to explore, create and communicate through various age appropriate activities to support and progress their learning and behaviour development.

In addition to this, children will begin to learn their letters and sounds through our Read Write Inc phonics scheme which will eventually support them with their reading and writing. Our Mathematics scheme is Busy Ants which has various practical and written activities to support and enhance their learning of numbers and problem solving.

Your child will have PE sessions which are recorded on the Timetable that your class teacher has sent you on Class Dojo. On that day, please send your child in their PE Kit. Please make sure ALL uniform, bags and water bottles are labelled with your child's name

Over this year, we hope your child has a happy and safe time learning new experiences, seeking out different opportunities and making friends in our school.

If you have any queries or problems at any time, please feel free to come and see your child's class teacher or any other staff in our department.

Ms Sally and all the EYFS Team.











Ms.Nariman Alatoum Social Worker

My name is Nariman Alatoum. I am happy to introduce myself as the

school Social Worker at Reach British School. I grew up in Jordan and I live now in Abu Dhabi. I received my Bachelor's degree in counselling and Psychological health from University of Jordan.

Before joining Reach British School, I worked as a Social Worker in several schools inside and outside the country with all grade level. I am really enjoying my role in encouraging all children to strive for their personal best. I am thrilled to be working with the students, teachers, administrators, and parents whom I so highly regard. My spare time is spent with my husband, and our wonderful girl.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for assistance. Wishing everyone a great 2018-2019 school year!



Mr. Ross Kavanagh Primary Teacher Year 3

Outside of teaching, I love to travel and in the last year I have travelled around Europe, visited New York and drove the whole of the east coast of Australia. Also I love sport and have a keen interest in both soccer and badminton.

Before joining Reach, I completed my teacher training in Scotland. I worked there for a year and then I have worked as a primary teacher for two years in my home country Ireland. I have experience in both resource and mainstream teaching.

I have settled in well to my new challenge at Reach. I hope the school will help me develop further as a teacher and introduce me to new strategies which I can implement in my classroom. As well as that it has given me the chance to develop new professional relationships.

New Staff

Each year brings positive change. This includes a new addition to our staff. We are delighted to welcome all the new staff who bring a solid skill set and a gentle, sensitive approach to meeting children's health and emotional needs. We are fortunate to have them on board this academic year.



Ms. Feenagh Davey English Teacher

I trained to be a teacher in Dublin, Ireland, and finished my degree in 2013. I have spent the last five years teaching in a high performing school in Dublin, which is also in the largest female secondary school in Ireland. I completed my Masters in Education in 2015, for which I achieved a first class honors degree.

I am excited to join the team at Reach, and I'm looking forward to the year ahead.



Ms. Karen Sadleir Science Teacher

I am very pleased to join RBS and become a member of the Science department. I completed my PGCE in Manchester, UK,3 years ago and continued to teach there as a Biology teacher.

I am Irish but have been living in different countries for the past 8 years; including Canada and The United Kingdom. My hobbies include; fitness, running, travelling and reading.

I am really looking forward to being a part of a new, developing school. I think that this is the perfect time to join such an exciting project. I am hoping to bring some ideas and suggestions but also to learn from others and further develop my teaching and learning as a secondary school teacher whilst providing the students with an engaging and challenging curriculum.

Attendance Policy

At Reach British School every lesson counts so we work tirelessly to encourage and reward good attendance and punctuality. Good attendance and punctuality is key to students' successful achievement. Research confirms that children with the best attendance and punctuality make the best progress.

The new attendance policy is in line with the UAE Federal Inspection Framework and the requirements of ADEK, the local regulatory body.

Please remember the following:

- 1. If a child is sick and not at school, we ask the family to let us know as early as possible and certainly no later than 8.15am on the same day. This should be by email to the class teacher and reception (info@reachbrisihschool.com) /telling the class teacher /reception in person or contacting the teacher on Class Dojo.
- 2. If you know in advance that your child will be absent (i.e. for the reasons above apart from sickness) please collect and return to reception a copy of our (Urgent Student Leave Request). This will be reviewed by the school principal and returned to you indicating to you whether the absence will be authorized or unauthorized. Leave will only be authorized if the child's attendance is already very good.
- 3. Any unauthorized absences of 10 consecutive days or more may ultimately result in the permanent removal of a child's place from the school.
- 4. For repeated unauthorized absences, we may either permanently exclude a student or withdraw their place for the following academic year. Schools will issue parents with a written warning following the 3rd day of unauthorized absence.
- 5. Students are considered to be truant (i.e. unauthorized absence) if they are absent from school without their family's knowledge or consent, or if families have colluded with the student so that they are absent without authorization.
- 6. School starts at 7.45 am with the national anthem followed by the morning assembly. All Students should be at school by 7:45 am this. Students are considered to be late at 8.05am. Students are accepted into class until 8.05am by the form tutor. After this time to minimise the disruption to lessons students must report to reception to sign in late.
- 7. <u>Late means they arrive in class after the register has been saved at 8:05am.</u>

School Matters!



Engage Parent Portal (New Communication Channel)

Dear Families.

We are pleased to announce to you Reach British School's Parent Portal as a new channel of communication. This is an online environment which has been created so that you can engage with your child's education and learning and communicate effectively with the school.

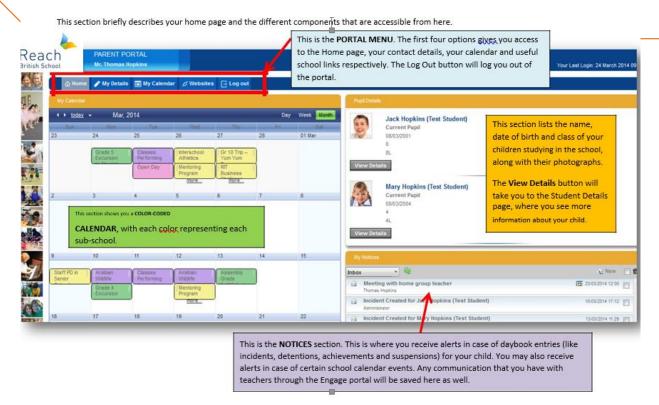
From the Portal homepage you will be able to access a number of features:

- My Events view your child's key school events for the week
 Subjects and Teachers view teacher name and subjects your child is studying
- My Documents view letters, documents and the weekly school newsletter
- Contact Details view contact details the school has on file. Update if necessary
- Attendance view live attendance and punctuality information
- Assessment Reports view written progress reports uploaded each academic term from the launch of the portal
- My Account View and download fees and invoice details

Over the coming months more features will be added to the Parent Portal.

We hope this enhances your experience and keeps you more informed about what is happening at Reach British School.

An invitation email will be sent to you this week, please follow the instruction on the email, to join us on the parent portal.



Reach British School Celebration of the 88th Saudi National Day



Reach British school has celebrated Saudi Arabia's 88th National Day. This aims to introduce students to the Saudi National Day so as to reinforce the bonds of love, brotherhood and unity between the two peoples of the UAE and Saudi Arabia.













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Library System for Students Easy Access

Reach British School Library is now offering a new service for all the students this school year. The school purchased a library software named Reading Cloud which can be beneficial to all students and parents. Students will be given a username and password and they can access the library resources anytime, anywhere.

This is one of the great features of our library software for parents who wish to become more involved in their child's reading journey.

Students can access it through the website https://www.readingcloud.net/

More Features of Reading Cloud:

- Who Next? Personalized list of Recommended Books based on user's past loans.
- Featured Author Profile of a particular Author, selection of their books, videos talking about their books, and links of other authors with the same writing style and genre.
- Star Review Showcases all the latest book reviews made by other students, staff/teachers and it's a great way to select their next book.
- Trending users can see at a glance which search term are trending in our school library or the reading cloud community. It includes hashtags from blogs and timeline posts too.
- Most Popular books they can find New Resources, Top Resources and Latest Returns.
- My Blog enables all users to become authors too by writing about what they enjoyed reading, which authors they like and what's happening in the library.
- My Home Library/My Account Details of books on loan, past loans and reservations



Canteen- New Internet-Based Payment System

Dear Parents,

Emirates Taste Catering Services (ETCS) is pleased to announce that we are now implementing a new internet-based payment system, which allows you the option of paying for child's meals online, via credit or debit card. Our new system will roll out on 2nd September 2018.

You can set up your account by visiting http://www.emiratestaste.ae/

You will I need your child's card number to complete the registration process. The new system allows families to set up accounts so that students can pay simply using their meal card. Here are some of the features of the new-system.

- Once the account is set up, parents have access to make payments and view student purchase history.
- The cost of the card is 10 AED paid once. (That will be deducted from the total amount of the load e.g.: if you load your child's card with 500 AED, the balance will be 490 AED)
- The cost of lost or damaged card is 10 AED.
- In case of lost card, Emirates Catering Services should be informed in order to stop the old card and transfer the balance to the new card.
- Refund will not be provided for absences.
- Cash payment will be accepted until the cards are activated. Once the student's card is activated no cash payment is accepted.
- Meals will be sent to FS1 & FS2 students once the monthly/ yearly order has been placed by parent.
- In case of forgotten card, student can get/ purchase a meal if he/she able to share the card I.D. number to the canteen representative. The amount will be automatically deducted from the student's balance.
- Payment for monthly/yearly "Order Forms" can be done by cheque only.
- Account balances are automatically updated when purchases are made.
- Money can easily be deposited in your child's account using debit or credit cards.
- You can easily generate and print card transaction report, payment detail report, and sales detail report.
- You get quick and easy access to your child's account 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- We do not share any information with third parties.
- The website is a secured site and utilizes all of the current industry privacy.

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Teaching Music at RBS

Introduction

My name is Maja and I am originally from Croatia. It is with great pleasure that I joined Reach British School as a Music Teacher of Primary Years.

I hold Master Degree in Music and I graduated at Academy of Music, the University of Zagreb in Croatia. During my studies, I spent a period of time at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (USA) doing research on different music approaches in Music Pedagogy.

I was teaching different music subjects in governmental and private schools in Croatia. 2012 I moved to Oman where I was teaching Music in one of the international schools. One year later I arrived in UAE where I've continued teaching in Dubai and Abu Dhabi.

From this academic year in Reach British School music is offered as a subject throughout all Primary Years as the part of IPC Curriculum.

Learning music and becoming musical is proven to have many positive impacts on total child's development hence I am very thrilled to see our students very active and excited while being involved in our music lessons. As a Music Teacher, I am very inspired to bring interesting music activities and performances to our school and to the community too.

Welcome to the music life and I am looking forward to meeting you.

Musically yours,
Maja Elias/Music Teacher









1. First Day of the School.





2. Photos from the Foundation Stage







3. Our new Jungle Gym





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Thought of the day













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