

# المدرسة الإنجلينية الحديثة THE ENGLISH MODERN SCHOOL P.O Box: 875, Doha – Qatar. Tel.: 44111911 Email: office@emswakra.net. Website: www.englishmodernschool.net CAMBRIDGE

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# Parents' To Do List:

- Check school
  website
- Check
  homework
- Check week
  ahead
- Email school with any query
- SMS with any query
- Read to your child daily
- Say thanks
- Praise your child for all their hard work
- Pay school fees.
- Eat well and exercise
- Get plenty of rest and have a great day!

# **Message from Head of School**



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# Dear Parents,

I am pleased to welcome you and your family back to school after a long summer vacation I hope you had an enjoyable holiday with family and friends. I would also take this opportunity to welcome our new and returning staff back. I look forward to sharing all the fantastic learning that will be happening in our school this year with you, to ensure that your children maximize the learning opportunities available to them in and out of the classroom environment.

Your support of the mission and vision of our school as valued stakeholders is of great importance to our school community. Hence, I encourage you to strive in making a positive contribution to your child's learning and development, by making sure that they are prepared and ready to attend school on time as well as meet the school's code of conduct at all times. As partners we share the responsibilities for our children's success; we will do our very best to carry out these responsibilities as we continue to provide the best learning outcome for our students. I am confident that a strong partnership with you will make a significant difference in your child's education. We are working hard to make sure that everything goes as smoothly as possible but just in case there are any bumps along the way, here are some useful tips and contacts below:

# EMS Newsletter

- Email us with your feedback at office@emswakra.net
- You can meet with me without an appointment when you drop off /pick up your child from school. (In the morning from 6.30am to 7.10am and afternoon 1.20pm to 2.00pm on Mondays and Tuesday only).
- You may also schedule an appointment to meet with your child's teacher, senior leadership, and Management Team as and when there is a need for you to do so.
- The link to our Facebook page is: https://www.facebook.com/EMSWakracampus.
- It is imperative that you and your child/children, get information regarding our school's standards related to appropriate behavior, learning, and school expectations; this is set out in our parent-student handbook to ensure a safe and productive school year for us all. The handbook is on our website www.englishmodernschool.net

# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**.

#### **Class allocation:**

We have put a lot of effort in allocating students to their respective classes and teachers for this academic year. The students will remain in their assigned classes with their teachers. Please do not request for your child to be moved from their appointed teachers or class as this will affect the balance in each classroom.

I and team EMSW and EMKG look forward to working with and your family.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. Omolola Wright

Head of School

The English Modern School

The English Modern Kindergarten

#### ECE Department

The teachers have returned, and with the help of the teacher assistants, they have been preparing the classrooms for the arrival of our KG1 and KG2 students.

The teachers are excited to meet their new students. We have a new teacher in KG1 Dragonfly. Ms. Nicole is joining our ECE staff from the United Kingdom.

We hope, through the practice in the classroom, that some of our students will be able to read words and sentences by the time they leave for the next summer break.

Our KG1 students, though they are new to us, will learn about letters and their sounds.

They will get to practice writing letters, and through art activities, reinforce the letters which have been introduced. The students will be introduced to some new concepts including adding and subtracting. The KG1 students will learn about identifying numbers and counting. They will also practice writing numbers and use different materials to learn the value of the numbers. We will continue to use the secondSTEP character education program to teach students how to manage their feelings. The families can also use the information at home to reinforce what the students have learned at school. There is so much to learn this year. And we look forward to guiding your child through this process!

Ms. Patti, KG2 Teacher and KG Leader

# **Primary department**

Welcome to the 2018-2019 Academic year, EMS families! We hope you have had relaxing and enjoyable summer vacation and are ready for your children to begin the new school year. The teachers have returned, refreshed and ready for this new school year to begin. We have made some exciting changes this school year in regards to who is teaching in the different year groups and how we have assigned students to their classes. The biggest change can be seen in Year 6. Ms. Marina (6A) will be teaching Maths and Social Studies to both 6A & 6B. Ms. Marissa (6B) will be teaching English and Science to both classes. Changing classes for different subjects is a way to help the students become more independent and responsible as well as prepare them for Year 7, where students change classes for every subject.

We are confident that these changes will continue to help us progress in the academic and social goals we have for our students! Thank you for being a part of our EMSW family. We look forward to your continued support.

Ms. Pamela Jackson

Primary Principal

#### Arabic Department

Assalam Alaykom, and welcome back to the new school year 2018-2019. We are delighted to take this opportunity to inform you how pleased we are to have our dear students return to school, carrying their schoolbags, wearing their school uniforms and with a smile on their faces after more than two months' absence. We hope you had a happy summer and Eid holiday. And now, it's time to work!

We will remain committed to our vision and mission to help students achieve their full potential to create positive attitudes towards the three subjects of Arabic, Islamic and Qatari history.

The Arabic department teachers have completed their preparation for the new academic year. They were given training courses and workshops at EMS Doha with the teachers from all three campuses to develop their professional performance. The Arabic department prepared a worksheets booklet for all the primary students, which aims to review the previous education skills and to prepare the students for the skills they will learn this year. It will be used until the textbooks arrival from the Ministry of Education. We hope that this year will be a fruitful academic year for all our dear students through the partnership and cooperation between the school and parents. Please, fasten your seatbelt, it's time to fly!

Mr. Azam Rihan

Arabic department Leader

#### **Physical Education Department**

Hello and welcome from the EMS Wakra PE department. We hope you have had a fantastic summer. We are looking forward to a new year of working with the excellent students. There are many things we cover in PE that we hope your child can enjoy and learn from. We will cover various sports and activities across the curriculum that are age-appropriate, along with stressing the importance of daily exercise and proper nutrition.

In Physical Education we also address social skills such as "respect," "playing well together" and "good sportsmanship." These are essential skills that they will be able to use in life. The students are very fortunate to have PE as part of their school routine. The benefits of daily activity are numerous, as it's not only beneficial for their health, it also helps them academically. Having FUN, while practicing a skill improves their abilities and helps the child feel a sense of accomplishment, especially when the effort is noticed and praised. We hope your child enjoys PE as much as we enjoy teaching it!

Mr. Andrew Palmer , PE Teacher

# **Library**

This ia a new and exciting school year. I look forward to helping your child become an enthusiastic reader, a skillful researcher, a critical thinker, and an ethical user of information. We have a wonderful collection of excellent books just waiting to be read. Students who love books and enjoy reading are more successful in other subjects in school and will have a greater chance of success in all areas of life as they grow.

They will visit the Library once a week for their Library class. During this time, they can borrow library books and take them home. I will also teach them how to find and use books and resources, appreciate literature, basics of research, and more. Please encourage your child to enjoy and take care of our library books and return them so that they can check out more books. Also, please enjoy the library books WITH your child. Thanks for your help and support in teaching our students the love of reading and how to be a responsible borrower of the Library.

Looking forward to a great school year with you and your child!

Mr. Ken Mervin Calipjo

Librarian

#### **Guidance and Counselling Department**

Welcome to a new school year. Having at-home support is an essential part of a successful school year. I encourage you to continue using <u>www.secondstep.org</u> for online resources for Social-Emotional Learning, Early Learning, and Bullying Prevention. "secondSTEP is a program rooted in social-emotional learning (SEL) that helps transform schools into supportive, successful learning environments, uniquely equipped to help children thrive."

If you have not registered, please visit <u>www.secondstep.org</u> and register to do home link activities with your child. Home Links are simple, fun activities that encourage interaction between students and their parents. The activities give students a chance to practice secondSTEP skills outside of school and help families learn about the skills so that they can use them at home. Parents' activation keys are on the school's website at <u>www.englishmodernschool.net</u>. Click on the following tabs: Wakra/Parents/second step activation keys. Thank you, and this will be an exciting and rewarding school year for you and your child.

#### Dr. Mildred Stevenson

School Counsellor

#### **Health Department**

Welcome to the Academic Year 2018-2019! We would like to outline some of the guidelines regarding the Health & Safety of students while staying in EMS Wakra.

#### Medical History

It is important for us to be aware of any medical diagnosis, surgeries, current medications, allergies, or any other pertinent health information that your child may have, so that we can provide the appropriate and the necessary care while he/she is at school.

#### Medications

EMS Wakra's medication policy entails that all the medicines sent to school need to be brought in its original container with the labels intact, have a medication request form filled in, and signed by the parents. This form is available directly from the school nurse's office. No medication from home will be given without the completion of this form.

#### **Parents Contact Details**

It is very important that we have current phone numbers and e-mails. Any changes in your contact details, please let us know.

# Child have to stay at home if:

Temperature 37.8 °C or higher Flu signs Vomiting Diarrhea Rash Red, itchy, and painful eyes Persistent coughing Live lice

Please keep students at home until they remain fever-free and/or free from any of the symptoms mentioned above for 24 hours without the aid of medication.

EMS Wakra is a **"NUT FREE ZONE"**. Please do not send any types of nuts to school or field trips (no peanut butter or Nutella, certain granola bars etc.).

For any questions or concerns, please contact the school nurse.

Nurse Jovie

School Nurse

# Finance department

Last date for 1<sup>st</sup> term fee payment is September 30<sup>th</sup> 2018. All outstanding fees student list after this date will be sent to Ministry of Education & Higher Education for their reference

# 1<sup>st</sup> Term Fee Details

EMSW	EMKG
KG1-Year 6	
7,783	7,947

#### **Book Fee**

SCHOOL	KG 1 & KG 2	YEAR 1, 2 & 3	YEAR 4, 5 & 6
EMW	512	1,137	2,275
EMKG	1,138		

All the advances paid will be deducted from  $1^{st}$  term fee.

All voucher parents need to submit the voucher letter to school from their work as early as possible.

Mr. Jenson Chacko

School Cashier

# **School office**

School receptionists are often the first people that students, families, and visitors see when they enter the school. We are here to help everyone communicate with the school's departments such as Head of School, Senior Leadership and Management Teams, Year Group Leaders, faculty members and student's parents. Our tasks include answering phone calls and other administrative duties. We welcome parents and visitors to our school in a professional way and ensure that all queries and inquiries are dealt with in a timely and respectable manner. If you need to meet with the school's faculty and staff, please come to the front office and complete a form and we will schedule an appointment for you.

Ms. Shafra Roshan

Ms. Bouthaina Ghidhaoui

Secretaries to the school

#### **Facilities and Security department**

As part of school's yearly development plan, the English Modern School Wakra Campus is going to have some additional facility renovations. A few of these upcoming renovations will focus more on health and safety of students and stakeholders, as follows:

- Installation of New Outdoor Water Coolers around the campus
- Installation of KG Playground Safety Fence
- Installation of Safety Fence outside and surrounding the Block F/Gym
- Construction of Amphitheater in Zone 5 in between the Block F and D

Mr. JonathanMolmisa

Campus Operations Officer

#### **School Bus Service**

We are still accepting applications for school bus service request. Kindly fill in the School Bus Service Form if you wish to avail for your child/children.

#### Mr. Jonathan Molmisa

Campus Operations Officer

#### **IT Department**

The school is well equipped with hi-tech digital/IT devices for students and staff. Classrooms are equipped with desktops, projectors, and interactive whiteboards. Laptops are available for students to use in the ICT room as well as Chrome books, for students to use in their classroom. The school is also equipped with high-speed internet and laptops that have access to our secure wifi network. More IT devices will be installed which will facilitate student learning through visual and audio media.

Mr. Jabir Mannil

IT System Administrator