



Principal's Update

***Welcome to Noya British School:
A diverse, inclusive, community school
in the heart of Yas Island!***

Last Saturday's family fun event was a great success! It was lovely to see so many of our parents and students engaged in conversation, forming friendships and having fun! By midday, I think there were more balls outside the ball pit than in! A perfect way to end the term before families travel for the summer break.

A reminder that term 1 begins on the **26th August 2024**. There will be a staggered start so not all year groups will come in on the first day. We are aiming to invite parents and students into school the week before in order for you to meet your child's teacher and familiarise yourselves with the new school building and environment. More information about the first week will be shared in August.

I wish everyone a relaxing break and safe travels. I look forward to meeting everyone again in August, ready for the new academic year and the start of term 1 at Noya British School!



Ms Rachael Giles, Principal

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Family Fun Day - Noya British School





Academic Calendar 2024 - 2025

(Draft version– still to be approved by ADEK)

Term 1

August 26th – 17th December 2024

Half term break: 14th – 18th October 2024

Term 2

6th January – 21st March 2025

Half term break: 10th – 14th February 2025

Term 3

7th April – 27th June 2025





School Uniform Policy

Our policy is based on the view that a school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- Engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- Is practical and smart;
- Identifies the students with their school;
- Makes students feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- Is regarded as suitable by most parents;
- Has been designed with the health and safety of the students in mind;
- Adheres to strict ADEK and government regulations.

School Bags

Please note that as per the ADEK policy, wheely bags are not allowed. Students should bring a rucksack with two shoulder straps, Noya British school bags are encouraged, but optional. It is recommended that a child's school bag does not exceed 20% of their body weight to avoid adverse effects on their spine and body.

School Shoes

Smart, black shoes or trainers (no logos, no colours) with white socks must be worn. Please note that boots, sandals, and crocs are not permitted. White trainers are required for PE lessons.



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Hair

Hair should be neat and tidy, with no extreme hair colouring or styles. Hair below collar length should be tied back or plaited. Only plain practical accessories may be worn in the school colours.

Jewellery

Students are permitted to wear a watch (not a SMART watch). Stud earrings may be worn. No other jewellery is permitted. In line with safe practices, earrings must be removed for PE and swimming lessons.

Cultural Sensitivity

It is recognised that some parents of young girls would prefer that their arms and legs are fully covered. In such circumstances, second skins/int-shirts (obtainable through major retailers such as Lulu, Max, Splash, Sun and Sands) and leggings may be worn underneath uniforms, or trousers may be worn (obtainable tailor-made, from the uniform supplier).

Where to Purchase Uniforms

Noya British School uniforms are available exclusively from Magrudy's Uniforms. You can purchase items online at www.magrudy.com simply by searching for the school's name.



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Aldar Education E-Store

I am pleased to announce that our parents can now visit the Aldar Education E-Store and become familiar with recommended technologies and accessories at competitive prices. To ensure a safe and focused learning environment, we are introducing the Aldar Education Digital Safety Package, available exclusively through the Aldar Education E-Store. This package offers many benefits, including automatically integrating essential learning applications and alleviating parents' setup concerns. It also restricts inappropriate content to ensure students' safety and well-being during digital interactions at school and home. Our new Digital Safety Package will optimise your child's device/s for their learning.

Go to <https://aldareducation.jtrs.ae/> and select Noya British School on the School Store tab.

Frequently asked questions

1) Is the Aldar Education Digital Safety Package mandatory for all devices?

All devices brought into our school by students will need a digital safety package. To ensure the safety of all our stakeholders, no devices will be allowed into our schools without this package.

2) If I purchase the devices from the e-store, do I still need to pay the Aldar Education Digital Safety Package fee? Our store's recommended device bundles will include our digital safety package. If a parent has bought a device from another outlet or owns one that meets our minimum expectations, they can buy the digital safety package separately in our E-Store.

3) If we bring our own devices, how can we ensure that the devices we purchase meet the school's specifications and requirements?

Our parents can buy carefully crafted technology bundles on our e-store. If their children already own existing Apple technologies, the following requirements and specifications will be in line with the new strategy:

- Minimum iPad 8th Generation, iPad Air 4th Generation – 64GB
- Keyboard Case
- Stylus

4) Bring your own device is for which year groups?

Students from Year 2 onwards will be asked to bring a device but we will send our further instructions before the school opens.



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Meet our Parent Relations Executive, Miss Zeina Younis

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WELCOME TO NOYA
**MISS ZEINA
YOUNIS**
Parent Relations Executive

Bachelor degree in Business
Administration from Abu Dhabi
University.

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Miss Zeina Younis joins Noya British School with over six years dedicated to fostering positive relationships with parents in schools in Abu Dhabi. She has bachelor degree in Business Administration from Abu Dhabi University.

"As a Parent Relations Executive, I am eager to bring my experience and passion for community engagement to the Noya team, with a focus on building strong connections with parents and the broader community, I look forward to embracing this new journey together!"



Meet our Head of Early Years, Ms Cherice Thompson



I am Cherice Thompson, and as the Head of EYFS, I have a diverse background in Early Childhood and Key Stage One education. I am passionate about fostering educational excellence and nurturing young minds. I completed my teaching qualifications in the UK, and I have also earned a PGCE and QTS status.

My vision for our department is to create an innovative, nurturing, and stimulating environment where every child feels valued and inspired to reach their full potential. We aim to foster holistic development through a balanced integration of the British EYFS curriculum alongside Reggio Emilia approaches, ensuring a comprehensive and engaging approach to early childhood education.

Our commitment to personalized learning lies at the heart of our educational philosophy. By tailoring educational experiences to meet the unique needs and strengths of each student, we empower our students to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Our focus is on creating a student-centered environment that prioritizes individual growth and fosters a love for learning. To achieve this, we are dedicated to continuous improvement, collaboration, and teamwork. These are central to our approach, fostering a supportive community where teachers, students, and parents work together to achieve shared goals.

We strive for excellence in all aspects of our department, from curriculum development and student assessment to parent involvement. By maintaining high standards and embracing innovative teaching methodologies, we ensure that our practices are aligned with the best practices in education.