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Dear Principal,

Subject: Admissions Policy

The Federal Government of the UAE, in collaboration with the educational authorities across the Emirates, has introduced a new admission policy for children starting school. This is in line with the overall commitment of the UAE Federal Government to ensure the best education provision for all our children.

The Knowledge and Human Development Authority (KHDA) is keen to provide support and information to schools with regard to this policy. The following will help you to implement the required changes effectively, as they apply to your school:

- KG1/FS2 children registering for the academic year 2014-2015 will have to be 4 years old by 31st December 2014.
- The cut-off date has changed to December 31st.
- This policy will take effect from the beginning of the academic year 2014-2015.
- There will be no change to existing regulations and practices for transfers for KG2/Year 1 onwards.
- Children must be in school by the age of 6 and placed in Grade 1/Year 2.
- Schools must update their admission policies accordingly.
- Schools must ensure the changes to the admission policies are communicated to all parents.

Please see the attached FAQs for more information about the above policy. For more details, please contact:

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Kinds Regards,



Chief of Regulations & Permits Commission

FAQs for Schools

Admission Policy – September schools

1. What is the new admission policy?

To make sure there is uniformity across all schools in the UAE and that each child receives the best possible start to their education, the Federal Government of the UAE has ruled that children, starting KG1/FS2 in the 2014-2015 academic year, must be 4 years old by December 31st, 2014.

2. Which schools will this affect?

This policy will affect all schools in Dubai.

3. Who will the policy affect?

This policy will affect children who will be enrolled in KG1/FS2 in 2014-2015 academic year.

4. When will it take effect?

This policy will take effect at the start of the 2014-2015 academic year.

5. How should the school action this new policy?

The school's admission policy should be changed on all online and printed materials to reflect the new admission policy as soon as possible. The school must communicate these changes to parents informing them how they will be affected.

6. Will KHDA provide exceptions to the new age admission policy?

Under no circumstances will an application for an exception be approved.

7. A child is 5 years old and has never attended school. In which grade will s/he be placed?

The child will be placed in KG2/Year1 (please view the below table).

8. When can a child be placed in a school?

The child must be 4 years old by 31st of December 2014 to be placed in a school in the 2014-2015 academic year.

9. What is the difference between the grading system and the year system and how does that impact on the school?

The following table describes the grade and year equivalence that should be used for placement of students. It explains when the educational journey should start in Dubai if a child goes to a UK curriculum schools and any other school.

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Age	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17+
UK - Years	FS1	FS2	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	Yr 12	Yr 13
Other - Grades	Pre- KG	KG1	KG1	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5	G6	G7	G8	G9	G10	G11	G12

Other: US, Indian, Private-MoE, IB, Pakistani, French, Philippine, Japanese, Russian, German