

Parent Handbook

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Deira Private School



THE DePS PROMISE

At DePS, we promise that we will always put the children first and remain forever committed to making our school a place where 'every child is special'. We promise that:

- ✓ Your children will love coming to our school.
- ✓ Your child will feel valued, respected, and important.
- ✓ Your child's safety, well-being, and happiness will be most important to us.
- ✓ Your child will get personal care and attention.
- ✓ Your child will benefit from highly qualified and trained teachers using modern and effective teaching methods.
- ✓ No child will be left behind - we will cater to the different needs of children to ensure each child reaches their highest potential.
- ✓ We will focus on your child's strengths while we support them to develop their character and skills that will prepare them for life.
- ✓ We will give creative learning opportunities for every child to ensure holistic education.
- ✓ Your children will learn and make progress in all areas of endeavour, whether it is academics, art, or sports.
- ✓ We will communicate with you regularly about your child's learning, development, and well-being.
- ✓ You will be our partners in your child's education journey.



OUR VISION

Building Character, One Virtue at a Time; Building the Future, One Student at a Time

OUR MISSION

To be the school of choice for our community by being:

1. Happy and Safe
2. Genuine Inclusion, Care and Support
3. Skills and Values based Learning and Teaching
4. Maximised Progress for All Students
5. Excel Enrichment Opportunities

OUR MOTTO

Ad Vitam Paramus

"Preparing for life"

THE DEPS SKILLS SET



DePS Values

The main aim of the DePS Values is to encourage children to have tolerance for all and be respectful of each other. By teaching DePS values, we, in effect, combine these elements of safeguarding, prevent duty, and British values together along with UAE's culture and tradition.

- ❖ Democracy.
- ❖ The rule of law.
- ❖ Individual liberty.
- ❖ Respect and Tolerance



Dr. Ritika Anand
Principal

WARM WELCOME

Dear Parents,

Greetings and trust you and your loved ones are well and safe!

My name is Dr. Ritika Anand, and I am the Principal at this wonderful school. I would like to take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to you all. I eagerly look forward to working in close partnership with you to ensure the best provision for our children in a happy, safe, and nurturing environment.

Let me start this first communication with you by introducing myself. I am a dynamic educational professional with more than sixteen (16) years of experience in various leadership roles in very well-established British Curriculum schools in Dubai where I have been highly successful in providing an inspiring learning experience through inclusive, innovative, and transformational leadership leading to continuously improving educational standards over the past many years in line with the Nation's and school's aspirations priorities aligned to International standards and best practices in all phases of the school including Early Years, Primary, and Secondary.

I have a PhD in Chemistry and started my career teaching University students in India, and then IGCSE, AS and A level students in Dubai. From then, I have held various leadership roles which have been highly instrumental in building a firm foundation of the expectations of the British curriculum.

I am ably supported by a highly experienced, qualified, and effective leadership team, each of whom has already transformed their areas of responsibility and raised expectations of everyone in the school. Our new and returning teachers have merged well into an extremely effective team, working together to ensure that the curriculum and the quality of teaching meets the needs of all students and challenges them to learn to their full potential with a holistic approach based on growth mindset and values-based education leading to a happy, creative, enterprising, empathetic, collaborative, solution-focused, innovation-driven, globally-responsible, and technologically-proficient continuously-learning community.

As a parent myself, I know how important it is for parents to know that their child is in a safe and loving environment, and I assure you that you will be sending them to the most caring and happy school with the best of high quality British education for every child, every single day.

From the onset, I eagerly seek and welcome your feedback / suggestions to best serve the community. I have an open-door policy and would love to hear from you. Please reach out to me at principal@deirprivateschool.ae. Additionally I welcome you all to meet myself and the Senior Leadership Team every Friday from 10.00 am to 11.00 am for Coffee Mornings.

Wishing the entire DePS community a happy, safe, and successful new academic year ahead!

Warmest Regards,

Dr Ritika Anand
Principal

OUR RECENT KHDA REPORT

As we approach the end of another incredible academic year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful journey we have embarked upon together which has helped us to achieve so much this year including raising of 22+ standards in the latest KHDA inspection. This year has been filled with joy, growth, and countless achievements.

Comprehensive and Consistent Improvement across the School



A total of 22 key indicators raised In 8 Months.

- ~ **6 indicators** raised in Phase 1
- ~ **6 indicators** raised in Phase 2
- ~ **7 indicators** raised in Phase 3
- ~ **3 indicators** raised in Leadership suite

Academic Excellence: We are pleased to report that our students have consistently demonstrated a commitment to academic excellence, displaying remarkable progress and achieving outstanding results in their respective subjects. We commend them for their hard work, resilience, and dedication to their studies. Our dedicated faculty and staff have played a pivotal role in nurturing their talents and inspiring a love for learning.

Extracurricular Achievements: Beyond the classroom, our students have flourished in various extracurricular activities, showcasing their talents, creativity, and sportsmanship. Whether it be in music, arts, athletics, or community service initiatives, they have made us proud with their accomplishments. We extend our sincere appreciation to the coaches, mentors, and volunteers who have guided and encouraged our students to pursue their passions.



[Click Here to Access the Full Inspection Report](#)

OUR CURRICULUM

Deira Private School follows the National Curriculum for England and is open from **Foundation Stage 2 (aged 3+)** to **Year 8 (aged 13+)**. Within this framework, we are also mindful of the fact that our school will be truly international in its character, as well as respecting our host country's vision, history, and traditions. This will be achieved through high-quality learning in lessons, an extensive range of enrichment activities, and a truly personalized educational experience for each child.

We follow the National Curriculum for England (NCfE) with modification and adaptation to meet the requirements of the Ministry of Education and KHDA.

Arabic, Islamic and MSC

Arabic, Islamic and MSC are given as per the guidelines of MoE.

Arabic is shared for both native Arab speakers and non-native Arab speakers which starts from FS2.

All Muslim students receives Islamic Education from FS2. Moreover, we have the provision of Arabic A and B, as well as well as Islamic Education A and B for Arabs and Non-Arabs respectively.

Curriculum Structure

The curriculum structure as below:

Phase 1 : Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

Phase 2: Key Stage 1 (KS1)

Year 1 & 2

Key Stage 2 (KS2)

Year 3 - 6

Phase 3: Key Stage 3 (KS3)

Year 7-8

LANGUAGES

We are very proud to be a Trilingual School, languages are delivered and developed through our curriculum in English, Arabic, and French from FS2. We believe that early introduction of languages build a stronger foundation to effective language development.

CURRICULUM

Please find more details of our curriculum below

Curriculum Overview

Our Long Term Overview
Click below headings



[Academic Calendar >](#)



[Timings, Pickup & Dropoff>](#)



[Home-Learning Policy >](#)



YEAR GROUPS	Gate no. 4 Opens-Own Transport	Registration	Start of Classes	Dispersal
FS2 <i>(NOT in Extended Care Club)</i>	7:30 to 7:50 am	7:50 - 8:10 am	8:10 am	11:30 am
FS2 <i>(in Extended Care Club)</i>	7:30 to 7:50 am	7:50 - 8:10 am	8:10 am	2:00 pm (Mon-Tue) 2:20 pm (Wed-Thu) 11:30 am (Fri)
Y1-Y8	7:30 to 7:50 am	7:50 - 8:10 am	8:10 am	2:00 pm (Mon-Tue) 2:20 pm (Wed-Thu) 11:30 am (Fri)

For more details regarding the school's timings, click [here](#).

DROP OFF & PICK UP

Parents are expected to drop their children off at these designated gates.

FS2-Y8 Own Transport: Drop-off/Pickup (Main Block) Only one parent can drop off and pickup from the classes from FS2 to Year 1	Gate 4
FS2-Y8 Bus Students: Drop-off/Pickup	Gate 2



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (ECAs)

DePS is proud to provide a wealth of opportunity and challenge through a carefully crafted and expertly delivered, Enrichment Programme. Our outstanding facilities and inspiring staff, nurture students to discover their passion and reach their potential, regardless of ability or aspiration. We aim to provide the spark that lights the flame in each student and help keep it burning.

All pupils are encouraged to participate widely across academic, art, performance, language, design and sporting activities, all of which are focused on bespoke learning journeys and outcomes.

In addition to the subject-specific skills, much sought-after 'soft skills' of leadership, collaboration, resilience and perseverance that help prepare students for life are central to our programme.

Additionally, we offer lunchtime Enrichment Clubs, as well as a wide range of extra-curricular activities and competitive opportunities, to challenge our students further. Our diverse Creative and Performing Arts curriculum comprises art and design, creative writing, music, drama, dance and ballet, debate and public speaking.

#ECAsAtDePS

ECAs at DePS >



Deira Private School offers a wide variety of optional Extra-Curricular Activities to help students discover new skills and interests.

Students can participate in creative activities such as but not limited to sports, dance, languages, public speaking and drama. The majority of the clubs are provided by our staff. However, we also cooperate with a number of external groups to provide certain activities.

The list of clubs available in the Primary and Secondary School varies every term.

For more detailed information regarding the ECA/Enrichment and age groups, please contact our Activities Coordinator, Ms. Bhavna at bsekhon@deirprivateschool.ae

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

We believe that good attendance and punctuality are vital in enabling students to make the most of their learning opportunities at Deira Private School. By attending every day, research indicates:

- Learning is made easier.
- Students who develop good patterns of attendance and punctuality early on at school tend to continue in this pattern throughout their school life and beyond.
- With good attendance and punctuality, students will achieve better results, have greater confidence and self-esteem, and develop useful skills for the workplace.



Please note that attendance and tardiness are judged by the criteria set by KHDA and are as follows:

- **Outstanding** Attendance is between 98% and 100%.
- **Very Good** Attendance is between 96% and 97%.
- **Good** Attendance is between 94% and 95%.
- **Acceptable** Attendance is between 92% and 93%.
- **Weak** Attendance is between 90% and 91%.
- **Very Weak** Attendance is less than 90%.

We aim for our students to have at least VERY GOOD ATTENDANCE.

If your child is unwell or has an unforeseen absence from school, please email erecalde@deiraprivateschool.ae or call the school before 8:00 AM. Absences for sickness that last for 3 days or longer will require medical certification. Please find our attendance and punctuality policy [here](#).

LATE ARRIVALS, LATE PICK-UP AND ABSENCES

We expect children to arrive punctually at school, to attend regularly and to be picked up at the end of the school day on time. Furthermore, KHDA's stand is very clear about why punctuality and attendance are important, what constitutes good regular attendance and allows schools to withdraw places if children are often absent.

We ask that you pick up your child promptly at the end of the school day, taking into account the length of your journey and possible delays due to traffic congestion. We understand that there may be occasional situations where you are unavoidably delayed. Regular late pickup will lead to additional charges and action as per policy.

It can be very distressing for a child to be waiting around when other friends have gone home. At the end of the day, class teachers often have meetings or clubs to run. If you are unavoidably detained and know that you will be late picking up, you **MUST** ring the school reception, giving an estimated time of arrival. Also, please ensure that the school has your up-to-date contact details and that you keep your phone on so that the school can contact you.

EARLY DEPARTURE FROM SCHOOL

Early departure from school is not acceptable without a valid reason, so please try to make the doctor's appointments, etc. outside school hours. If it is essential for your child to leave the school before the end of the day, please follow the guidance below and note that this will be marked as a half-day absence.

Parents who requested an Early Departure should inform the school before 10.00 am and pick up the child 2 hours before dispersal (e.g. Monday, pick-up for Early Departure should be by 12.00 nn and not later than the said timing)

Send an email to School Secretary at erecalde@deiraprivateschool.ae. Please state the time you will be collecting your child (2 hours before dispersal) and the reason(s) they need to leave early. The parent should ensure that a confirmation from the School Secretary should be given to the Security and Front of House along with the Parent/Guardian ID.

If your child uses the school bus, please add on your email our Transport Manager, Mr Victor Coelho [transportmanager@deiraprivateschool.ae].

BUS INFORMATION- NO LANYARD, NO BUS.

Deira Private School outsources its bus service from reputable transport companies. Parents may contact **Mr Victor Coelho** directly to sign up and discuss all the transportation requirements. By RTA rules, a female bus helper/nanny will travel with each vehicle. Students ID Lanyard is mandatory for use of bus.

Please note that School-Parent Bus Contract and the terms and conditions must be followed to avail bus service in a safe and systematic manner. [Please find the School-Parent Bus Contract here.](#)

For all bus-related information, please contact:

Mr Victor Coelho

Transport Manager

+971 56 422 9670

transportmanager@deiraprivateschool.ae



COMMUNICATIONS

Communication is the key of 21st century learning, and we, at Deira Private School, have proudly adopted a state-of-art technology platform to support communication between teachers, parents and students.

ILMASOFT 365

You will now be getting all relevant communications from the school through push notifications on your mobile app, on the web portal, and on your registered email. You may also send us your valuable feedback of the school and our services through the app. The school reports will be available through the app.

We will be introducing the other features of the application gradually to you. This is in endeavour to provide new age technology to our children for them to be prepared for the future. The list of features currently available on the Ilmasoft app are the following, attendance of student, Circulars, Apply student leave, Class Timetable, fees Invoices, School Events Noticeboard, Chat, Document updation, Exam reports, Parent Feedback, behavior Chart, Gallery, School Policies.

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HOW TO LOGIN

Mobile App: Login with your **registered mobile number**.




ilm365 Parent App


Web Portal: Login with your **registered email address** and the **password sent to your email**. If you're already logged in on the mobile app, just **tap on 'Login Web Portal'**


NOTE: *If you're unable to login to either or both, please contact the school, or send an email to info@deiraprivateschool.ae to have your mobile number and/or email updated.*

SOCIAL MEDIA

We also have Facebook and Instagram accounts. These are used to celebrate school life and our extraordinary achievements, and to document day-to-day events.


 facebook.com/deiraprivateschool1


 instagram.com/deira_private_school

 deiraprivateschool.ae

SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

- Main Contact

 (04) 264 1595


 info@deiraprivateschool.ae

- Principal / Child Safeguarding Lead

 Dr Ritika Anand

 principal@deiraprivateschool.ae


- Clinic / Medical Team

 Dr Amber Mahmood / Nurse Dina Salah Mohamed

 amahmood@deiraprivateschool.ae

 schoolnurse@deiraprivateschool.ae

- Head of Inclusion

 Ms Nudrat Azam

 nazam@deiraprivateschool.ae

- Accountant

 Ms Jane Fernandes

 accounts@deiraprivateschool.ae


- Admissions Manager

 Ms Alizah Riaz

 admissions@deiraprivateschool.ae

- Transport Manager

 Mr Victor Coelho

 056 422 9670

 vcoelho@deiraprivateschool.ae

- KHDA Coordinator

 Ms Maisaa Sandid

 khdacoor@deiraprivateschool.ae

- School Secretary

 Ms Ellouisa Recalde

 erecalde@deiraprivateschool.ae

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

The aim of our uniform is for students to present a neat, work-like appearance at all times and to take pride in being members of Deira Private School. Personal presentation is very important and a high standard of personal appearance is expected of all students at all times.

The uniform is **compulsory** throughout the school and can be purchased from the school store. Please ensure all uniform items are clearly labeled with the child's name and class. Name tapes are excellent or alternatively a waterproof marker pen. The school is not responsible for any lost items. Disciplinary actions will be taken if student are not in the correct school uniform including shoes.

Please find below the list of School Uniform.

SCHOOL ID MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES.

FS1-FS2

- **Boys** : Blue Polo T-shirt with Navy Blue Shorts or Trousers, black leather shoes
- **Girls** : Blue Polo T-shirt with Navy Blue Shorts or Skorts or Trousers, black leather shoes

Y1-Y2

- **Boys** : Blue Polo T-shirt or Buttoned Shirt with Navy Blue Shorts or Trousers, black leather shoes
- **Girls** : Blue Polo T-shirt or Buttoned Shirt with Tartan Skorts or Trousers, black leather shoes

Y3-Y8

- **Boys** : Blue Buttoned Shirt with Trousers (till ankle length), black leather shoes
- **Girls** : Blue Buttoned Shirt with Tartan Skorts or Trousers, black leather shoes. Skirt at knee-length. #, trousers till ankle length.

SHOES

- Smart Black Leather School Shoes with White Socks are mandatory on regular school days
- Non-marking White Sports Shoes with White Socks should be worn on PE days as per your child's timetable

PE UNIFORM & WINTER UNIFORM

- PE and Winter Uniform should be the school store purchased shirt, jacket and pants.



JEWELLERY

Students may wear a watch. However, watches that can connect to the internet will not be permitted in formal examinations. Girls may wear one small ear stud in each ear lobe. No other piercings are permitted. Jewellery items of religious significance may only be worn with prior approval by the school, following a formal written parent request.

HAIRSTYLES

- **Boys** : Hair must be well off the collar at the back and off the ears and face, no shorter than a number two barber cut. Shaved heads are not acceptable. We request no coloured gel, hair colour, wax or mousse etc. be used when styling hair and no exaggerated styles.
- **Girls** : Hair should be tied back fully off the face. The sensible use of hair accessories is acceptable to keep hair orderly as long as they are plain white, dark blue or black. Colouring of hair, make-up and all nail polish are not permitted at Deira Private School.
- Students will be asked to comply to school regulation over the nearest weekend or disciplinary actions will be given.

SCHOOL BAGS

- Students may use a backpack-style bag of their choosing. **Trolley bags are not permitted** in accordance with the Health & Safety guidelines from Dubai Municipality. Pupils should take home only those books they need for homework each day and reading books.



STATIONERY AND EQUIPMENT

Students will need to equip themselves with the following items.

Year Group	Items Needed
Foundation Stage 2	View and download list for FS2.
Year 1	View and download list for Y1.
Year 2	View and download list for Y2.
Year 3	View and download list for Y3.
Year 4	View and download list for Y4.
Year 5	View and download list for Y5.
Year 6	View and download list for Y6.
Year 7	View and download list for Y7.
Year 8	View and download list for Y8.

NOTE: Books and notebooks will be distributed during the first week of classes. Students and their parents must ensure that they are fully equipped to maximize learning at school.

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE TO SCHOOL (BYOD)

Students must carry a digital device to enhance their learning. This may be a tablet or laptop computer. These are only for educational purposes and will not be given for personal gaming and entertainment. Mobile phones are not to be used by students on the school site or on school buses. If there is an emergency and the student needs to access a phone, they may ask permission and a written note from their teacher to go to the administration area to make the call.

RECOMMENDED HW & SW REQUIREMENTS

Windows Laptop/Desktop



Intel Core i3 Processor or better
4 GB RAM or higher
8 GB Hard Disk Free Space or more
14-Inch Monitor/Screen or bigger
Latest Version of Chrome

Android



Android 6 OS or later
Latest Version of Chrome

iOS



iOS 14.3 or later
Safari 13.6 or later
Latest Version of Chrome

MEDICAL INFORMATION

All parents are required to provide the latest medical information, original vaccination card and updated medication reports to the school. To support your child's well-being, the school has a full-time DHA-licensed doctor and two nurses in the campus. If you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's medical care, please do not hesitate to reach out and contact our Medical Team:

- **Nurse** : Ms. Dona and Ms. Dina schoolnurse@deiraprivateschool.ae
- **Doctor**: Doctor Amber amahmood@deiraprivateschool.ae

MEDICINES

Any medication needed by to be taken by any student during the school day must be handed over to a member of the school's medical team first thing in the morning, and then later collected from them at the end of the day. Please submit a copy of your duly signed Medicine Administration Form to the school nurse along with a copy of the Doctor's prescription. Only members of the school's medical team are allowed to administer the medication to ensure that the dosage and time are correct. The medicine should be in a plastic bag labelled with your child's name and class.

If the medications need to be kept in a certain temperature, transport them to the school in a refrigerated carrier or chiller bag before they get stored in the clinic's medicine fridge. Please do not send medicine to school in your child's school bag. **Please do not send non-essential medicines to school. Class teachers/TAs are not permitted to give medicines to the children.**

SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH ALLERGIES AND SPECIAL MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

It is vitally important that everyone responsible – administrators, teachers, office professionals, parent volunteers, bus drivers, child care providers, coaches, etc. – for your child throughout the school day not only understands food allergy, but also knows your child's individual health plan and how to respond to an allergic reaction.

If your child has any Allergies or Special Health requirements, please contact our Medical Team and share full information with a medical plan by your child's treating specialist doctor. A form will be given by the nurse to ensure that all staff are aware of all these requirements.

INCIDENT POLICY

We provide incident forms which are completed by the teacher and nurse at the time and date of the incident. Whilst we have a doctor and two nurses on-site and strict regimented risk assessments in place, small accidents do happen. But we do implement the highest safeguarding procedures at school.

INFECTION CONTROL

To enable the school to inhibit the spread of any infection amongst everyone in the campus, please take note of the following:

- Do not send your children to school if they have a body temperature of 37.5 °C or higher. They may only return to school when they are free from fever for 24 hours without any medicine.
- Do not send your children to school if they have sore throat, cough, runny nose, rash, pink watery eyes, diarrhea or have been vomiting. They may only return to school 24 hours after symptoms cease.
- Do not send your children to school if they have any infectious disease (kindly ask the school's medical team for guidance on these types of diseases). Children returning to school following an infectious disease should provide a clearance certificate from a doctor.
- Regularly check your child's hair for head lice and inform the school's medical team if they are found. Please ask the medical team for the information checklist, should you require it.
- In case any sign/symptom of infectious disease is identified at school, the school medical team will promptly inform the parents of the student and provide the necessary first aid with their verbal consent. The student shall then be shifted to isolation room under the supervision of the school nurse. Parents will be requested to pick up the student from school within 30 minutes of notification as per Dubai Health Authority guidelines.
- Parents must ensure that arrangements are made to pick up the child ON TIME. School will not make arrangements for this or school staff should not be expected to wait beyond school hours for the child to be picked up. This can be reported to authorities in case parents do not pickup within school hours.

PARENTS' RESPONSIBILITY

As partners in safeguarding the health and safety of your child, we encourage and expect that you join and support us in making sure that we succeed in keeping your child and everyone around them healthy and safe.

- Parents have to submit original vaccination card.
- Parents may be contacted time-to-time by the School Medical Team for multiple purposes, which may include, but not limited to, the submission of any additional forms (if required), any required documents found missing in the student file (Emirates ID, updated Vaccination card, etc.), medical health record file from previous school, to discuss the child's behaviour, BMI findings etc. Parents are requested to cooperate and work hand in hand with the medical team to ensure our dear students are healthier and happier.
- Parents are requested to inform the Medical Team in case a student falls sick along with the treating pediatrician's diagnosis.
- Parents are also requested to inform the school administration regarding any update/change in the contact numbers of the parents.

**SEEK SAFETY,
AIM SAFETY,
FOLLOW SAFETY,
ENSURE SAFETY,
TEACH SAFETY,
YIELD SAFETY.**



INFECTION CONTROL PROCEDURE

At Deira Private School, we have always implemented a robust health screening policy.

- Students and staff members who have a body temperature of 37.5 °C or higher, or those showing other signs of illness are not permitted to be in the bus/school.
- Parents are required to check their children’s temperature before leaving home.
- Parents and staff members are requested to be on the alert for signs of illness and stay home when they are sick.
- Parents and staff are requested to avoid crowded areas and report immediately if a primary contact has contracted any illness. These measures are for the safety of our community.



SANITATION PROCEDURES

At Deira Private School, we follow a regular cleaning and sanitation schedule for all areas and frequently-touched surfaces, such as door handles, chairs, table tops, cupboards, etc. We do not use any cleaning or sanitizing products that may harm the health of students and those suffering from any respiratory condition. All products are on the approved list of the health authorities.

HANDWASHING

Handwashing is the most effective way of preventing the spread of infections. We include hygiene awareness in our curriculum and encourage children to wash their hands as recommended by the health authorities.

HAND SANITISER POLICY

Sanitising the hands is an effective way to get rid of harmful germs but is not a substitute for effective handwashing. Wall-mounted hand sanitisers are provided in strategic areas in the school. We understand that sanitisers can quickly reduce the number of germs on hands in many situations. However, sanitisers do not get rid of all types of germs, therefore, we encourage everyone to wash their hands with soap and water frequently.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

We, at Deira Private School, take pride in welcoming students with a wide range of different needs and abilities like SoD, ELL, ALL, G&T as we aim to offer an inclusive environment for all children to learn, grow, and blossom in. We aim to ensure all students are included regardless of race, nationality, disability, or cultural background. We see the diversity of our student and staff population as one of our greatest assets to our school. We make every attempt to ensure every student has full access to all areas of learning both academically, socially, and emotionally to ensure they reach their full potential and become lifelong learners.

Led by our Head of Inclusion, we have an experienced team of teachers and support staff who are dedicated to working alongside teachers to support students and parents in the identification of and provision for an individual student's specific or exceptional needs.

The SEND department ensures a fully integrated system is in place to guarantee quality provision and inclusive practices are implemented through personalized programmes, assessments, curriculum adaptations, and modifications through a collaborative approach with all professionals working with the student.

Our determination to cultivate and maintain an inclusive ethos of the highest quality is fundamental to our school. We define, implement, and review all of our policies to promote inclusion, and have developed policies to tackle abusive behaviour, such as racism and/or bullying if it emerges.

We also ensure that at Deira Private School, students themselves have a prominent voice in all matters that affect them, and that we act fairly, decisively, and timely in dealing with any behaviour that is contrary to our inclusive ethos. At all times, we seek to provide exemplary leadership as role models ourselves.

COUNSELLING

The mission of Deira Private School's Counselling department, which is led by a full-time Counsellor, is to support the well-being of all students, staff, and parents by offering an equitable, developmentally-appropriate, comprehensive, preventative, and accessible school-counselling team. The team abides by national ethical standards to enable students achieve their full potential.

The school counselling program emphasizes the importance of cultivating self-care, appreciating personal differences, caring and advocating for others, and becoming global citizens. This program will help guide the students in becoming confident, adaptable, and open-minded critical thinkers who will embrace multiculturalism and thrive in a diverse and changing world.

SAFEGUARDING

At Deira Private School, we take child protection very seriously and any issues relating to safeguarding concerns for a child will be reported to the Child Protection Leads. The designated Safeguarding Lead is Dr Ritika Anand, our principal. Please send an email to Dr Ritika at principal@deiraprivateschool.ae if you would like to meet with her to discuss any concerns. The Deputy Child Safeguarding Leads are Ms. Lisa Such and MS. Ashmee Lamba.

CANTEEN, SNACKS & LUNCH BREAKS

Here, at Deira Private School, we encourage our students to develop healthy eating habits from an early age. Students are encouraged to socialise and practise their table manners as they eat. Students must bring labelled bottles of drinking water every day.

A variety of nut-free and pork-free food items and beverages are offered at the DePS canteen. They are being provided by Al Bustan Bakery, which strictly follows regulations and rules by Dubai authorities. We request parents to pre-paid your child's school ID as this will serve as their payment card for canteen purchasing.

At Deira Private School, no nut products or pork products are permitted - this includes all nut products, Nutella chocolate spread, and peanut butter. Please note that junk food, such as crisps, chocolates, and fizzy drinks are not allowed in our school. Some great tiffin snacks are carrot sticks, cucumber, raisins, prunes, fruit yoghurt, whole-meal bread sandwiches, pasta, and rice cakes.

Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation in ensuring the safety and well-being of our whole school community. We also ask parents to make their children aware that we do not share food to ensure we are respectful of all the other religious beliefs concerning food products.



BIRTHDAYS

We fully understand the sheer joy and excitement of sharing/distributing food (cake, cupcakes, sweets, etc.) on special occasions like a birthday or a religious occasion, but we also have to keep in mind that a few children are allergic to certain ingredients present in such treats (eggs, gluten, nuts, dairy, etc.) Among these, a few students are aware of their allergy but many allergies remain undiscovered until later in life, hence any accidental exposure to such food might result in allergic reactions ranging in severity from mild (itching, hives, rash, sneezing, etc.) to severe including anaphylactic shock.

Hence, we request the parents to limit the birthday treats to books and other non-food items only, and avoid sending any kind of processed/packaged foods.

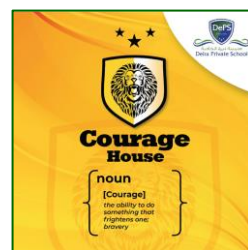
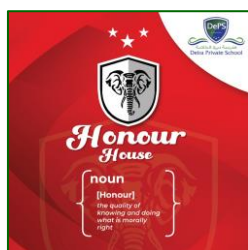
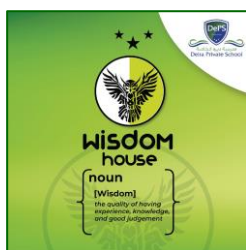
Procedure

1. Inform the Class Teacher by calling the School Reception, a day in advance of your plan. No celebration will be permitted, if the school is not informed in advance.
2. The celebration is carried out at break time only as this helps in preventing too much of a disturbance in the children's regular school schedule of the day.
3. The book and/or stationery items to be distributed should be individually packed.

SCHOOL PHOTO RELEASE

Deira Private School has an 'opt out' policy regarding photos taken at the school during the school day and at school events such as sports, performances and classroom activities. Photos will be used for display around the school, for social media and for promotion of the school. If you do not want your child included in photographs at Deira Private School please ensure that the photo consent form is filled during registration and/or inform the class teacher of your child/children through email.

OUR HOUSES



The House system is a distinctly British feature of the school that encourages healthy competition amongst students.

All students are assigned to a House when they join us, which remains with them until Year 8. Family members are allocated the same House where possible. These vertical social groups play a key part in the everyday school life of our students.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

The school encourages and develops the student voice through advocating 'Every Child is a Leader', devising a school-wide student leadership initiative encompassing a boy and girl from each year group, fulfilling a leadership role they feel most desirable to them.



Leadership opportunities include: Student Council (change and policy development), Class Representatives, Academic/Subject Leaders across the full curriculum subjects, Heads of Pupils Voice, Well-being Leader, Literacy/Reading Champ, Innovation and Eco Leader, Events Leader, Sport Captain, and a buddy system with the older and younger year levels. With this initiative, a democratic process for the voting and election of each representative will be modelled, and opportunity to lead the council will shift every month to a different leader, giving each student equal opportunity. Every student in every class will also become representative class leaders of these different profiles to enhance their leadership skills.

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DePS SKILL SET

At Deira Private School, we want our students to be happy, safe and successful. We want them to reach their highest potential and become the best version of themselves.

We are pleased to introduce to you our unique Matrix: the DEPS Skill Sets.



LEARNING SKILLS

The Four (4) **Learning Skills** in the Matrix, also known as the 21st Century Skills, are:

- Critical thinking,
- Creativity,
- Communication, and
- Collaboration.

These skills are essential for students to succeed in school, at workplace, and in life.

LIFE SKILLS

Our Motto at DePS is '*Ad Vitum Paramaus*', Latin for '*Preparing for Life*'. The Four (4) **Life Skills** we encourage at DePS are:

- Wellbeing,
- Growth Mindset
- Leadership, and
- Risk-Taking.

These are essential for young children to grow into positive, balanced, happy, and successful adults.

COMMUNITY SKILLS

At DePS, we want our students to grow into socially-responsible global citizens. Students at DePS are positive contributors to the wider world as they are encouraged to think about:

- Citizenship,
- Sustainability,
- Enterprise, and
- Innovation.

This unique matrix of skills is what makes education at Deira Private School truly exceptional.

LINK TO KEY POLICIES

For your guidance and reference, click on the link to the key policies implemented at DePS below.

[Link to Key Policies > >](#)



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