



PEARL
BRITISH ACADEMY

Information For New Parents

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Principal's Introduction

Amy Coleman

Welcome to Pearl British Academy! I am both delighted and honored to have the opportunity to lead Pearl British Academy into the next exciting stage of its journey.

Since graduating from the University of Newcastle, I have worked in senior management positions across the UAE and the UK and possess a strong background in coaching and leading successful teams. I am wholly committed to ensuring an excellent primary education that provides both breadth and rigor for every student, enabling them to reach their true potential.

With 20 years of experience in education, I firmly believe that education is one of the most valuable assets one can possess. I fully endorse Aldar Education's vision that our purpose is to empower the next generation to shape our future. I am deeply dedicated to the children in my care and strive to ensure that our core values underpin everything we aspire to achieve as a respectful, caring, resilient, and aspirational school community.

Pearl British Academy is an extraordinary learning community, where we nurture our learners through collaboration, leadership, and creativity while working diligently to foster excellent relationships. I strongly believe in the importance of education as a partnership between home and school, and actively seek your engagement and support.

We look forward to welcoming you to Pearl British Academy.

Amy Coleman

Principal, Pearl British Academy





Vice Principal

Samantha Hughes-Lewis
(Miss H-L)

Miss Samantha Hughes-Lewis (Miss H-L) is the Vice Principal of The Pearl Academy. She moved to Abu Dhabi in 2014 and joined the Pearl in 2018.

Miss H-L has been a teacher for almost 20 years and has lived and taught in schools all over the world. She trained to be a teacher in London, where she spent four very happy years developing her skills at an outstanding primary school. She left England to pursue her career abroad and moved to the French Alps, commuting to Switzerland daily to teach in a large international school in Geneva. She has also taught in France, Austria, Germany and Nepal! Throughout her career, Miss H-L has worked as an Assistant Principal, Assistant Headteacher, Head of Curriculum, Head of Pastoral, Head of Key Stage, Head of Year and Head of various subjects.

Miss H-L loves kitesurfing and skiing in her free time. She speaks French and German and is also a keen musician, leading the school band!

As a member of the school's Senior Leadership team, Miss H-L works hard with her colleagues to develop the school's ethos and implement the school's development plan. She enjoys her role at the Pearl Academy because she loves working with our amazing children, families and staff.





Assistant Principal

Darren McAleese

Mr Darren McAleese is the Assistant Principal of Pearl British Academy and is responsible for curriculum development. He has worked within the Aldar Education family for 8 years and joins PBA from Mamoura British Academy this academic year.

Mr McAleese has been a teacher for 12 years, both in Abu Dhabi and the UK, and has a decade's worth of leadership experience. His management roles in other schools have included Director of Learning and Teaching, Head of Upper Key Stage 2, Head of Year, and Head of English, Maths, and PE.

As a member of the school's Senior Leadership Team, Mr McAleese is passionate about developing both students and staff, while helping to create a thriving and supportive school community.





Head of MOE

Maha Jallad

Mrs Jallad is the Head of MoE at the Pearl British Academy and has joined in its second year in 2008. She oversees all aspects of the MoE subjects, and always looks forward to being a part of student growth and development and is dedicated to ensuring the delivery of high-quality education.

Mrs Jallad holds a Bachelor Degree of Science from Al Yarmouk University, Jordan, a Bachelor of Education in Arabic Language and Islamic Studies from Al Hosn University, UAE, as well as an Advanced Instructional Leadership of Professional Diploma. With more than 25 years of experience in teaching and leadership gained through working in different British curriculum schools in the UAE, Mrs Maha has developed her skills in implementing meaningful learning experiences for children.

Mrs Jallad is always keen to further her knowledge and development to enhance the student's learning experience and takes pleasure in the growth and success of the school as the years have progressed.





Head of Pastoral and Enhanced Provision

Jonathan Marcroft

Mr Jonathan Marcroft is Head of the Pastoral and Enhanced Provision in The Pearl British Academy. Mr Marcroft joined the school in 2015 as a PE and Swim teacher and is delighted to carry out his above role.

Mr Marcroft has been a teacher for 12 years, working in both the UK and here in Abu Dhabi. During this time, he has realised that the students are the life and soul of all schools and providing them with a strong pastoral structure and opportunities to grow and flourish are key.

In his spare time, Mr Marcroft is a keen golfer and is an avid football fan, his favourite team being Blackburn Rovers. However, he has a passion for all sports and is keen for The Pearl to maintain its reputation as one of the best sporting schools in the Emirate.



Head of EYFS

Jaskirn K. Singh



Miss Jaskirn Kaur Singh is Head of the Early Year Foundation Stage (EYFS) in Pearl British Academy. Miss Singh joined the school in 2021 as an FS2 class teacher and is delighted to lead a team of outstanding practitioners across the early years.

She has a passion for Early Years education and child-centered learning, where every child is inspired and supported to reach their potential in a safe, secure and nurturing environment.

Miss Singh has achieved her National Professional Qualification for Senior Leadership (NPQSL) with the University of Central London and, gained a BA(Hons) in Education and a Primary PGCE specializing in EYFS and KS1 at Roehampton University in London.

Miss Singh has lived in Abu Dhabi for 11 years and has taught and managed several international schools across the emirate.





Head of Operation

Srishti Chopra

With over 19 years of leading operations in the hospitality and aviation industry, my focus is to provide a safe and enriching environment for the children and staff of Pearl Academy and to support academic excellence in the classroom.

I do believe that every child is here to learn and grow. My role is to lead a great operations team ensuring that the academic team has the right support to deliver great lessons and outstanding education for the children to develop themselves into the ladies and gentlemen of tomorrow.

From executing the movement from the Pearl Academy campus, my main aim is to drive service culture at every step. We are constantly working with our facility and health and safety teams to enhance the infrastructure and environment thus providing a superior experience for our children, parents, and staff.

This is my 19th year in the UAE, therefore, it is home away from home. Another interesting fact-I hold a bachelor's degree in Alternative Medicine and Surgery. You can address me as a doctor as well. I am looking forward to enjoying the beautiful journey at Aldar with all of you.



Curriculum

- ✓ English National Curriculum (ENC)
- ✓ Complete learning experience
- ✓ Development for all
- ✓ Challenging – Excellence is pursued and valued
- ✓ Global perspective
- ✓ Creative and Innovative
- ✓ Cross-curricular
- ✓ National Agenda





Extra-Curricular Activities





Our School Day

Time	Period	Duration
7.30am	Gates Open	
(7.43am	Daily Courtyard Gathering)	
7.47am	Bell for Anthem	
7.48am	National Anthem	
7.50-7.55am	Registration	
7.55-8.25am	Period 1	30m
8.25-9.15am	Period 2	50m
9.15-10.05am	Period 3	50m
10.05-10.15am	Break 1	10m
10.15-10.25am	Break 2	10m
10.25-11.15am	Period 4	50m
11.15-12.05pm	Period 5	50m
12.05-12.25	Lunch 1	20m
12.25-12.45pm	Lunch 2	20m
12.45-13.35pm	Period 6	50m
1.35-2.25pm	Period 7	50m
2.25-2.35pm	Dismissal	10m
2.35-3.25pm	ECAs/Meetings	50m





Absence

DAILY ABSENCE

If your child is ill, parents are requested to email the class teacher or reception@pearlbritishacademy.ae before 7.30am on the first day of absence. One day of absence due to illness will be authorised. If your child is absent due to illness for more than one day, we require a medical certificate authorised by a doctor.

MONITORING ATTENDANCE

Your child's class teacher is responsible for monitoring your child's daily attendance. If your child's attendance becomes a cause for concern, Mr Marcroft, Head of Pastoral Care, will contact you to discuss ways forward.

EARLY DEPARTURE FROM SCHOOL

We request that you do not collect your child early from school. In the case where this is unavoidable (for example a medical appointment where an after-school time was not available), we ask you to inform your child's class teacher at least one day before early collection is required. Parents are asked to present the medical appointment card to support the need for the appointment to be made during the school day. Parents should complete an Early Collection Form, which should be emailed to reception@pearlbritishacademy.ae in advance.

PLANNED ABSENCE DURING TERM

Please note that the school does not authorise holidays taken during the term. Requests for authorised absence must be made on a Request for Absence Form given to the School PA, at least seven days in advance for the principal's approval.





Supplies

We provide all the resources the children require in order to access the curriculum.

We ask the children to bring:

- ✓ Their pencil case
- ✓ A water bottle
- ✓ A healthy snack
- ✓ A healthy packed lunch
- ✓ Sun hat
- ✓ Their device





Online Education Platforms

Each child registered in our school will receive a Microsoft Office login that will be used to log in to Microsoft Teams and the Onelogin (<https://thepearlacademy.onelogin.com/portal>).

From the Onelogin, children will be able to access all other educational digital subscriptions such as Education City, Seesaw and Reading A-Z.



Bring Your Own Device

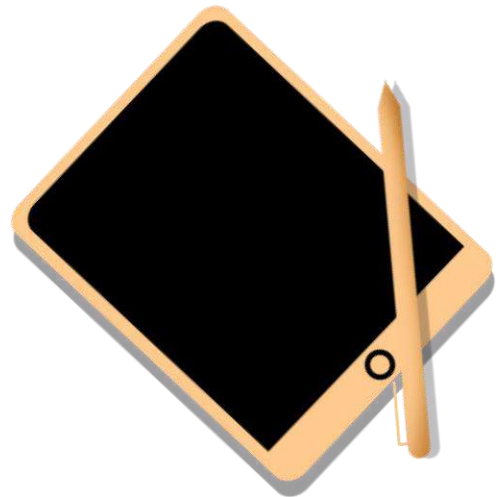
We continue our successful Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) initiative.

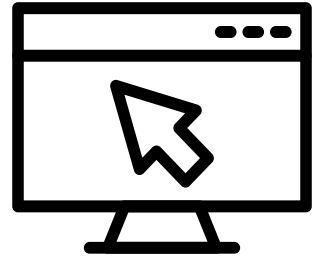
Children in Years 2 to 6 bring their own device to school every day and use it for planned educational purposes throughout the day.

Children in EYFS and Year 1 have access to the school's iPads.

All students wishing to bring a device to school will need the security package and a compatible Apple iPad. Please purchase the security package from the e-store before coming to school for configuration.

<https://pearl-british-academy.jtrs.ae>





Communicating with Parents

Email

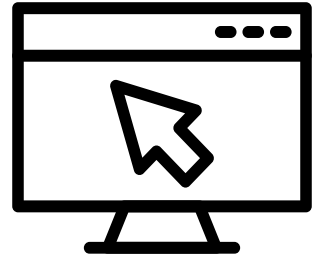
Please ensure the school has your correct email address.

Teachers and school management will communicate through email.

The first port of call for any issues at all in school is your child's class teacher.

If your child's teacher is not able to assist you, they will put you in touch with someone who can.





Communicating with Parents

Seesaw

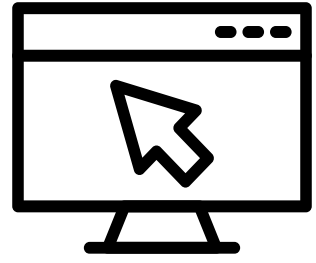
All children will have a Seesaw account, which parents can access.

Login information will be sent home in the first weeks of school.

Seesaw is a communication tool between the class teacher and parents through which teachers will:

- ✓ Share photos of children's learning
- ✓ Write a weekly update about children's learning
- ✓ Share information regarding trips and events in school
- ✓ Message parents informally





Communicating with Parents

Parent Portal

A key form of communication is the Parent Portal:

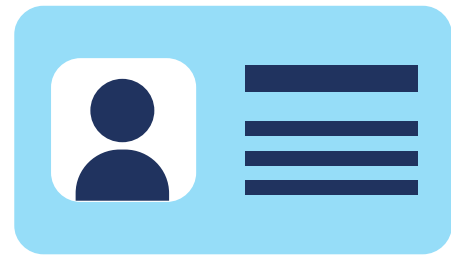
- ✓ View attendance information
- ✓ Access your child's termly school report
- ✓ School

calendar

<https://thepearlacademy.engagehosted.com/>

Please ensure your telephone number and email address are correct on the portal.





Parent Lanyard

Upon registering, each parent is required to fill out the Adult Identification Form.

Our team will then process your parent lanyard to allow you safe access in to the school's premises.

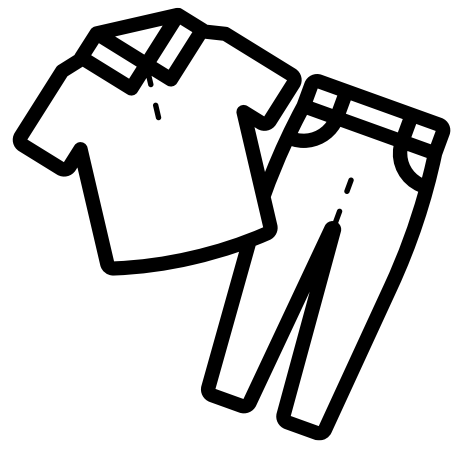
Please note a maximum of three parent lanyards can be issued per child.

Additional and replacement for lost cards will be subjected to 50 dhs fees. Please collect your lanyard from the school receptionist.

STUDENT NAME	YEAR GROUP	FORM

Guardian 1		Insert Photograph
Relationship to Child		
Mobile Number		
Guardian 2		Insert Photograph
Relationship to Child		
Mobile Number		
Guardian 3		Insert Photograph
Relationship to Child		
Mobile Number		





School Uniform

SCHOOL UNIFORMS



V-NECK SWEATER
WITH PIPING
BOYS & GIRLS
FS1 - YEAR 6



NAVY BLUE CARDIGAN
GIRLS
FS1 - YEAR 4



FLEECE HOODY
BOYS & GIRLS
FS1 - YEAR 6



KHAKI BERMUDA SHORT
BOYS & GIRLS
YEAR1 - YEAR6



KHAKI SKORT
GIRLS
FS1 - YEAR6



KHAKI PINAFORE
GIRLS
FS1-YEAR6



DRESS
FS1 & FS2



POLO T-SHIRT
BOYS & GIRLS
FS1 - YEAR 6



P.E. T-SHIRT
BOYS & GIRLS
FS1-YEAR 6



P.E. T-SHIRT
BOYS & GIRLS
FS1-YEAR 6



P.E. SHORT
BOYS & GIRLS
FS1-YEAR 6



GFORCE P.E. TRACK PANTS
BOYS & GIRLS
FS1-YEAR 6



BLACK RAMPERS
GIRLS
FS1-YEAR 13



SWIMMING TRUNKS
BOYS
FS1-YEAR 6



BLACK SWIMMING COSTUME
FS1-YEAR13



BLACK BOOKBAG WITH LOGO
FS1-YEAR6



BLACK BAGPACK WITH LOGO
FS1-YEAR13



LEGIONNAIRE CAP
FS1-YEAR6



SPORTS BAG WITH LOGO
FS1-YEAR13



BLACK P.E./ SWIM BAG WITH LOGO
FS1-YEAR13



BASEBALL CAP
YEAR1-YEAR6

You can purchase items online at <https://magrudy.com/uniforms/the-pearl-academy>
Alternatively, you can visit Magrudy's store at World Trade Centre Mall, or Al Forsan Mall.





Bus Information

Emirates Transport

The buses we use are inspected by the Department of Transportation (DoT) and have been given approval to operate.

The team has been given training in first aid, child protection and safety.

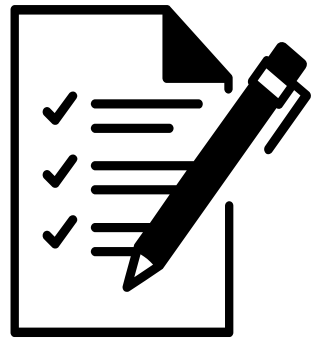
For any enquiries, please contact Emirates Transport:

Mohamed Rafaat

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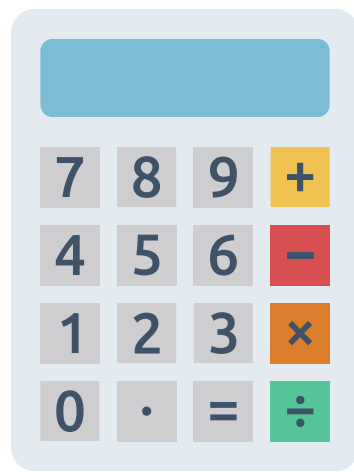
Registration Forms/Documents Checklist

Please ensure you have provided school with the following documents:

- ✓ Acceptance letter
- ✓ Confirmation of payment slip
- ✓ Student's, father's, and mother's Emirates Identity Card front and back
- ✓ Student's, father's and mother's passport copy
- ✓ Student's, father's and mother's residence visa (not applicable to UAE Nationals)
- ✓ Student's birth certificate
- ✓ Student's immunisation record
- ✓ Your address location proof—either ADDC (electricity) bill or Tawtheeq
- ✓ Passport size photograph of student
- ✓ Copy of the two most recent school reports
- ✓ Graduation requirements undertaking
- ✓ Transfer certificate (applicable if current school is outside of Abu Dhabi)
- ✓ Form 1: Parent security pass
- ✓ Form 2: Student health record
- ✓ Form 3: Consent medical issues
- ✓ Form 4: Parental consent to administer emergency medication
- ✓ Form 5: Learning support information
- ✓ Form 6: Consent form for photography and images of children
- ✓ Form 7: Consent form for use of photographic devices at school events by parents
- ✓ Form 8: ICT parents acceptable use agreement

For more information, please email: admissions@pearlbritishacademy.ae





Payment Information

School fees may be paid in the following ways:

- Cheque - made payable to Aldar Academies LLC – The Pearl Academy
- Bank transfer - Please reference your pupil code in the description and upload a copy of your confirmation to our web application.

Bank Name: Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank

Bank Branch: Salam Branch , Abu Dhabi , UAE

Account Name: Aldar Academies LLC – The Pearl Academy

Account Number: 10482902020002

IBAN: AE56 0030 0104 8290 2020 002

Swift Code: ADCBAEAA





Questions