



PEARL
BRITISH ACADEMY

Parent Information Pack 2025-2026



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Principal's Message



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

Meet our Senior Leadership Team



**Samantha
Hughes-Lewis**
Vice Principal

Miss Samantha Hughes-Lewis (Miss H-L) is the Vice Principal of Pearl British 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.



Darren McAleese
Assistant Principal

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 nine 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.



Maha Jallad
Head of MOE

Mrs Jallad is the Head of MoE at 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.



Jonathan Marcroft
Head of PE and
Enhanced Provision

Mr Jonathan Marcroft is Head of PE and Enhanced Provision in Pearl British Academy. Mr Marcroft joined the school in 2015 as a PE and Swimming teacher.

Mr Marcroft has been a teacher for 12 years, working in both the UK and 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. 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.



Jaskirn Singh
Head of EYFS

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 specialising in EYFS and KS1 at Roehampton University in London.

Miss Singh has lived in Abu Dhabi for 12 years and has taught and managed several international schools across the emirate.



Mr Robert Pollock is Head of Pastoral at The Pearl Academy. Mr Pollock has over a decade of educational experience, both in the United Kingdom and Abu Dhabi.

Having trained as a teacher at the University of Roehampton and taught in London, Mr Pollock joined The Pearl Academy in 2018. After returning to London in 2021, he has worked as Head of Year, Assistant Headteacher and rejoins us from his most recent role as Deputy Headteacher.

Mr Pollock is dedicated to helping children develop the skills and values they need to shape the world around them. He enjoys building positive, strong relationships within the school community and is thrilled to have the opportunity to work within the Pearl family again.



Welcome from the Parents Committee

Parent Testimonials

“ I am very happy at Pearl British Academy because of several factors. Most importantly, my children love going to school every day. All the staff are incredibly supportive and helpful- admin, teachers, CAs, management and maintenance team – everyone.

The education that the Pearl offers is of high standards and the way the curriculum is taught is always exciting and fun for the kids. The community we have at the Pearl is the best! ”

Student Leadership

Student Leadership opportunities are taken seriously at the Pearl. Our students actively lead the way through various roles as members, such as Head and Deputy Boy and Girl, School Council members, Eco Representatives, Culture Ambassadors, Playground Leaders, House Captains, Sports Captains and Friendship Monitors.





Registration Forms Documents Checklist

In order to ensure the school has accurate and up to date information and to enable the school to meet the requirements for registration with the Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK), it is essential that you provide 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 sized 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)

Essential registration forms:

- ▶ 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





Curriculum Information

At Pearl British Academy, we follow the National Curriculum for England and Wales (ENC) and the Curriculum of the Ministry of Education for the United Arab Emirates. In Early Years, we follow the Early Years Framework.

The English National Curriculum is organised into three main age groups called key Stages:

- ▶ Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS): Nursery and Foundation Stage 2 (FS2)
- ▶ Key Stage 1: Year 1 and Year 2
- ▶ Key Stage 2: Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

The EYFS Framework

The EYFS framework supports an integrated approach to early learning and care. It gives all professionals a set of common principles and commitments to deliver quality early education and childcare experiences to all children.





Parents/Guardian ID

Upon registering at Pearl British Academy, each parent is required to fill out the Adult Identification Form. Our team will then process your Adult ID card to allow your safe access into the school's premises.

Parents Security Pass

Please note a maximum of three security passes can be issued per child. Additional and replacement for lost cards will be subjected to 50aed fees. Please collect your Parents Security Pass 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



DRESS
FS1 & FS2



POLO T-SHIRT
BOYS & GIRLS
FS1 - YEAR 6



KHAKI PINAFORE GIRLS
YEAR 1 - YEAR 6



NAVY TROUSER
BOYS & GIRLS
YEAR 7 - YEAR 11



NAVY LONG SKIRT
GIRLS
YEAR 7 - YEAR 11



NAVY SHORT SKIRT
GIRLS
YEAR 7 - YEAR 11



BLACK BOOKBAG
WITH LOGO
FS1 - YEAR 6



BLACK BACKPACK
WITH LOGO
FS1 - YEAR 13



KHAKI BERMUDA SHORT
BOYS & GIRLS
FS1 - YEAR 6



KHAKI SKIRT GIRLS
YEAR 1 - YEAR 6



NAVY TROUSER
BOYS & GIRLS (OPTIONAL)
FS1 - YEARS 6



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



P.E. SHORT
BOYS & GIRLS
FS1 - YEAR 13



GFORCE P.E. TRACK PANTS
BOYS & GIRLS
FS1 - YEAR 13



SPORTS BAG
WITH LOGO
FS1 - YEAR 13



BLACK P.E. SWIM BAG
WITH LOGO
FS1 - YEAR 13



FLEECE HOODY
BOYS & GIRLS
YEAR 1 - YEAR 13



NAVY BLUE BLAZER
BOYS & GIRLS
YEAR 7 - YEAR 11



V-NECK SWEATER
(PROPOSED)
BOYS & GIRLS
FS1 - YEAR 13



BLACK RAMPERS
GIRLS
FS1 - YEAR 13



SWIMMING TRUNKS
BOYS
FS1 - YEAR 6



BLACK SWIMMING COSTUME
GIRLS
FS1 - YEAR 13



LEGIONNAIRE
CAP
FS1 - YEAR 2



BASEBALL CAP
YEAR 3 - YEAR 13



P.E. T-SHIRT (PROPOSED)
BOYS & GIRLS
FS1 - YEAR 13



LEGIONNAIRE CAP
PROPOSAL



BASEBALL CAP
PROPOSAL

You can purchase items online [HERE](#).
Alternatively, you can visit Magrudys's store in Al Wahda 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:
Mr.Abdullah 0 545151752 or email pearl@et.ae



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 FS 2 and Year 1 have access to the school's own supply of iPads.

Ideally, children bring an Apple device to school. For BYOD to be successful, we ask that each parent sign the BYOD policy before devices are brought to school.



School Supplies

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



Darna Rewards

The Darna Rewards Programme is a free application available to parents. It enables them to earn points upon payment of tuition or for experiences and purchases across Aldar and participating brands, which can then be redeemed for future payments.

Parents register through the Darna Rewards application by using the same email provided to the school. Points accrued will be added to the parents' account within seven days.

Online Education Platforms

Each child registered in our school will receive a Microsoft Office login (@thepearlacademy.net) 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. These are set up and rolled over at the beginning of each academic year.



School Day Timings

All children should be in school for the National Anthem, which we play daily at 7.45am. Children are registered in class from 7.45am. The main school gate is open 24 hours a day. The side gates open at 7.30am. Children in the EYFS must remain with parent or carer until they enter the EYFS gate.

Our school day finish at 2.230pm for all children.

Daily Absence

If your child is ill, parents are requested to email the class teacher or reception@thepearlacademy.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 Pollock, 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@thepearlacademy.sch.ae in advance.

Planned Absence during the 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 receptionist, at least seven days in advance for the principal's approval.





Payment Information

School fees may be paid in the following ways:

- ▶ Cheque made payable to Aldar Academies LLC –The Pearl Academy
- ▶ Through Darna App as an online Payment
- ▶ Cash paid to the finance office located in the school's reception.
- ▶ Bank transfer. Please reference your pupil code in the description and upload a copy of your confirmation to our web application. This will assist us in reconciling the account promptly.

Bank Name: Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank

Bank Branch: Salam Branch, Abu Dhabi, UAE **Account Name:** Aldar Academies-T.Pearl P.S.LLC BR1

Account Number: 10482902020002

IBAN: AE56 0030 0104 8290 2020 002

Swift Code: ADCBAEAA



**ADEK
Rating**



Very Good



**BSO
Rating**



Outstanding



**Key
Contacts**

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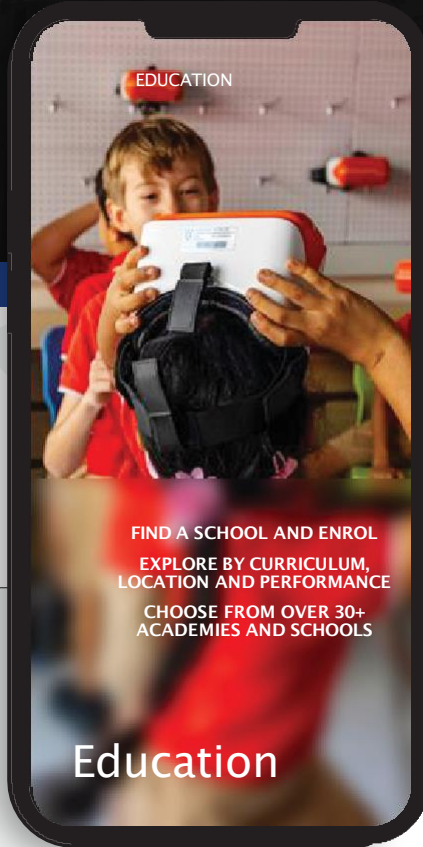
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Easily access your profile and view detailed information about your child.




SINGLE AND MULTIPLE CHILD VIEW
Get an overview of more than one child in a single view; individual child dashboards are also available.




DASHBOARD QUICK CALENDAR
Stay updated with current week's attendance of your child.




STORE ACCESS
Navigate easily to partner stores like Food Nation and Magrudy from the dashboard.




TIMETABLE VIEW
Check your child's daily and weekly schedule via the calendar section.




TERM TIME MANAGEMENT
View term reports and attendance records to keep track of your child's academic progress.



NOTIFICATIONS
Get real-time updates on activities such as announcements, pending payments, completed transactions, and new request submissions etc.



FEEDBACK SUBMISSION
Provide feedback under various categories to help improve services.



SEAMLESS PAYMENTS
Pay school fees securely and track your transaction history through the integrated wallet.



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