



مدرسة جيمس متروبول الواحة  
**GEMS Metropole School**  
AL WAHA

*Parent*  
**NEWSLETTER**

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Dear Parents,

In the seventh edition of our school newsletter, we share more information on what to expect during your first week at school. We will share information on the school day timings, reporting absences, uniform guidelines, catering by Slices, and the convenient STS bus service.

To ensure a smooth transition into school life, you can learn about the plan for the first week into our brand new school to make your first days memorable.

We understand that sometimes absences are unavoidable. In this issue, we outline the simple and efficient process for reporting absences, ensuring that both parents and students are well-informed about the necessary steps to take.

Uniforms are an essential part of our school's identity. In this issue we will share with you the details of where you can purchase the uniform along with why we believe it is important for our school to have a uniform policy.

We are pleased to be working with SLICES in school they offer wholesome and nutritious meals. Slices vision:

Our vision is to positively influence the eating habits of the next generation. Our mission is to educate the next generation on healthy eating through providing access to nutritious food at a young age and through a series of initiatives that enable them to look at food differently.

For those families planning to use the STS bus services we will share how to connect with STS and book your child's bus journey.

We trust this will help you have a successful start with GEMS Metropole Al Waha. With this guide, you can look forward to an enriching and enjoyable first week at school, equipped with all the information you need for a successful start to the academic year.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Hallum



# First Week at School & School Day Timings

We understand your excitement to learn about the school's opening dates and arrangements. Rest assured, we are carefully planning to create a safe and welcoming environment for your children. We will continue to update on our preparations, ensuring your child's well-being and educational experience are our top priorities when they join us at our school.

Monday 28th August	8:00am - 3:00pm- Parent/Teacher Meetings and Tour of MTW
Tuesday 29th August	7:40am - 12:30pm (FS Students) - Blue & Yellow Houses Only 7:40am - 3:00pm (Year 1 to 8)
Wednesday 30th August	7:40am - 12:30pm (FS Students) - Red & Green Houses Only 7:40am - 3:00pm (Year 1 to 8)
Thursday 31st August	7:40am - 12:30pm (FS Students) 7:40am - 3:00pm (Year 1 to 8) Normal School Day (Onwards)

Week beginning Monday 4th September

Whole School Theme Week (Based on Sustainability)

## Reporting Absences

We completely understand that sometime School Absences are unavoidable. We want to make the process of reporting those absences as easy as possible.

Reporting absences for pupils at our school is quick and convenient. If your child is unable to attend school due to illness or any other reason, simply click on the provided link, which can also be found at the bottom of teacher emails, to access the absence reporting form.

Fill in the necessary details, including your child's name, student ID as per lanyard, class, reason for absence, first day of absence and expected duration, if known.

Submit the form, and our dedicated attendance team will be notified.

Ensuring your child's well-being is our priority, and this streamlined process helps us stay informed and provide any necessary support during their absence.

This process should be as simple as possible.

Should you have any queries about the process you can contact our PRE [pre\\_mtw@gemsedu.com](mailto:pre_mtw@gemsedu.com).

# Uniform

You might wonder, "Why are school uniforms so important for our school and its values?" Well, we've got some great reasons to share with you!

First and foremost, uniforms create a strong sense of belonging and unity among our students. When everyone is dressed in the same way, we celebrate our togetherness and build lasting friendships.

But that's not all! Uniforms also promote equality, treating everyone as equals, regardless of backgrounds or styles. It's about embracing our unique personalities while being part of a fantastic team!

Wearing uniforms helps us focus on what truly matters - our studies and personal growth. No need to worry about what to wear each day; we can dive right into learning and making the most of every moment.

Not to mention, when we put on our uniforms, we represent our school's incredible values. We show respect, responsibility, and a passion for learning.

Our uniforms show everyone what an amazing community we are! Together, we'll make our school an even more incredible place to learn and grow.

To purchase your uniform please visit **THREADS** at Cityland Mall. They have a full compliment of uniforma supplies and are ready to help you get ready to meet us when school starts.

[THREADS Cityland Mall](#)

**GEMS METROPOLE SCHOOL**  
Date: 21-06-2022

**CORE UNIFORM - UNISEX Mandatory Uniforms**  
FS1 - YEAR 2 (Infant School)  
Y3 - Y6 (Junior School)  
Y7 - Y9 (Prep School)  
Y10 - Y13 (Senior School)

**PE UNIFORM - UNISEX ALL YEARS**  
NEW POLO T-SHIRT  
BOYS SHORTS  
BOYS TRACK PANT  
NEW UNISEX HOODIE  
UNISEX  
NEW GIRLS SHORTS (FS1 to Year 13)  
NEW GIRLS SHORTS (Year 13 to Year 15)  
ESP NAVY SPORTS LEGGINGS

**GIRLS - CORE UNIFORM Mandatory Uniforms**  
MANDATORY UNIFORM  
OPTIONAL UNIFORM  
Y3 - Y6 (Junior School)  
Y7 - Y9 (Prep School)

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS**  
NAVY HATS & SCARVES  
BLACK BELT  
BASEBALL CAP  
CORE SHOES  
BAGS  
SLIME BAG  
GYM BAG  
SLICK BELT  
NAVY SOCKS  
WHITE SOCKS  
PE SHOES  
NAVY TIGHTS  
NAVY TIGHTS

**SWIMWEAR ALL YEARS**  
SWIMWEAR  
SWIMMING TRUNKS  
SHORTS (PA & PLE)  
SHIRT (NAVY & BLUE NAVY)  
YELLOW NAVY  
RED NAVY  
SLIDE ON CAP

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## Slices

We are thrilled to announce that our school has partnered with SLICES to offer wholesome and nutritious meals to our students.

SLICES has a wonderful vision - they aim to positively influence the eating habits of the next generation. Their mission is to educate young minds about healthy eating by providing access to nutritious food and implementing various initiatives that encourage a positive outlook on food.

With SLICES on board, we are excited to ensure that our students have access to delicious and healthy meals that will fuel their minds and bodies for a successful day of learning and growing.

Let's embrace this new opportunity together and encourage our students to make mindful choices about what they eat, setting them up for a lifetime of healthy habits.

We are also welcoming packed lunches into school as we know how much children enjoy what they bring from home.



School Transport Service are available for you to book your child's journey to and from school.

Once you are enrolled with the school you should receive your GEMS Connect credentials where you will find details on School Transport and how to book the services.

STS also have a dedicated person available for you, should you have any questions about your route, fees or anything else bus service related. You can contact them at [sde-mtw@sts-group.com](mailto:sde-mtw@sts-group.com).

You can also register for STS on GEMS Connect [here](#)

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## SCHOOL BUS REGISTRATION

SAFE, TIMELY, SMART





“ Hi there, this is your Super Driver! ”



“ And I am your Super Guardian! ”

“ Welcome to the start of your school bus journey. As the leading private operator of school transport solutions, our purpose is to shape a better world by making sure your child's journey is always Safe, Timely, Smart. ”

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY.

We are committed to making the journey to and from school enjoyable and hassle-free for both you and your child.

KNOW MORE ABOUT THE SMART BUS FEATURES. ●

AWARDS & ACCOLADES.

Our reputation is demonstrated by numerous awards and accreditations that recognise our excellence in the field.

READ ABOUT OUR ACHIEVEMENTS. ●

STS APP.

Take the school bus experience to the next level with the STS App. Registration and fee payment are at your fingertips.

KNOW MORE ABOUT THE APP FEATURES. ●

As we begin a new academic period, we are reaching out to inform you about the upcoming school transport registration for your school. Please follow the below steps to register your interest in the school bus service:

Please click the link below and submit your request for service before 10 August 2023.

Click Here to Request for Service

- ⚙️ Please accept our Terms & Conditions and Bus Behaviour Code.
- ⚙️ Please complete the payment.

Please contact your Service Delivery Executive for further support.



“ Thank you for taking a tour of our services. We are excited to have your child hop on board our Safe, Timely, Smart school bus. ”

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GEMS Connect [here](#)  
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QUESTIONS

Please click on the link below to share your question with us or scan the QR code below



<https://forms.office.com/r/2S07fzs4LV>

Inevitably there will be questions that you as parents have when joining a new school. To support in this matter each newsletter we will endeavour to clarify anything you need to know. Please populate the link with any questions that you have and we will do our best to reach out to you & address your questions.





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