



Principal's Update



First Day of School - 26th August 2024

We are excited to announce the opening of Noya British School!

I hope you and your families are well and have enjoyed the summer break! Our campus is looking amazing and tours will begin imminently. My team cannot wait to show you around!

Our staff induction begins on 12th August for 2 weeks. I am really looking forward to meeting our teachers and welcoming them to the school. I know they are very excited to meet you and your children. Parent teacher meetings are planned for **Thursday 22nd August & Friday 23rd August**. Your child's teacher will contact you next week to invite you to meet him/her on campus.

In addition, we are able to share with you important information about the first week. As mentioned in previous newsletters, we will be implementing a phased induction week from **26th to 30th August 2024**. The first week will be organized carefully to ensure a smooth transition and allow our staff to give each student individual attention.

Please refer to the schedule on the next page for your child's specific start dates and times based on their year group and assigned group (1 or 2). You will be informed of your child's house colour (Camel, Fox, Oryx, or Falcon) shortly. Siblings will be in the same House. We kindly ask that you adhere to the specified timings for your child's year group and assigned group. This will greatly assist us in providing the best possible induction experience for all students.

I look forward to welcoming you and your family to Noya British School very soon!

Mrs Rachael Giles, Principal of Noya British School



Student Induction Week 26th - 30th August

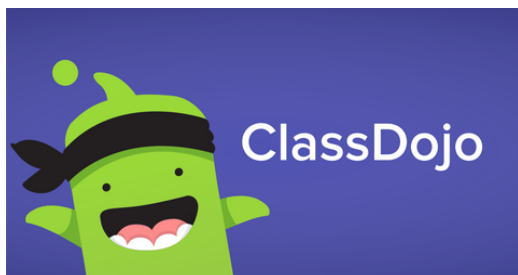
Please note:

- Group 1 = Camel & Fox
- Group 2 = Oryx & Falcon
- **Siblings will be in the same House Group**
- Please note buses will not be operating during the first week
- Parents are responsible for bringing and picking up children according to the times below
- Students should bring a packed lunch/snacks/water
- Students should not bring any devices to school – further information to follow regarding the launch of BYOD

Timings	FS1& FS2		Years 1 - 2		Years 3 - 6	
	7.45am –10am	11am – 1pm	7.30am – 10.30am	11.30 am – 2.30pm	7.30am – 10.30am	11.30 am – 2.30pm
Mon 26th August	FS1 (Group 1)	FS1 (Group 2)				
	FS2 (Group 1)	FS2 (Group 2)				
Tues 27th August	FS1 (Group 1)	FS1 (Group 2)	Year 1 (Group 1)	Year 1 (Group 2)		
	FS2 (Group 1)	FS2 (Group 2)	Year 2 (Group 1)	Year 2 (Group 2)		
Wed 28th August	FS1 (Group 1)	FS1 (Group 2)	Year 1 (Group 1)	Year 1 (Group 2)	Year 3, 4, 5, 6 (Group 1)	Year 3, 4, 5, 6 (Group 2)
	FS2 (Group 1)	FS2 (Group 2)	Year 2 (Group 1)	Year 2 (Group 2)		
Thurs 29th August	FS1 (Group 1)	F1 (Group 2)	Year 2 (Group 1)	Year 2 (Group 2)	Year 3, 4, 5, 6 (Group 1)	Year 3, 4, 5, 6 (Group 2)
	FS2 (Group 1)	FS2 (Group 2)	Year 2 (Group 1)	Year 2 (Group 2)		
Fri 30th August	All students attend school 7.30am – 11.30am					

Class Dojo

Parents who have already completed the application form and paid the registration fee should have received a Class Dojo link via email (please check both parents' emails for the link)





Academic Calendar 2024 - 2025

Term 1

Induction Week for Staff	19th August 2024
First Day of Term 1 (Phased student induction)	26th August 2024
PBUH*	15th September 2024
Half Term Holiday – Term 1	14th October 2024 – 18th October 2024
Students back to school after Half Term Holiday – Term 1	21st October 2024
Commemoration & National Day	02nd – 03rd December 2024
End of Term 1	17th December 2024
Winter Holiday	18th December – 03rd January 2025

Term 2

First Day of Term 2	06th January 2025
Half Term Holiday – Term 2	10th February – 14th February 2025
Students back to school after Half Term Holiday – Term 1	17th February 2025
End of Term 2	21st March 2025
Spring Holiday	24th March 2025 – 04th April 2025

Term 3

Arafat and Eid Al Adha*	05th – 08th June 2025
Islamic New Year	26th June 2025
Last day for students for the academic year (All Students)	27th June 2025
Summer Break Students (Students)	30th June – 22nd August 2025
Summer Break Students (Staff)	30th June – 15th August 2025



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SCHOOL UNIFORMS

YEAR 1 - YEAR 6



Polo T-Shirt
Boys Year 1-6
AED 111-130



Polo T-Shirt
Girls Year 1-6
AED 111-130



Grey Short
Boys Year 1-6
AED 107-123



Grey Pinflore
Girls Year 1-6
AED 141



Grey Skirt
Girls Year 1-6
AED 135



Trousers
Boys & Girls Year 1-6
AED 121-138

FS1 - FS2



Polo T-Shirt
Boys FS1-2
AED 111-130



Grey Short
Boys FS1-2
AED 107-123



Dress
Girls FS1-2
AED 149



Polo T-Shirt
Girls FS1-2
AED 111-130



Grey Skirt
Girls FS1-2
AED 135



Trousers
Boys & Girls FS1-2
AED 121-138

HOUSE SHIRTS

House Shirts

Boys & Girls FS1 - Year 6

AED 95-107



P.E. UNIFORMS



P.E. T-Shirt
Boys & Girls
Compulsory
AED 107-135



P.E. Track Pants
Boys & Girls
Optional
AED 141



Unisex P.E. Shorts
Boys & Girls
Compulsory
AED 107-130



V-Neck Sweater
Boys & Girls
Optional
AED 146-169



Navy Blue Cardigan
Boys & Girls
Optional
AED 146-169



Legionaire Cap
AED 66



Baseball Cap
AED 66



Book Bag
AED 66



P.E. / Swim Bag
AED 54



Swimsuit
AED 112



Rompers
AED 205



Swim Cap
AED 60



Swimming Trunks
AED 100

You can purchase items online at www.magrudys.com/category/uniforms
Alternatively, you can visit Magrudy's store in Forsan Central Mall.





School Uniform Policy

Hair

Hair should be neat and tidy, with no extreme hair colouring or styles. Hair below collar length should be tied back or plaited. Only plain practical accessories may be worn in the school colours.

Jewellery

Students are permitted to wear a watch (not a SMART watch). Stud earrings may be worn. No other jewellery is permitted. In line with safe practices, earrings must be removed for PE and swimming lessons.

Footwear

Students should wear plain, black shoes/trainers (no logo/colours/images/branding) For physical education, students must change into plain, white trainers.

Cultural Sensitivity

It is recognised that some parents of young girls would prefer that their arms and legs are fully covered. In such circumstances, second skins/int-shirts (obtainable through major retailers such as Lulu, Max, Splash, Sun and Sands) and leggings may be worn underneath uniforms, or trousers may be worn (obtainable tailor-made, from the uniform supplier).

Where to Purchase Uniforms

Noya British School uniforms are available exclusively from Magrudy's Uniforms. You can purchase items online at www.magrudy.com simply by searching for the school's name.

For further information about school uniform, please visit our website:

<https://www.noya.sch.ae/school-uniform/>



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Bus Transportation

Aldar Education and Noya British School have contracted Emirates Transport, a highly experienced and established bus transportation company.

All vehicles used by Emirates Transport follow the strictest Abu Dhabi Department of Transport (DoT) safety standards and guidelines.

Safety & Attendance

- A bus monitor travels with each vehicle.
- All buses feature CCTV cameras and a tracking system.
- The drivers and bus monitors have been trained at DoT authorized training centres and undergo regular training sessions conducted in-house every quarter.

Registration

Emirates Transport is responsible for transport operations such as new registrations, re-registrations, transport fee collections, route planning and customer service. Parents wishing to use school transport services can register via Emirates Transport: <http://one.et.ae/>

Please note , a letter will be sent to parents with all the details of fees, how to book a seat and routes.

All services will be provided based on route and seat availability.

While every effort will be made to accommodate all requests, the decision of whether the student is being allocated a seat rests with Emirates Transport. This is dependent on:

1. Seat availability on existing buses
2. The student's residency and established bus routes.





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Food Nation Catering Services

FOOD NATION Catering Services LLC (FOOD NATION) is excited to be a part of Noya British School.

We pride ourselves in our commitment to in the provision of honest, healthy and tasty food and wish to extend this commitment to all students, parents and faculty members within the Institution.

Our vision is to contribute to transform school canteens in the UAE into the healthy and happy hub of the school, a place where students and school employees eat, socialize, and share positive moments. FOOD NATION Management and all its dedicated employees are eager to be involved with the school and we are committed to ensure everyone in the Food nation will work hard, every day, to bring a world-class quality catering service to your school.

Specialized school caterers - Food Nation prides at being one of U.A.E's premier catering companies and through excellence, we aim to raise the bar in school catering across the UAE through our EAT BRIGHT programme. Our Promise - To create nutritious, tasty food for our next generations by not forgetting our corporate social responsibilities. We believe in active participation in school life and events and are educationally focused. We are committed to creating well priced, healthful products; from on-the-go breakfasts; lively, combo salads, rich bakery items and school lunches that pack a nutritious punch.

For more information, please visit <https://foodnationme.com/>

Food Nation will contact all Noya parents with next steps on how to sign up to the Food Nation App.



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Mobile Phone Policy

Noya British School is a **no mobile phone school**. Students are not allowed to bring mobile phones to school. We believe that not having mobile phones in schools is a positive step for students. Banning mobile phones in schools is a topic that has gained significant attention recently due to its potential impact on student behaviour, learning outcomes, and overall school environment.

Aims

Our aim is for students to use technology to enhance their learning journey. We want them to become confident in using technology in life beyond school.

We also want students to appreciate the value of social interaction without technology, which is often disrupted by mobile phones. By doing this, students will build their emotional awareness and empathy and in turn allow them to build strong, rich and long-lasting relationships.

Here are some key reasons why we are promoting an environment without mobile phones:

- 1.Reduction in Distractions:** One of the primary arguments for banning mobile phones is to reduce distractions during class time. Studies have shown that students often use phones for non-academic purposes (texting, social media, gaming), which can disrupt their focus on learning activities.
- 2.Improvement in Academic Performance:** Several studies indicate a positive correlation between banning mobile phones and improved academic performance. Without the distraction of phones, students may engage more actively in lessons and retain information better.
- 3.Enhanced Social Interaction:** Proponents of banning phones argue that it encourages face-to-face interaction among students, potentially improving social skills and reducing cyberbullying incidents that can occur via mobile devices.
- 4.Reduced Cheating:** Mobile phones can facilitate cheating during exams or assignments. Banning phones during assessments can help maintain academic integrity and fairness.
- 5.Impact on Mental Health:** Some research suggests that excessive use of mobile phones, particularly for social media, can contribute to anxiety, depression, and sleep disturbances among students. Limiting phone use at school may mitigate these negative effects.
- 6.Physical Health:** There are concerns about the physical health impacts of excessive mobile phone use, such as eye strain, poor posture, and disrupted sleep patterns due to late-night use. A policy against mobile phones can mitigate these health risks.
- 7.Encouraging Other Activities:** Without constant access to phones, students may be more inclined to engage in physical activities, hobbies, or academic pursuits during breaks, rather than being glued to their screens.