



We are delighted to welcome your family to Ranches Primary School for the Academic Year 2025/2026.

To support you in preparing for their start, we've put together a booklet containing all our key information. Please take a moment to review the details carefully, as they'll help ensure a smooth and confident beginning to their journey with us.



Meet our Principal

Dear Parents and Families,

A very warm welcome to Ranches Primary School; a school unique in its care, wellbeing, and unwavering focus on building the foundations of education.

Within the pages of this handbook, you'll find all the practical information you need to support your child's journey at Ranches. But beyond that, I hope you begin to experience what truly sets us apart: our identity as a stand-alone primary school, wholly dedicated to laying the essential foundations for a lifetime of success, fulfilment, and meaning.

At the heart of our approach is a deep understanding of what young learners need most. Embedding curiosity, creativity, and rich early language experiences are proven to shape not just academic achievement, but confident, capable, and joyful learners. These principles guide everything we do.

Alongside academic excellence is our unwavering commitment to wellbeing. Ranches is a place of joy. A safe, nurturing, and inspiring environment where children feel happy, valued, and motivated to thrive. We protect that joy fiercely and celebrate it enthusiastically every day.

We can't wait to begin this journey with you and your child. We deeply value the partnership between home and school and are committed to ensuring our communication, care, and collaboration are second to none.

Thank you for placing your trust in us.

Steve Arnold
Principal



Hayley Lamb

Vice Principal

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Senior Leadership Team

Mrs Hayley Lamb is a dedicated educational leader who believes children's best interests should guide every decision. She champions a well-rounded education that supports academic, personal, emotional, and social development—encouraging each child to reach their potential.

Hayley has served as a school governor, mental health charity trustee, lecturer, and international speaker. She is also an ICF Professional Coach focused on performance and wellbeing, and a certified Mental Health First Aider.

Passionate about lifelong learning, Hayley's mission is to inspire growth and a love of learning in every student and educator.

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Head of Year 2

Lydia Grundy

Head of Year 3

Alice Casey

Head of Year 4

Erin Geraty

Head of Year 5 & Year 6

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Our leadership team is best contacted via the Seesaw application.



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Academic Calendar

Autumn Term

All Staff INSET Week	Monday 18 th August - Friday 22 nd August 2025
Induction Day	Monday 25 th August
Term 1 start for all students	Tuesday 26 th August
Prophet Mohammad's Birthday *	Thursday 4 th September
Half Term	Monday 13 th October - Friday 17 th October
UAE National Day	Tuesday 2 nd & Wednesday 3 rd December
Last day of Term 1	Friday 5 th December 2025

Spring Term

First day of Term 2	Monday 5 th January 2026
Start of Ramadan (TBC)	Wednesday 18 th February
Last day of Term 2	Friday 13 th March 2026

Summer Term

First day of Term 3	Monday 30 th March 2026
Eid Al Adha *	Tuesday 26 th to Friday 29 th May
Islamic New Year *	Tuesday 16 th June
Last day of Term 3	Friday 3 rd July 2026

This calendar is subject to change in line with School and Government requirements. *Islamic holidays are subject to the lunar calendar and may change (school closure). Please do not book any holidays until dates are confirmed by the KHDA and school.

Approved by KHDA



School Lanyards

At Ranches Primary School, the safety and wellbeing of our students is our highest priority. As part of our safeguarding procedures, we kindly ask that all adults entering the school premises wear their designated, colour-coded lanyards at all times. This includes any adult who is authorised to collect your child.

Parents and nominated guardians will be issued ID cards once the required documentation has been submitted. Visitors are asked to exchange a valid ID at the security desk in return for a temporary visitor lanyard before being allowed onto the school grounds.

To request a Parent or Guardian ID card, please email rpsid@rpsdubai.com with the following:

- Your child(ren)'s full name(s)
- A scanned photo of each parent

Please include the following information in your email:

- Child's Full Name
- Year Group
- Parents Full Name (Mum/Dad)

Parent ID cards are free of charge upon enrollment, a 50 AED fee applies for any replacements.

If you would like to request ID cards for family staff (such as nannies or drivers) who assist with school drop-offs or pick-ups, please send the request from the parent or sponsor's email address.

There is a one-time 50 AED fee for each staff ID. These remain valid while your child is enrolled at the school or until the staff member is changed.



Catering

We're proud to partner with The Tuck Shop Café as our dedicated catering provider. They prepare fresh, nutritious food on-site each day for children from Nursery through to Year 6.

Parents can choose from a wide range of healthy hot and cold meals and snacks, all made using fresh ingredients and packed in eco-friendly packaging. The café runs on a three-week rotating menu, offering a variety of options designed to keep your child energised and focused throughout the school day.

Each daily meal includes:

- A healthy snack for break time (with fresh fruit of the day)
- A delicious lunch option with sides
- A mini bake for a balanced finish

[Find out more](#)

[Sample Menu](#)

skiplly

Make quick and easy payment via the Skiplly App

Water

Water fountains are available throughout the school, but please note that we do not provide disposable cups.

To help ensure your child stays hydrated throughout the day, please send them to school with a refillable water bottle.

We kindly ask that you remind your child of the importance of staying hydrated and encourage them to drink water regularly.

In the rare event that your child forgets their water bottle, please be sure to notify the class teacher so we can assist them.



Getting To School

School Bus

We are partnered with Guardian One Transport LLC, a well-established and trusted bus transportation company that serves several schools across Dubai. Guardian One Transport will be providing our students with a safe, reliable, and professional transport service to and from Ranches Primary School.

Safety and Compliance:

All vehicles used by Guardian One Transport LLC comply with the strict standards set by the Road and Transport Authority (RTA). Additionally, the drivers are authorized, experienced, and trained by the RTA, ensuring the highest levels of safety for our students. To further enhance student safety, each bus will be accompanied by a "Bus Nanny" at all times, providing extra supervision during the journey.

Why Choose Guardian One Transport:

Guardian One's school buses are renowned for their safety and reliability, meeting all the RTA's specifications to make them the safest mode of transport for your child. Parents can have peace of mind knowing that all buses are equipped with a video surveillance system, further ensuring the safety of all passengers.

[Register](#)[View Routes](#)

All children must be greeted upon arrival at home, children will not be permitted to leave school bus unless handed over to an adult at the home address. If your child is in Year 4-6 you can apply for a School Bus Community Pass which gives parent permission for them to enter their home address without being greeted by an adult. Please click on the following link to apply for your pass.

[**Year 4-6 Community Bus Pass**](#)

Contact Information:

For any inquiries or assistance regarding transport, you can contact the Parent Relations Executive at Guardian One Transport:

- Mobile: +971 56 515 0197
- Landline: +971 4 442 9765
- Email: pre.rps@guardianonetransport.com
- Website: www.guardianonetransport.com



Getting To School

Community Pass

To support sustainable modes of travel and to encourage independence in older year groups, we operate a Community Pass scheme.

Children in Years 4-6, who are deemed able by both the school and their families, may be awarded a Community Pass that enables them to travel to and from school independently.

Children in Year 3 with siblings in Years 4-6, may also be granted a community pass on the request and permission from the parents. The pass includes contact information and acts as an identifier should the child find themselves in need of support outside of school. If children are traveling from further afield, they will have to travel by car or by bus.

[Register for your child's Community Pass](#)

Electric Scooters

We would like to remind families that electric scooters are not permitted for use on school grounds.

In line with the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) guidelines, electric scooters must only be used in designated areas and riders are expected to follow specific safety regulations, including age restrictions, wearing helmets, and adhering to speed limits. These measures are in place to protect both riders and pedestrians.

For the safety of all students, staff, and visitors, we kindly ask that electric scooters are not used.

We encourage parents to review the RTA's updated e-scooter regulations for further details.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping our school community safe.

Please ensure that all children arriving by bike or scooter, whether with or without parents, are wearing helmets.



What to bring

Nursery

- Refillable water bottle
- Easy-to-use snack and lunch box
- 1 set of spare clothes. Please label and store in a large zip-lock
- One weeks supply of nappies - If applicable
- Nappy cream - If applicable
- One pack of wet wipes

We kindly ask that all personal toys remain at home.

FS & Primary

- Refillable water bottle
- Ranches backpack
- A healthy snack and lunch should be provided if you are not utilising the school catering services.
Please use plastic, stainless steel or silicone lunchboxes only. No glass.
- Please send an additional afternoon snack if your child will be stay for ECA's or Sports.

Year 2 - 6 Stationary List

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pencil Case • Writing Pencils • Sharpener • Eraser • Ruler | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colouring pencils • One pair of safety scissors • Glue stick |
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To support our students' health and concentration, we kindly ask that you avoid sending foods that are high in sugar, artificial additives, or unhealthy fats. This includes:

- Sugary sweets or chocolates
- Chips or crisps
- Sugary drinks or juices

Please be mindful of any food allergies or dietary restrictions your child may have, and ensure their snacks and lunches are safe and suitable. If your child has specific dietary needs, please feel free to reach out to the school so we can support them.

Please note that we do not have fridges to store packed lunch boxes and we advise that ice packs are used.

As part of our commitment to creating a safe and inclusive environment for all students, Ranches Primary School is a nut-free and pork-free school. Please do not pack any nuts (including peanuts and tree nuts) or pork-based products in your child's snack or lunch



Technology In School

At Ranches Primary School, we understand the importance of using technology in a thoughtful and purposeful way to enhance the learning experience for all our students. Technology is not just a tool, but a means to differentiate learning, ensuring that every child receives the support they need to thrive.

We recognize that each child has unique learning needs, whether they are part of our Gifted and Talented Programme or require additional support. Through the conscious integration of technology, we are able to:

- Differentiate instruction by offering personalised learning paths that cater to each child's pace, strengths, and areas for development.
- Provide interactive and engaging resources that foster critical thinking and creativity.
- Offer additional support to students who need it, whether through assistive tools, specialized programs, or adaptive learning platforms.
- Challenge and extend the learning of our Gifted and Talented students, providing them with enriching content and opportunities to explore advanced concepts in a stimulating way.

We believe that learning should not be confined to a textbook. Technology enables our students to explore, experiment, and create in ways that traditional methods cannot. It empowers them to become independent learners, develop digital literacy skills, and prepare for a future in an ever-evolving world.

We are committed to using technology to complement, not replace, the invaluable face-to-face interactions and hands-on learning experiences that are at the core of our curriculum.

iPad Terms and Conditions

To enhance their learning experience, all children in Years 3 - 6 will be provided an iPad by the school. Please note the following terms and conditions:

- Screen repair due to non-accidental damage: 600 AED
- Replacement due to loss or irreparable damage: 1,750 AED

For Year 5 and 6 students, they will be granted permission to take their iPads home for completing home learning and projects. Please note that chargers are not issued as standard but can be requested for a deposit of 200 AED at the finance office.

All devices must be returned at the end of each term.



Parent App Support

To ensure you stay informed and connected throughout your child's school journey, we are using several important apps that will play a key role in supporting communication, academic progress, and school activities.

Here's a quick overview of the apps you will need:

iSAMS Parent Portal

What it is: The Parent Portal (iSAMS) is part of our school management system.

What it does: This portal gives you direct access to your child's academic reports, monitor progress and keep up to date with our school calendar. This can be accessed via the following link <https://rpsdubai.isamshosting.cloud/> or by downloading the iSAMS app.

Download Links:

- [App Store](#)
- [Google Play Store](#)



First time log-in: The details to create your Parent Portal account will be shared prior to your child's first day. Account set up must first be done online via the following link

<https://rpsdubai.isamshosting.cloud/>. If you require any support with setting up your account please email pre@rpsdubai.com

App Support: portal@rpsdubai.com

Seesaw

What it is: Seesaw is a digital portfolio and communication tool. This will be your primary method of communication with your child's teacher.

What it does: Through Seesaw, you can view your child's learning activities, projects, and classwork. Teachers can share photos, videos, and assignments, while students can upload their work, giving you a direct insight into their daily learning. It's also an excellent way for parents to communicate with teachers about your child's progress.

Download Links:

- [App Store](#)
- [Google Play Store](#)



First time log-in: Your Seesaw log in details will be shared by your child's class teacher. If you have not received this please email pre@rpsdubai.com

App Support: pre@rpsdubai.com

SOCS

What it is: SOCS is our school's platform for managing extracurricular activities and events.

What it does: This platform allows you to stay updated on sports schedules, school events, club activities, and other extracurricular opportunities. You'll receive notifications about upcoming activities, sign-up details, and any changes to schedules, making it easy for you to stay involved in your child's outside-of-classroom experiences.

First time log-in: Please first set up your iSAMS Parent Portal, the same log in details will be used to join SOCS.

Platform Support: pre@rpsdubai.com

Skiplay

What it is: Skiplay is a school payment system used for our school catering.

What it does: This app simplifies payments for school lunch. You can easily make online payments and stay on top of any financial matters related to your child's school journey.

Download Links:

- [App Store](#)
- [Google Play Store](#)



First time log-in: Simply download the App, search for Ranches Primary school and enter your child's details.

App Support: rps@tuckshopcafe.com

Zenda

What it is: A quick and easy way to pay your school fees.

What it does: Zenda is a convenient way to pay your school fees online and set up payment plans.

Download Links:

- [App Store](#)
- [Google Play Store](#)



First time log-in: Simply download the App and sign in with your registered email address.

App Support: help@zenda.com



Important Information

Birthday Celebrations

We love celebrating our students' birthdays and making them feel special on their big day! However, to ensure the safety and well-being of all our students — especially those with allergies and specific dietary requirements — we kindly ask that birthday cakes and other food items not be brought into school.

If you'd still like to mark the occasion, we welcome a "Birthday Book" donation to your child's class. This book will be shared with their friends on the day and kept in class as a special reminder that we can revisit throughout the year.

Fun Fact: On your child's birthday, they are invited to wear their own clothes to school! We look forward to celebrating with you and your child on this special day.

Thank you for your understanding and support in creating an inclusive and safe environment for everyone.

Late Arrivals

Late arrivals:

Please be advised that all Primary School entry points will close promptly at 7:45am. After this time, access to the school will only be permitted via the main reception through security.

In line with school policy and to uphold the respect due during this time, families will not be permitted to enter the building once the National Anthem has begun at 7:50am. Entry will resume once the anthem has concluded.

As a sign of respect, we kindly ask that all families pause and remain silent while the National Anthem is playing if you are on school grounds.

If you do arrive late, please be aware that there may be a short delay while security grants access to the building. Additionally, all late arrivals must check in at reception, as student registration will be logged via iSAMS by our reception team. Children must not bypass reception under any circumstances.

If you will be late to collect your child please notify reception.



Home Learning

At Ranches Primary School, we believe that home learning plays an important role in reinforcing what children learn in class and supporting their development.

We have established a home learning policy that is tailored to each year group to ensure it complements and enhances the learning experience.

Foundation Stage (FS):

In the Foundation Stage (FS), students will have reading practice at home each week.. This is a wonderful opportunity to support their growing literacy skills and foster a love for reading. We encourage you to read with your child at home, making this a special time to bond and explore new books together.

Year 1 to Year 4:

For Year 1 to Year 4, students will have reading and spelling practice each week. These activities aim to enhance their reading fluency and spelling accuracy, providing them with the skills they need to succeed as they progress through primary school.

Year 5:

In Year 5, we will introduce non-compulsory home learning assignments alongside their reading and spelling. While these assignments are not mandatory, we highly encourage students to complete them as part of their transition to secondary school. This will help develop their time management, independent study skills, and academic discipline, all of which will be essential in their future education.

Year 6:

For our Year 6 students, home learning will be compulsory in addition to their reading and spelling. They will be given one assignment per week, which is designed to prepare them for the demands of secondary school. These assignments will focus on reinforcing classroom learning and further developing their critical thinking and problem-solving skills.



A Soft Start For Nursery, FS1 and New Joiners to FS2 Only

Nursery, FS1 and New Joiners to RPS FS2

We understand that the first day of school can be an emotional experience—for both you and your child. It's only natural to want to linger a little longer to ensure they feel safe and secure in their new environment.

To support a smooth and positive transition, Ranches Primary School has introduced a “soft start” to the school day. This gentle approach allows children to gradually ease into their new setting, build relationships with their teachers, and begin forming friendships—all within a calm and welcoming atmosphere, free from the immediate pressure of structured activities.

To help make this soft start as effective as possible, we kindly ask that drop-off time be limited to ten minutes. A short and confident goodbye not only encourages your child's independence but also helps them settle in quickly.

What is a Soft Start?

A soft start involves children gradually increasing their time in Nursery or Foundation Stage. This phased approach plays a vital role in supporting their emotional, social, and developmental wellbeing.

Research consistently shows that young children thrive with a gentle transition into a new setting. According to Attachment Theory (Bowlby, 1969), strong and secure relationships are the foundation of healthy emotional and social development. A soft start enables children to form meaningful bonds with the adults in their environment, easing anxiety and building confidence. It also allows educators to spend valuable time getting to know each child individually, so they can tailor support to their unique needs.

The Benefits of Our Soft Start Programme at RPS:

- Builds trust, emotional security, and confidence in a new environment.
- Gives children the time to become confident communicators with both peers and adults.
- Reduces stress-related behaviours and promotes calm participation in fine and gross motor activities.
- Encourages exploration and curiosity at the child's own pace, helping them adjust to new routines and surroundings.
- Gradual exposure to expectations supports children in learning to manage emotions and behaviour appropriately.



Drop Off and Collection

Nursery, FS1 & FS2

Drop off and Collection to and from their classroom door.

Year 1

Drop off: 7.30am - 7.45am

Week one: Please drop off directly to their classroom

Week two onwards: Please drop off to the astro pitch by Gate C or D

Collection: 2.30pm

Collection on Fridays: 11.40am

Collect from the classroom

Year 2

Drop off: 7.30am - 7.45am

Please drop off to the astro pitch by Gate C or D

Collection: 2.30pm

Collection on Fridays: 11.40am

Collect from the main hall through the astro pitch Gate C or D

Year 3

Drop Off: 7.30am - 7.45am

Please drop off to reception where they will then make their way independently to class. Staff are on hand to assist at all entry points

Collection: 2.30pm

Collection on Fridays: 11.40am

Collect from the main hall through the astro pitch entrance via Gate C or D

Year 4 - Year 6

Drop Off: 7.30am - 7.45am

Please drop off to reception where they will then make their way independently to class. Staff are on hand to assist at all entry points

Collection: 2.40pm

Collection on Fridays: 11.50am

Collect from the main hall through the astro pitch entrance via Gate C or D

Children holding a community pass will be dismissed at 2.40pm via Gate C.

Kiss-and-go Lane

For children in Years 1 - 6 we also operate a kiss-and-go lane where members of the team are on hand to help your child out of the car making drop off for busy parents a breeze and reducing traffic congestion.

Please be advised the kiss-and-go lane will close promptly at 7.45am



Class Connect

Our Class Connect is an informal, scheduled opportunity for parents or caregivers to visit their child's classroom during school hours. It is designed to strengthen the connection between home and school by giving families a window into the child's learning environment. This will begin on the second week of each term and run from 7.30am - 7.45am.

What Happens During a Class Connect:

- Parents can drop their child off directly to the classroom, rather than at the usual school gate or drop-off point.
- They are invited to spend a short period of time inside the classroom.
- Parents can explore the classroom space, interact with their child, and view current work, displays, and learning activities.
- Teachers are often available for a brief informal chat, but please note that this is not a time for formal parent-teacher meetings.

Purpose and Benefits:

- Celebrate student learning: Children feel proud to show their work to family members.
- Foster school-family relationships: Parents gain a better understanding of the classroom environment, routines, and curriculum.
- Ease transitions: Especially useful for younger children or at the start of a new school year.

Encourage engagement: Builds a sense of community and shared responsibility for the child's development.

Class connect will take place as follows

Monday	Year 5 & Year 6
Tuesday	Year 4 & Year 3
Wednesday	Year 2
Thursday	Year 1
Friday	Our Head of FS1 & FS2 will confirm Class Connect timings via the Seesaw App

We kindly request that families leave prior to the National Anthem at 7.50am



Ranches Primary Physical Education

Ranches Primary School is excited to offer students the opportunity to be part of our sports squads, which are formed based on their performance and positive attitude during PE lessons.

Rather than holding formal trials, we believe in observing students throughout their regular PE sessions to ensure a fair and supportive selection process. Our aim is to encourage effort, teamwork, and enthusiasm in every child.

Squad selections are ongoing throughout the year, and parents will receive updates via email at the start of each term.

All squad practices take place before the school day begins, giving students a great start to their morning with physical activity and team bonding. The full practice timetable will be shared with families in August to help with planning and routines.

Matches are usually scheduled after school and students will travel to fixtures by school bus, accompanied by the PE team.

We warmly welcome parents to come and support their children at matches – it's always lovely to have a cheering crowd!

After the match, parents can either collect their child directly from the venue or back at RPS, depending on what works best for them.

Most matches finish between 4:30p.m and 5:00p.m, though occasional fixtures may take place on Thursdays.

In Term 3, boys' team sports will be held on Tuesdays for students in Years 3 and 4, and on Thursdays for those in Years 5 and 6.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 3 & Year 4 Team Sports	Year 3 - Year 6 Swimming Aquathon (swim & run) Athletics Cross country	Year 5 & Year 6 Team Sports



Ranches Primary Physical Education

We're thrilled to share an exciting year of sports opportunities for our students! At RPS, we believe that sports are a fantastic way for children to build confidence, develop teamwork skills, and stay active while having fun.

Each term offers a variety of team sports tailored to different interests and age groups. Whether your child loves swimming, football, basketball, or trying something new like aquathon or rip rugby, there's something for everyone to enjoy and grow through.

Here's a look at the sports taking place each term:

Term 1	Tuesday	Wednesday
Girls Netball	Girls Football	Girls Rounders
Boys Football	Boys Rip Rugby	Boys Cricket
Swimming	Swimming	Swimming
Cross Country	Cross Country	Girls Basketball
Aquathon	Aquathon	Boys Basketball
	Athletics	

If you have any questions regarding our sports squads please contact our Head of PE and Enrichment, Ms Rothwell caroline.rothwell@rpsdubai.com



Key Stage 2 Physical Education

We are excited to share that children in Key Stage 2 will take part in selected off-site PE lessons at the Inspiratus Sports District (ISD) in Dubai Sports City.

This initiative forms part of our commitment to expanding PE and Sport at RPS. By extending the duration of lessons and making use of ISD's world-class facilities, we are able to provide our students with a richer, more varied sporting experience. To confirm your child's consent to travel by bus to and from ISD, please complete the following form:

Parent permission for offsite PE lessons

Please note that this permission consent form will also cover our annual Sports Day events held at ISD.

Children in Year 4 - 5 will begin off sites visits in Term 1, children in Year 6 will join from Term 2 onwards.

Please note:

- **Not all PE lessons will take place off-site; some will continue to be held at RPS depending on the activity.**
- **Children will be supervised by the PE Team and RPS Teaching Assistants throughout their visit.**
- **Lessons will be held both indoors and outdoors (weather permitting). For outdoor lessons, children are encouraged to bring sunscreen, a hat, and a water bottle.**

If you have any questions please contact our Head of PE and Enrichment, Ms Rothwell
caroline.rothwell@rpsdubai.com



After School Programmes

Extra Curricular Activities (ECAs)

Extra Curricular Activities (ECAs) are provided free of charge by the school and are led by teachers. The ECA brochure will be published and shared with families during the first week of term.

Please contact caroline.rothwell@rpsdubai.com if you do not receive the sign-up link during this time. Kindly note that the ECA department will not be able to support new enquiries prior to the brochure's publication date.

ENRICH ME

Cognita ENRICH ME delivers a unique and bespoke enrichment programme designed to complement the school curriculum, providing students with a broader and higher-quality learning experience.

Created exclusively for our Cognita family of schools, the ENRICH ME programmes offer outstanding extra-curricular opportunities across a wide range of activities. We pride ourselves on features such as low student-to-coach ratios, highly experienced coaches, and the use of cutting-edge technology to enhance the student experience.

Please note that ENRICH ME activities and clubs incur an additional charge.

Details of the upcoming offerings will be shared during the week commencing 18th August.

Find out more about Enrich Me

Wrap-Around Care

Our wrap-around care provision is currently under review, please register your expression of interest no later than Friday 22nd August, we will confirm our offering thereafter.

Expression of interest form



Community Spirit

Friends of Ranches Primary School

We are excited to invite you to become a part of the Friends of Ranches Primary School Committee.

This committee plays an essential role in supporting our school community by organizing events, fundraising, and fostering collaboration between parents, teachers, and students.

To ensure every year group is represented, we are seeking one committee member per year group.

Each year group will have a dedicated representative who will share ideas, provide feedback, and help coordinate school activities and initiatives.

If you are interested in joining please email our Admissions and Parent Experience Manager Kate at pre@rpsdubai.com

UAE Heritage Committee

As we continue to celebrate the rich and diverse culture of the UAE, we are excited to invite parents to join our UAE Heritage Committee.

This committee plays a vital role in preserving and sharing the country's unique traditions, values, and history with our students.

We would love to have your voice and perspective as part of this special group. Whether you are Emirati or have a deep connection to the UAE's heritage, your insights will be incredibly valuable in fostering an inclusive environment where students learn and appreciate the cultural diversity that makes our country unique.

If you are interested in joining please email our Admissions and Parent Experience Manager Kate at pre@rpsdubai.com



Absence from School

We kindly ask that parents inform the school on the first day of any student absence by calling the school reception in the morning. If we don't receive notification, our Receptionist will contact you to check in and confirm the reason, which will then be noted in our records.

While we understand that absences sometimes cannot be avoided, please be mindful that any time away from school can impact learning. Missed learning is not always easy to fully catch up on.

If a student needs to leave school early, they must have prior permission from their Class Teacher.

A permission slip must also be signed at the School Reception by the adult collecting the child.

Please note that appointments such as doctor or dentist visits should be scheduled outside of school hours whenever possible.

For longer periods of absence, please use the email address to below to request Principal approval.

We regularly monitor attendance, and if a student's attendance falls below the expected level of 98%, we will follow up in line with our school's Attendance Policy. Please be aware that we are required to report persistent absences to KHDA, and this will become part of your child's official record.

Lastly, please note that holidays taken during term time are recorded as 'unauthorised' absences.

We appreciate your support in ensuring that your child benefits fully from all the learning opportunities offered at school.

Absence email address: attendance@rpsdubai.com