



THE KINDERGARTEN STARTERS - DUBAI

KGS / C/ 367-21

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Subject: EXCEPTIONAL FEE INCREASE

Dear Parents,

I hope this finds you all well and in good health. Thank you for the fantastic support you continue to extend to the entire community at The Kindergarten Starters.

I am writing today to inform you that, in line with KHDA's 2019 Education Cost Index (ECI) and the Exceptional Fee Increase mechanism, our school has been approved to increase tuition fees by 2.29% in the academic year 2021-22. This increase was originally due to be applied in 2020-21, as was communicated to parents on 18 July 2019 (KGS/C/163-19). However, in light of the challenges faced by parents at the time, the decision was made to postpone this increase, which will now come into effect in the next academic year (2021-22) instead.

Details of the fee increase are as follows:

Grade	Current fees 2020-21	KHDA-approved fees 2021-22
KG 1	7,711	7,888
KG 2	7,711	7,888
Grade 1	10,292	10,528
Grade 2	10,292	10,528
Grade 3	10,292	10,528
Grade 4	10,292	10,528
Grade 5	10,292	10,528

In line with this increase, I want to assure you that we are always striving to enhance our education provision, focused as ever on delivering the highest standards of teaching and learning for every student in our care. Accordingly, we continue to invest in our school, in our facilities and in our teachers, and I am pleased to be able to point to the following investments made since 2019, which have had a significant positive impact across our school.

A total of AED 3.1 million was invested last year in order to build additional science labs for physics, chemistry and biology, refurbish our library and provide our teachers with world-class professional development courses, further enhancing their skills. We have also invested in computers and laptops as well as handwriting stations for the Early Years.



I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that the GEMS Rewards programme offers you a variety of ways to make substantial savings – through cashback opportunities on student referrals via the GEMS Ambassador Programme, through the GEMS FAB Titanium Credit Card, through discounts across various experiences, and via GEMS Points that can be redeemed against school fees. I encourage you to take advantage of these exclusive benefits, as their sole purpose is to support and give back to our parents.

Finally, let me assure you of our ongoing commitment to providing The Kindergarten Starters families with the highest standard of education and opportunities in the academic year ahead. We passionately believe that education is the most important gift we can give to our children, and I would like to thank you for entrusting us with the education and care of your children.

Yours sincerely,

Warm regards

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