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SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE DIGITAL CONDUCT DURING THE SUMMER BREAK

Dear Parents,

As we begin the summer vacation, we wish all our families a safe, enjoyable, and refreshing break. With increased use of social media, online gaming, and digital platforms during the holidays, students are expected to continue demonstrating responsible digital citizenship in line with KHDA expectations, UAE laws, and the GLS Digital Safeguarding Policy.

STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO:

- Be respectful, responsible, and kind in all online interactions.
- Think carefully before posting, commenting, sharing, or forwarding content.
- Protect their personal information and respect the privacy of others.
- Use technology and AI tools ethically and responsibly.
- Report any unsafe, inappropriate, or concerning online activity to a trusted adult immediately.

STUDENTS MUST NOT:

- Engage in cyberbullying, harassment, impersonation, or spreading rumors.
- Share harmful, offensive, or inappropriate content.
- Post or circulate photographs or videos of others without consent.
- Create fake accounts or misuse social media platforms.

UAE LAWS AND CHILD PROTECTION

Students are reminded that the UAE Child Rights Law (Wadeema's Law) and UAE Cybercrime Laws protect children and prohibit cyberbullying, online harassment, privacy violations, and the sharing of harmful content.

Additionally, under the UAE's recently announced regulations on children's access to social media, children under the age of 15 are not permitted to create or operate personal social media accounts, while students aged 15–16 must use social media under enhanced safety measures and parental guidance.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

During the summer break, parents and guardians are primarily responsible for supervising and monitoring their child's online activities, social media use, and digital interactions. We kindly request parents to ensure that their children engage responsibly online, follow age-appropriate guidelines, and comply with UAE laws and regulations.

MAKE MOST OF THE SUMMER BREAK

We encourage students to balance screen time with meaningful and enriching activities such as:

- Reading and creative writing
- Sports and outdoor activities
- Learning new skills and hobbies
- Volunteering and community service
- Spending quality time with family and friends

Let us work together to ensure that every student enjoys a safe, productive, and memorable summer break while upholding the values of respect, responsibility, and digital citizenship.

“Think Before You Post. Be Kind Online. Stay Safe. Stay Responsible.”- Digital Citizenship Awareness Message.

Warm regards,



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