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Changes in school week from 1 January 2022

Dear Parents,

Following this week's announcement by the UAE Government, please note that from 1 January 2022, all GEMS Education schools will be following a four-and-a-half-day week with the weekend now covering Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday.

This means that our week at school will begin on Mondays. The school will follow the normal school timings for pick up on all five days from Mondays to Fridays for all students using school transport. The drop off time on Mondays to Thursdays remains unchanged, On Fridays Grades 1-6 will be dispersed with the KG students at 12 noon.

Students using their own transport will continue following the normal start timings from Mondays to Fridays. **School closes by 12 noon on Fridays for all students from KG-6.**

Saturdays and Sundays are off for all students.

Accordingly, the new academic term for our school will begin on Monday, 3 January rather than the day before as was previously communicated.

The move to change the working week in this way has been taken by our national leadership to coincide with many of the country's leading trading partners around the world and to assist families with finding an improved work-life balance.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any further queries about these important changes and, meantime, please accept our warmest best wishes for a peaceful and happy winter break and New Year.

Thank you.
Warm regards,



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