



# Welcome to

# The British School of Bahrain

Academic Year 2018 -19

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## **Dear Parents,**

A very warm welcome to the British School of Bahrain. We are delighted that you have chosen the BSB for your child and I hope that it will not take long for you to feel part of the school community.

We hope that your child's transition into the BSB will be as smooth as possible. From experience the more relaxed the parents are on the first day of school, the more relaxed the children are.

Please be assured that we will do all we can to help your child to feel welcome and at ease from day one.

The BSB has always had a reputation for being a friendly, inclusive and welcoming school. I think we have been very lucky that parents have set this tone for the children – modelling this warmth for our very youngest children in their interactions with each other.

I very much look forward to working with you as the returning Infants Headteacher in the year ahead. My door is always open.

**Please read the following information carefully** to ensure a smooth start for your child at the British School of Bahrain.

### **1. Induction morning for children in Reception.**

All children in Reception at the British School of Bahrain are invited to an induction session on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. This will help your child become accustomed to their new surroundings with the comforting presence of a familiar adult nearby.

Children will be invited to attend school in groups of six so that the teacher and assistant will have the opportunity to get to know each individual a little. Your child's class teacher will contact you directly during the last week of August to let you know the time of your child's induction slot.

#### **Settling in**

Approximately half of the children in Reception have attended Nursery at the BSB. On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, we will have a 're-establishing routines' day for these children. This will give these children an opportunity to settle quickly in a small group, ready to welcome the rest of their classmates on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September will be the first day for the whole of Reception. The day will run from 8:00 am until 12:30 pm until Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October. From Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October, the Reception day will end at 2:00 pm.

### **2. First Day of Term for Year 1 and Year 2**

By the last week in August your child's class number and room will be visible on the parent portal.

On the first morning of term, to avoid congestion, classroom doors will be open at 7:30 am and children who are already BSB students should be taken directly to their classrooms. There will be plenty of teachers at hand to give directions.

Students who are new to the BSB should, in the first instance, come to Infants Reception in the main Administration building. You will then be escorted to your child's classroom.



### 3. School Timings

Classroom doors open at 7:45 am

Children are their parent's / guardian's responsibility until that time. The school day starts and finishes at the following times;

CLASS	START	FINISH
Nursery	8:00 am	12:30 pm
Reception	8:00 am	12:30 pm, until 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2:00 pm from 7 <sup>th</sup> October
Year 1	8:00 am	2:30 pm
Year 2	8:00 am	2:30 pm

Children should be collected from their classrooms, at the end of the school day.

### 4. Pick up Information

Please inform your child's teacher if someone other than you will be collecting your child. It is important that the teacher knows if a driver, nanny or alternative lift arrangement is in place. Teachers will not allow children to leave school with another adult unless the parent has informed them specifically.

### 5. Uniform

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing correct school uniform. This includes clean black school shoes, white socks for girls and navy socks for boys. Trainers should only be worn on PE days. Long hair should be tied back for both girls and boys with navy blue accessories.

**All items must be clearly marked with your child's name.**

On PE days, children should come to school wearing regulation PE kit with white trainers. They do not need to bring their uniform to change into. Children will have two lessons of PE per week. During one of the school terms, children will receive swimming lessons during their PE session. Parents will be advised of the swimming sessions nearer to the time that they start. Parents will be given a timetable indicating which days are PE days at the beginning of the term.



## 6. Healthy Snacks

We promote healthy eating and a healthy lifestyle at the British School and we ask parents to make sure that the snacks children bring to school are healthy and nourishing. An ideal snack will have, for example, some fruit and/or vegetables; a sandwich, pasta, yogurt; small plain biscuit.

We ask that you do not provide sweets, chocolate or nut based products, including Nutella. Although we appreciate that nuts are a healthy food, we do have children in school who have severe allergies to nuts and even the dust from a nut (e.g. walnut, pecan, peanut, cashew) or a child touching them after eating their own food can cause a serious reaction. **We are a 'NUT FREE' School.**

## 7. Early morning drop off

The school day begins at 8:00 am. Children are their parents'/guardians' responsibility until they are handed over to the class teacher on arrival at their classroom. Children should be escorted to their classrooms and their teachers will welcome them from 07:45 onwards.

For those parents who require an early drop off, a member of staff is available for children in Nursery and Reception in the Infants Sports Hall from 07:00, and for children in Year 1 and Year 2 in the Large Sports Hall from 07:00. If you wish to use the early morning drop off service, please register your child's name at the Infant's Reception in the main administration building.

## 8. Book Bags

All children from Reception onwards must have a BSB regulation book bag. These can be purchased from the school shop. There is a small cubby space outside your child's classroom to store lunch bags and book bags. Please do not buy a large trolley type bag for your child.

## 9. Birthdays

Children are welcome to bring in cupcakes or a plate of healthy treats to share with their classmates on their birthday. Large cakes and party bags should be kept for home celebrations only. Birthday treats will be distributed at home time.

## 10. Welcome Evening

During the first fortnight of term you will be invited to a Parents' Welcome Information Evening. This will give you an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and to find out a little more about your child's daily routine.

I hope you have a wonderful summer.

Best wishes

Julie Anne Gilbert  
Infants Headteacher