



**Dovecote Green**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Introduction from the Headmaster

# *A very warm welcome to our school!*

It is with great pride that I introduce myself as the founding headmaster of Dovecote Primary School. Our school provides a caring, secure education in a bright, stimulating and motivating environment. A thinking school for the 21st century, we follow the National Curriculum for England which focusses on developing the values of respect, joy and commitment in all pupils, enriching your child holistically. (Our school motto is 'Learning Together, Growing Together' and this encompasses all we strive to do at Dovecote Green).

In addition to our creative and well-qualified teaching staff we have excellent learning support assistants ready to help enhance the children's learning. All of my staff are dedicated to providing pupils with quality learning opportunities. Dovecote Green Primary School is a relatively new school set within the Green Community. We have the building, resources, exceptional staff and strong parental support which is helping to grow and develop the school, and we look forward to welcoming new pupils to start their learning journey with us. We are also keen to continue building excellent relationships with families and friends within our community. I entrust my staff to bring out the best in all the children and ensure each one achieves their full potential.

At Dovecote Green we are not complacent about the future and are committed to promote, and provide an effective, inspiring education for all of our children. We strive to have high expectations and are keen to move the school forward, building on our successes. We hope that the close co-operation and partnership between school and home will enhance and support your child's development throughout these important early years of their education.

The stars of our school are the children, and I feel privileged and proud to lead their learning – they deserve the best. We very much hope you find this prospectus useful and informative. Please feel welcome, however, to contact us if you need any further information. We are here to give whatever assistance we can.

I look forward to meeting you starting and developing our partnership together.

**Mr Patrick Affley**  
**Headmaster**



# *Dovecote Schools*

All Dovecote schools follow the National Curriculum for England delivered by fully qualified and experienced UK trained staff. Our vision is “Learning Together, Growing Together,” and DGPS is an environment where we teach the children the necessary thinking tools to develop their own learning. We strive to challenge all our pupils to realise their full potential, in both academic standards and personal integrity. Every pupil is valued and our pupils’ needs are at the heart of our schools. Our discipline, which has clear rules and rewards, relies on common sense, kindness and individual responsibility.

We encourage open and effective communication between our school and our parents and we seek to engage and work with our parents to develop the home/ school partnership. We consider ourselves a community school and have an ‘open door’ policy whereby parents are welcomed not only during school time, but also at our various extra-curricular events.

Dovecote Green Primary School aims to develop the whole child, providing a clear framework for academic, social and moral advancement that makes Dovecote pupils ready for global citizenship in the 21st century.



## Our Aims and Values

# *Putting thinking at the heart of learning*

A thinking school for the 21st century, Dovecote Green Primary School aims to develop the whole child and prepare its pupils for global citizenship. The first years of education are of paramount importance and Dovecote Green will give pupils the technological tools to become adept thinkers and learners. Together with a framework of clear discipline, the school's values of Respect, Joy and Commitment will underpin your child's formative days at school, providing a foundation on which they can build a strong moral core and fine understanding of the world around them.



## Vision

# *Learning Together, Growing Together*

## Mission

**We will endeavour to create an inclusive, caring community where children experience a stimulating learning environment:**

- A) **Through respect.**  
By developing the children's awareness of Respect and the essential part they play in it.
- B) **Through the curriculum.**  
By fostering the children's moral, physical, intellectual, aesthetic and social development, which helps to provide preparation for life.
- C) **Through community.**  
By developing a positive interaction between home, school and the wider community for the benefit of the children.
- D) **Through communication and relationship.**  
By maintaining and developing an open, friendly and professional relationship with all those involved in the school community.
- E) **Through individual support and development.**  
By affording all those involved in the school, teaching and non-teaching, the opportunity to develop professionally, be innovative and to work as a team for the good of the school community.



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# *Curriculum Overview*

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Education at Dovecote Green Primary School is a continual process of discovering, learning and growing, as pupils, supported by their teachers and their parents, progress through the various key stages of their school life.

Probably our greatest challenge as a school is to develop in our pupils the capacity for independent thought and action, and then combine this with rational and responsible decision-making. As we are a thinking school, we will cultivate a common language and approach throughout the school so that the children learn through a structured framework of language and tools.

At Dovecote Green Primary School we follow the National Curriculum for England. The whole course of study throughout the school is designed to develop pupils as independent and lifelong learners as well as encouraging a spirit of intellectual curiosity and the pursuit of knowledge. This is achieved not only by what is actually studied in lessons but by formal prep time and links between academic and co-curricular cross opportunities.

English (literacy) and Mathematics (numeracy) are the central elements in the curriculum. These are delivered with a rigour stemming from proven and traditional teaching methods and are bolstered by the latest innovations in modern practices such as interactive white boards, mobile technology and other computing tools. Every child will have access to an iPad to develop their enquiry skills at appropriate times during lessons.

Further to this, the school has access to the latest in modern texts and curriculum planning strategies and the staff regularly review their teaching practices to ensure a fresh and dynamic approach to the ever changing world of education.

As would be expected, the support and involvement of parents in encouraging pupils to complete such work is all-important and helps to reinforce the school's policy on extended learning.



# Our Campus

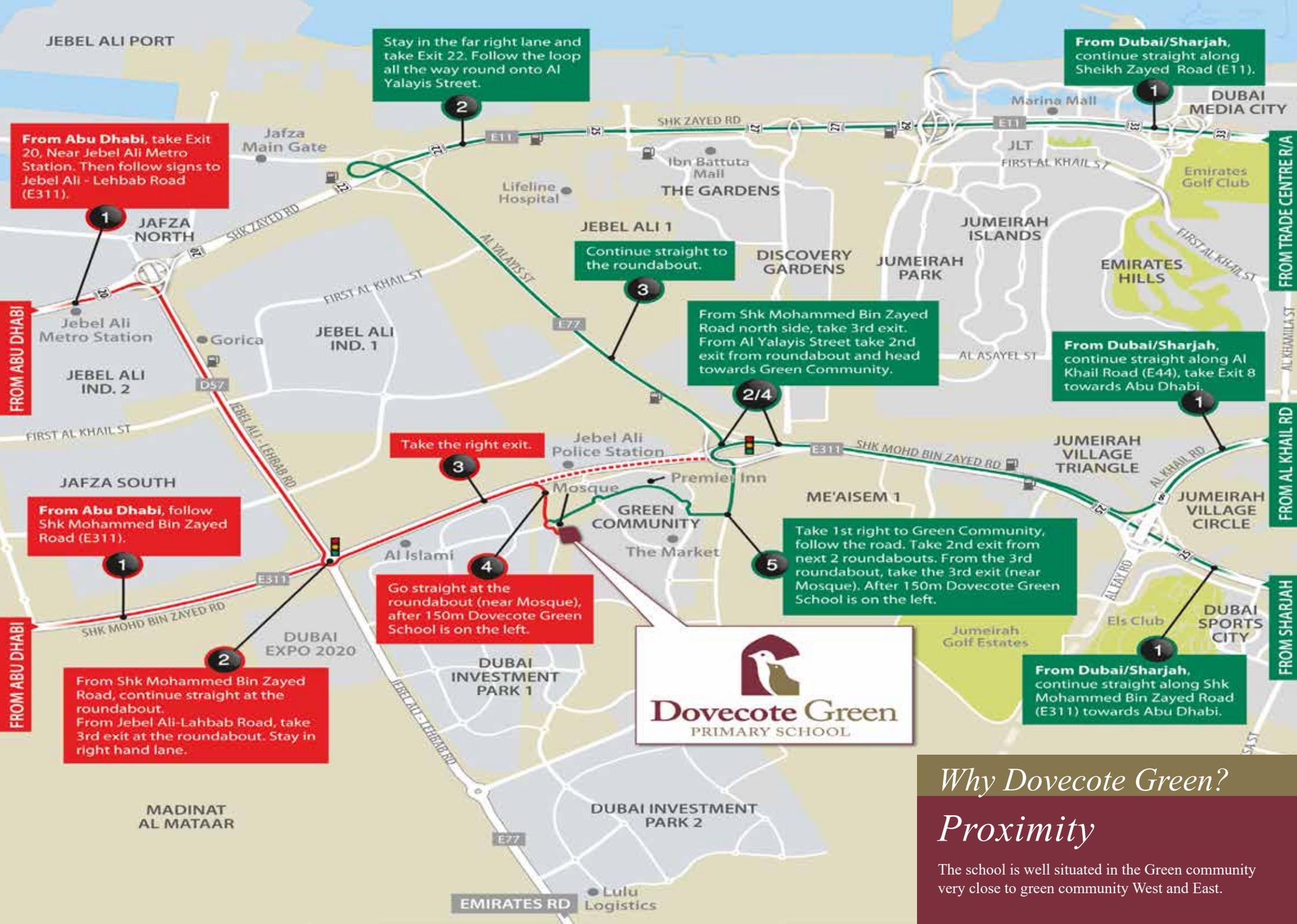
Dovecote Green Primary School is situated within the Green Community, Dubai Investments Park One. The school comprises of 30 classrooms, catering for children from 3-11 years old. Every classroom has adjoining toilet facilities and access to an outside learning area. All classrooms have interactive whiteboards to aid the pupils learning.

The classrooms also have direct access to a multipurpose central hall where we dine together as a school and have weekly assemblies. Two well stocked libraries cater for all the children in the school.

Outside areas are all covered with artificial grass and have sun shades, which makes them ideal for playing, games and sporting fixtures. We have a large multipurpose sports hall with an adjoining dance studio. In addition to that we have a shaded outdoor swimming pool.

We are situated next to the Green Community West residential area, and have direct access to the community so that families have the option to walk or cycle to school. Our campus has a light, airy feel to it which can only be experienced with a tour to soak up the atmosphere, first hand.





**From Abu Dhabi, take Exit 20, Near Jebel Ali Metro Station. Then follow signs to Jebel Ali - Lehabab Road (E311).**

**FROM ABU DHABI**

**Stay in the far right lane and take Exit 22. Follow the loop all the way round onto Al Yalays Street.**

**From Dubai/Sharjah, continue straight along Sheikh Zayed Road (E11).**

**From Abu Dhabi, follow Shk Mohammed Bin Zayed Road (E311).**

**FROM ABU DHABI**

**From Shk Mohammed Bin Zayed Road, continue straight at the roundabout. From Jebel Ali-Lahbab Road, take 3rd exit at the roundabout. Stay in right hand lane.**

**Continue straight to the roundabout.**

**From Shk Mohammed Bin Zayed Road north side, take 3rd exit. From Al Yalays Street take 2nd exit from roundabout and head towards Green Community.**

**From Dubai/Sharjah, continue straight along Al Khail Road (E44), take Exit 8 towards Abu Dhabi.**

**Take the right exit.**

**Go straight at the roundabout (near Mosque), after 150m Dovecote Green School is on the left.**

**Take 1st right to Green Community, follow the road. Take 2nd exit from next 2 roundabouts. From the 3rd roundabout, take the 3rd exit (near Mosque). After 150m Dovecote Green School is on the left.**

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## *Why Dovecote Green?*

### *Proximity*

The school is well situated in the Green community very close to green community West and East.



## *Why Dovecote Green?*

# *An excellent education for your child*

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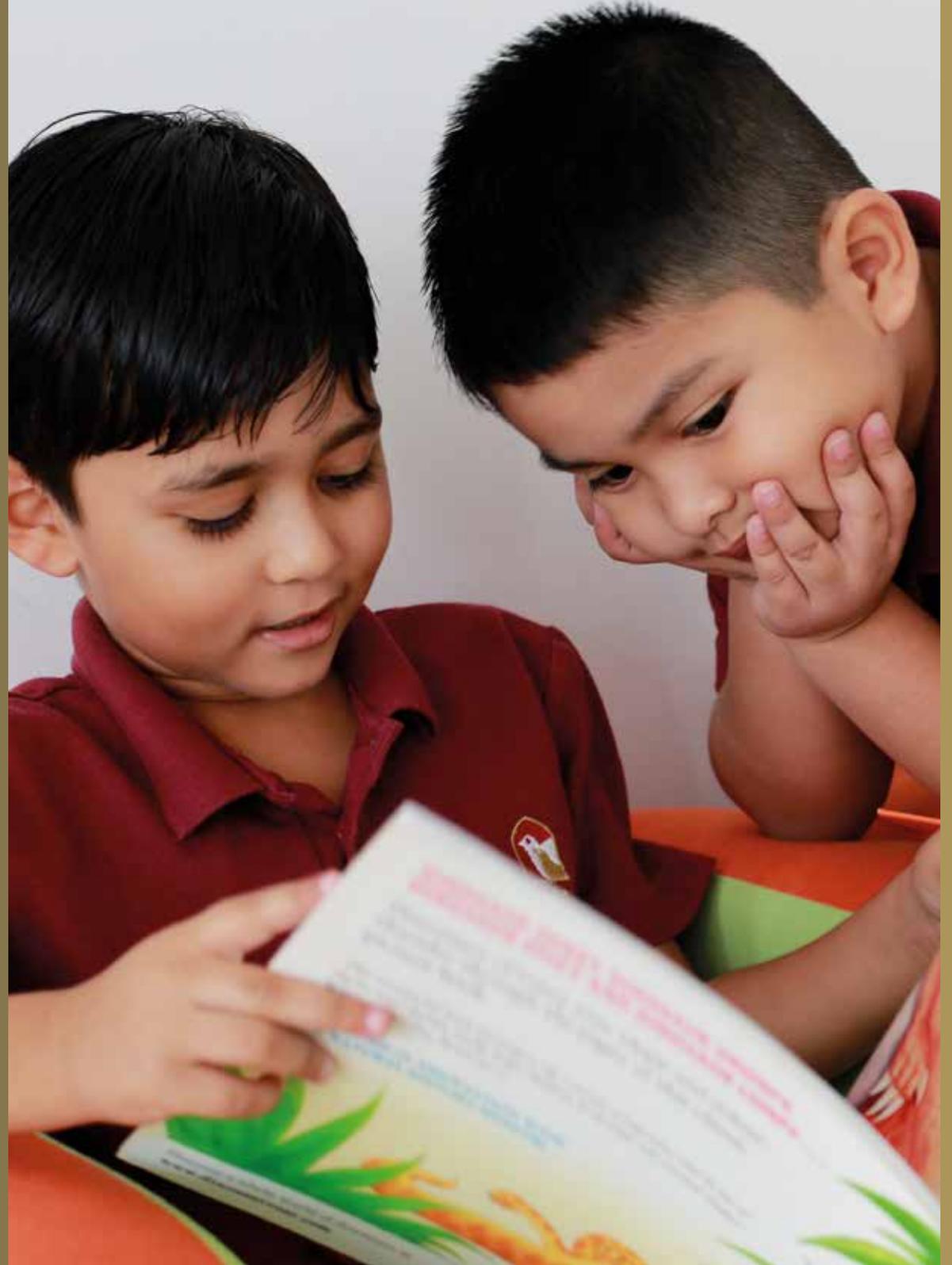
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## *A thinking school*

At Dovecote Green Primary School, we teach the children how to think in different situations. This develops and enhances their skills in all areas of the curriculum and helps them to become lifelong learners.

The school uses a selection of thinking tools and a clear framework that includes thinking maps, thinking hats, habits of mind and other tools to promote critical thinking which can be used across the curriculum as part of a coherent and well-planned approach, encouraging harmony and a common language throughout the school.

The pupils will develop an understanding of how they think and are able to articulate their thoughts. Teachers will talk about different thought processes with their pupils and lead in the philosophy of 'learn to think, think to learn.'









# *Foundation Stage Department*

The Early Years curriculum is similar to almost all schools in the UK and the majority of English speaking schools in the UAE. The curriculum is founded on the Early Learning goals of the UK Foundation Stage. The children work in small classes with experienced teachers supported by Learning Support Assistants (LSAs).

As one would expect, the children spend the majority of time with their class teacher but they do benefit from specialist teaching in physical education, swimming, music, modern foreign languages and Arabic.

The Foundation Stage day is filled with a selection of activities to stimulate and encourage children through the key areas in the Foundation Stage programme. Each week the children are encouraged to explore and extend their ideas through a selection of planned and self-chosen, child initiated themes.

**The Foundation Stage Programme encompasses continuity and progression in the following key areas:**

- *Personal Social and Emotional Development*
- *Communication, Language Literacy*
- *Mathematics*
- *Understanding the World*
- *Physical Development*
- *Expressive Arts and Design.*

Progression is achieved through offering a child centered approach that is inclusive of all children's needs. At Dovecote Green it is paramount that as a department we strive to meet the individual needs of each child. We strive to deliver personalised learning and care to ensure that each child receives the best possible start in life.

At Dovecote Green, structured play is at the heart of the Foundation programme. We believe

that children must have the opportunity to explore and investigate through play both indoors and outdoors. Each child's development in learning is supported by a varied selection of play opportunities, where they can use the literacy and numeracy skills taught.

***These opportunities benefit greatly from a high staff child ratio. Ultimately, by providing a stimulating environment and adult support during play, children at Dovecote Green have the ability to***

- *Investigate, extend and demonstrate an understanding of the world around them*
- *Practice and build up concepts, ideas and skills*
- *Develop and understanding of rules and routines*
- *Widen their experience by taking risks*
- *Explore their imaginative and creative skills*
- *Broaden their communicative skills by working independently and as a member of a group.*

*Why Dovecote Green?*

## *Bright & Airy Facilities*

A wonderful, bright environment to work in. Dovecote Green's school building has wonderful classrooms and learning areas that create a happy learning environment for the children to develop a love of learning in.



## *KEY STAGE 1 (Years 1 and 2)*

The aim of our Infant Department is to give children the best possible start to a more formal education. Entering a more structured curriculum can be daunting but by providing a welcoming and caring environment the children are able to grow into independent and self-confident thinkers and learners.

We meet each child's individual educational need by creating a carefully planned environment and curriculum that enables learning to be enjoyable, yet purposeful and stimulates every child's development. We ensure that all children are prepared educationally, with a developed sense of responsibility, ready to move into Key Stage 1.

All of our experienced and enthusiastic teachers are individually supported by a qualified Teaching Assistant, enabling each child to be given the attention that they require.

Our aim is to enable all children to be working at a level above what would be expected in most other schools. Although using and following aspects of the National Curriculum for England, we are not bound by it, ensuring that we can offer a broad, exciting and rich curriculum whereby the children are constantly challenged to excel. There is a great deal of emphasis placed on the core subjects, English, Mathematics, Science and Arabic.





*Why Dovecote Green?*

## *Sports*

The school has excellent sporting facilities. Highly experienced, motivated Physical Education staff that teach a wide variety of sports during curriculum and in extra curricular activities.

## *KEY STAGE 2 (Years 3-6)*

The key stage 2 curriculum consists of Year 3 – 6. The focus in these years is to build on the children’s previous knowledge and give them the tools to be resourceful resilient learners. English (literacy) and mathematics (numeracy) are central to elements in the curriculum. The skills the pupils are taught in both subjects are transferable and used in other subject areas, so that they become embedded and the pupils can move on to the next stage of their learning more quickly.

A strong teaching of the basics, coupled with creative, investigative work, supported by the use of the latest technology, will ensure that the pupils are equipped and engaged to complete varied and interesting tasks.

The pupils are taught all subjects of the National Curriculum for England, plus Arabic, Social Studies, Moral Education and a modern foreign language.

By the end of Year 6 our aim is to teach the children the skills needed to be able to move from year six to year seven smoothly.





*Why Dovecote Green?*

## *Community*

Dovecote Green Primary School is a real hub of the community. In addition to the first class English curriculum on offer, the site is used for many sporting activities after school hours. The school also hosts a number of events, such as movie nights and themed community days, where everyone is welcome from the surrounding areas to enjoy some fun.

# *Extra Curricular Activities*

A wide range of extra-curricular sporting activities will be provided, where pupils have the opportunity to develop their creative, linguistic and sporting skills. These activities will provide our pupils with the opportunities to develop their talents and explore new interests. Our varied list of activities includes both individual and team building activities. Extra-curricular activities are led by the school teachers and are also used by outside providers who add the range of extra-curricular activities, that gives more choice, and gives the opportunity for our facilities to be used by the wider community.



# *Transport*

We provide transportation to various locations all over Dubai in fully air conditioned vehicles ensuring utmost student comfort and safety throughout their journey. All buses operating for Dovecote Green Primary School are fully compliant with RTA regulations.

# *School Tours*

A school tour can be scheduled for prospective parents. Please contact our Admissions team to set up an appointment and for further details if required. The best tours are when the school is in session, so that you can see the school in operation. It will help you to make this very important decision with all the information that you need.

# *Admissions*

Assessments are carried out in school or arrangements can be made for children to sit the tests at their current school. For years 1-6 assessments can only be conducted in school. Assessments for the Dovecote Green Primary School are held on a Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning at 8:30am.

For Nursery and Reception please allow 1 hour.

Assessments for Y1 and 2 take 1 1½ hours in total.

Years 3 and 4 take 2 hours.

Years 5 and 6 take 2 hours.

We endeavour to make the assessment process as relaxed as possible. It is advisable for the long tests, to provide your child with a drink and a snack. Assessment times will be broken up with regular breaks.

Please contact the Admissions Office for further details between 8am to 4 pm, Sunday to Thursday.



This prospectus has sought to describe in general terms life at Dovecote Green Primary School, its aim and ethos. Dovecote Green Primary School will take all reasonable steps to provide the education and pastoral services described in this prospectus. It does not guarantee, however, the provision of such services and this prospectus does not form any part of any contract between parents and Dovecote Green Primary School.

All parents accepting a place at a Dovecote Green Primary School will receive further documents describing conditions of entry and the educational and pastoral services offered by the nurseries. The offer of a place is made on the basis that Dovecote Green Primary School shall be under no liability for loss occasioned to any person as a result of the contents of this prospectus and its associated documents.

## Dovecote Green Primary School

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