



Nurture Lifelong Learning

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## Principal's Message



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The Arcadia Preparatory School is a warm, vibrant and dynamic new primary school set in the heart of the Jumeirah Village Triangle community.

Every morning I have the pleasure and privilege of welcoming parents and pupils to another day of excitement and learning. From the moment a child enters our beautiful new school, he or she is surrounded with warmth and positivity. Our highly skilled teachers design and deliver learning programmes that motivate, excite and challenge children. Our motto, 'nurture lifelong learning' encapsulates our belief, that by delivering a rich and varied curriculum and by ensuring lessons are meaningful and targeted, each child in our care will develop a lasting desire to continually learn, grow and develop.

As a young and forward-looking new school, we have seized the opportunity that new technologies provide. Teachers and pupils utilise leading edge Apple technology on a daily basis to create, communicate and collaborate. Parents are empowered to share in their child's learning experiences through our app-based mobile technology, and our ultra-modern primary school campus provides an enabling environment for all.

I am sure you will find the pages of our prospectus to be informative and appealing, however it is only by visiting our school that one is truly able to appreciate what we provide. If at all interested, please make contact – I would be delighted to show you our amazing school.



## Vision, Mission and Values



### Vision

We aspire to be a world class British curriculum primary school of choice, where every child is happy, positive and thriving.

### Mission

Our objective is to nurture every child to become a lifelong learner.

We achieve this by:

- Creating a positive and happy culture within our school community
- Ensuring each child achieves their academic potential
- Providing unique learning opportunities
- Developing each child to become a global citizen

### Values

- Positivity
- Respect
- Tolerance
- Creativity
- Independence
- Compassion

## National Curriculum for England



## Curriculum

Any additional EAL support provided by the school, for those pupils who require it, is included at no extra cost.

The curriculum is based upon the National Curriculum for England (NCfE).

The NCfE sets out important knowledge and skills for every pupil. It provides a curricular framework that ensures all school pupils are taught in a way that is balanced and differentiated with challenge for all. The Arcadia Preparatory School is committed to delivering outstanding education.

Our pupils will benefit from a curriculum which;

- Is designed to be meaningful, relevant, useful and engaging, ensuring pupils will be inspired by what they learn, have fun, and develop to their full academic and social potential.
- Respects the requirements of the UAE Ministry of Education
- Provides opportunities for an enriched learning experience
- Embeds the use of technology to facilitate up to date learning
- Develops core skills of English, Mathematics and Science
- Allows for application, mastery and depth of knowledge



# Early Years Explorers



## Our unique programme for Foundation Stage pupils

At The Arcadia Preparatory School we acknowledge that children learn best through first hand experience in relation to themselves, their senses and the world around them. For this reason, we have designed the **Early Years Explorers** (EYE) programme. This approach is based on the concept that powerful learning is built upon harnessing children's natural curiosity in ways that help them to develop new skills and understanding in context with their environment.

Our fundamental ethos is to spark imagination and provide exciting learning opportunities through:

### **Multi-Sensory Learning**

- Children will use a range of senses enabling them to make important connections and links within their learning.

### **Stimulating Environment**

- Our purpose-designed Early Years environment sparks imagination and stimulates interactive learning.

### **High Expectations**

- The programme promotes the essential skills of reading, writing, speaking and number knowledge. Children become effective communicators and develop a love of learning.

### **Social Growth**

- Carefully planned strategies, ensure that our pupils are socially confident learners. Children will develop skills of interacting with both small and large groups as well as with other children and adults.

### **Teaching and Learning**

We believe that every child is unique, that they each progress at different rates and that each deserves a bespoke learning path. Our highly skilled teachers track and monitor every child to create a unique, fun and individualised learning journey.

### **Facilities/Environment**

To support Early Years learning within the curriculum, our safe and secure environment is designed specifically to enable multi-sensory learning. A seamless integration between indoor and outdoor learning spaces provides exciting and motivating opportunities for learning, throughout the school day.

## Benefits of Our FS Programme



### 1. Assessments

Every child is regularly assessed against age-related expectations within the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework. Academic and social progress is analysed, tracked and reported by our highly skilled teachers as well as external experts, to ensure that every child at Arcadia realises his or her academic and social potential.

### 2. Focus on Phonics

We focus on phonics acquisition in Foundation Stage as a key strategy to support children in their journey to become confident in reading and writing. Phonics Bug is a core online resource which is used to support the Letters and Sounds programme. Systematic phonics is a highly effective and proven method of teaching children to read and our phonics programme provides a firm foundation for the development of key literacy skills.

### 3. Access to specialist teachers

Our young learners benefit from regular access to our specialist teachers. These include Art, Music, PE, Arabic and Computing.



## Benefits of Our FS Programme



### **4. Technology**

Technology is embedded naturally within our learning environments and teachers are trained to utilise iPad and interactive technology wherever appropriate to enhance teaching and learning. Our technology never replaces traditional modes of learning but enhances the learning experience by providing children with the ability to be creative in new and exciting ways. Simple and fun coding and programming is introduced to our FS children, ensuring they receive a flying start in this important and developing field of learning.

### **5. Using outdoor play to extend classroom learning**

The benefit of our building design allows our FS classrooms to open up to the FS outdoor play area where children can naturally extend their learning to the outdoors using a wide variety of resources and equipment, including sand and water play.

### **6. Enrichment Learning**

Our Foundation Stage programme is enhanced by our unique focus on enrichment learning, whereby parents are able to select for their child, from a wide variety of activities that would normally be considered extra-curricular. These include martial arts, ballet, football, gymnastics and more, delivered by experts and coaches within our regular school timetable.

### **7. Access to Arcadia's infrastructure**

Our Foundation Stage children benefit from access to our state of the art primary school infrastructure including a multi purpose hall, canteen, music and art specialist rooms and our stunning library.

### **8. Role Model Support**

Based on our highly effective whole school house system, each child in Foundation Stage is supported by an older child in school who acts as a support, mentor and role model. Opportunities are planned throughout the year for both formal and informal interaction including reading support, inter-house activities and other fun and interactive challenges.

### **9. Teacher qualification**

All our FS teachers are highly qualified including a minimum of a PGCE degree. We provide a world class continual professional development programme for our teachers ensuring they remain at the leading edge of early childhood education provision. Our children receive the highest quality education from our motivated and well trained Early Years Foundation Stage teachers.

### **10. Increased attention at FS1**

Our unique staffing model ensures three adults in each Foundation Stage 1 class. We see this as an important aspect of ensuring each child receives the personalised care and individual attention that they deserve.



# Enrichment Learning Programme



Our unique programme delivering enriched learning for pupils in Years 1 to 6

The **Enrichment Learning Programme (ELP)** is an exciting all inclusive programme, built into our extended school day, complementing the core curriculum and providing extended opportunities for our learners.

Dynamic and diverse activities are delivered within the school day, by external experts as well as by our superb teachers.

The ELP is provided at no extra cost to parents and is a core aspect of our school values and ethos, where we nurture lifelong learning.

The four strands of enrichment activities ensure that our children develop to their full potential as:

- Active Learners
- Creative Artists
- Confident Performers
- Global Communicators

Our ELP will also include in-school homework support sessions run by teachers, so parents will no longer need to stress about this aspect.







Ongoing, focused and regular communication between home and school is a core aspect of our approach. The use of technology ensures information is shared regularly and our parent portal provides a gateway to enhance the partnership between home and school.

Class sets of iPads are utilised by teachers as and when appropriate to enhance teaching and learning throughout the school day. We implement leading edge Apple technology within school.

Our teachers are provided with powerful technology and professional Apple devices including iPads and MacBooks which allows learning to be managed efficiently and effectively, ensuring pupils are highly engaged.

# School Sports and Activity Facilities



The school has the following sports/activity facilities:

- EYFS courtyard and play equipment with a rubberised surface and water play zone
- Key Stage One courtyard with play equipment with a rubberised surface
- Key Stage Two play terrace on the first floor
- 4-court multipurpose sports hall
- Roof deck play area for older children and multi-use games area
- All year round, heated and cooled swimming pool at roof level
- 5-a-side football pitch at roof level



## Parental Engagement and Community Links



Situated in the heart of Jumeirah Village Triangle, our school is ideally positioned and designed to engage directly with our community.

We are the focal point of a thriving and vibrant learning community where, in partnership with our parents, our pupils learn and develop in a warm and happy environment.

Our purpose-designed Parent Portal is an online tool for all parents to access instant, timely and secure student information. It offers parents the ability to; communicate directly with teachers, view the school calendar, review a child's timetable, and monitor a child's attendance. As well as our portal, we also provide a live online learning feed which enables parents to track their child's learning in real time through video, photos, personalised comments and work samples.

Opportunities for parents to interact directly with their child's teacher are provided on a regular basis and the school management provides an open door policy for parents to interface with the school as valued partners.

## Pastoral Care



The welfare and happiness of every child is central to our school. Successful learning is about each and every pupil engaging positively on a daily basis, free from personal worry and in a safe and secure environment.

All pupils have a designated class teacher whose role is to support the academic, pastoral and social well-being of the pupils in his or her care.

Our House system provides pupils with a sense of pride and belonging, and regular opportunities for senior children to support younger pupils through a nurturing support network.



## Teaching Staff



Our teachers possess skills, knowledge and passion with an ability to inspire young learners to achieve to their potential.

We provide a world-class continuous professional development programme for our teachers, focused on ensuring we remain at the leading edge of current educational practice.

Our teachers are supported by highly trained and passionate Assistant Teachers who support learning and achievement throughout our school.



## Governors' Scholarship

Pupils entering the academic year 2019-20, will be eligible for the Governors' Scholarship and will be subsidised 15% of their tuition fee for their entire tenure at The Arcadia Preparatory School (until the end of Year 6). This includes deposits paid in 2019-20 academic year for future enrolment years.

For pupils joining Foundation Stage 1 classes in 2019-20, the tuition fee will be subsidised 25% for that year only and thereafter will be subsidised at 15% for the remainder of the pupil's time at The Arcadia Preparatory School (until the end of Year 6).

## Tuition Fees

Grade	KHDA Approved Fees (AED)	Fees for Academic Year 2019-20
FS1	61,200	45,900
FS2	61,200	52,020
Year 1	70,400	59,840
Year 2	70,400	59,840
Year 3	70,400	59,840
Year 4	70,400	59,840
Year 5	70,400	59,840
Year 6	70,400	59,840

\* Tuition fees are net of 15% scholarship for pupils joining in the academic year 2019-20 and for their entire tenure at The Arcadia Preparatory School (until the end of Year 6). Tuition fees net of 25% scholarship for pupils joining Foundation Stage 1 for that year only and thereafter will be subsidised 15% for the remainder of the pupil's time at The Arcadia Preparatory School (until the end of Year 6).

## Fee Inclusions

Our yearly school fee is inclusive of \*\*:

	Extra Curricular Activities		4 Sets of Uniform		Textbooks
	Equivalent to AED 7000		Equivalent to AED 2000		Equivalent to AED 1500

Parents will be required to pay for\*\*\*:

- Arcadia stationery pack
- iPad and Apple pencil (Years 3 and up only)
- Field trips and excursions

Optional charged services or items include\*\*\*:

- School bus transport
- Arcadia branded items (school hats, PE/Swimming bags)
- School canteen lunches

\*\*All the prices are indicative only.

\*\*\* VAT may be applicable as per the UAE law.



# Fees



## Sibling Discount

The Arcadia Preparatory School fee structure includes a significant sibling discount:

1 <sup>st</sup> sibling	5% discount
2 <sup>nd</sup> and subsequent siblings	10% discount

## Payment Options

Payment of fees is required in three termly instalments. However, The Arcadia Preparatory School is also able to offer parents the option to pay school fees in ten equal monthly instalments (September to June), if this is preferable.

For the monthly payment option, the school requires post-dated cheques to be provided (further information is available from the finance office).

## New Admissions

A non-refundable, non-transferable Application Fee of AED 500 is required.

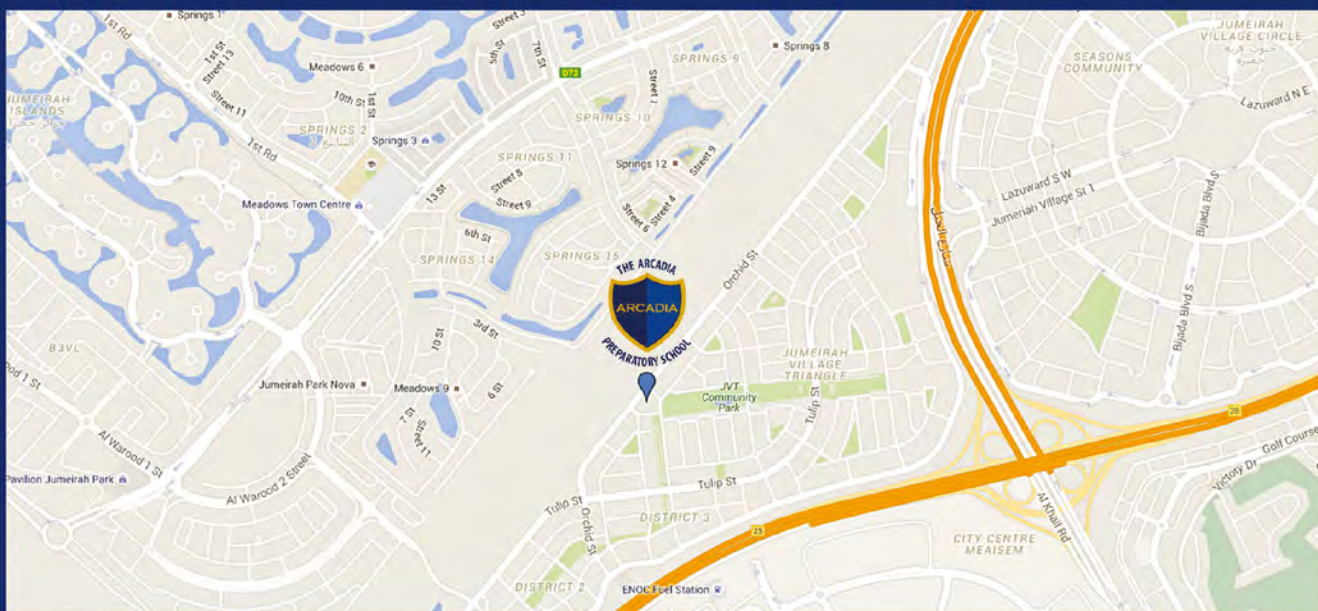
A non-refundable, non-transferable Registration Payment of AED 5,000 is required to secure a place (deductible from the first term's fees).

## Existing Pupils

AED 2,500 of the school's tuition fees are charged as a re-registration deposit to confirm the return of existing pupils in the new academic year. This deposit will be deducted from the total tuition fees for the academic year in which the admission is being sought.

## Refund

In the cases of both existing and new pupils, deposits and fees will not be refunded if students choose not to return to school for the next academic year or choose not to take the offered places.



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