



The SchoolsCompared.com Top Schools Awards, the UAE's **definitive** School Awards, recognising the region's most outstanding schools, teachers and educationalists, today publishes full information for entering the sixth of this year's Awards: The SchoolsCompared.com Top Schools Award for Best Primary School in the UAE 2021.

Entry for each individual Award is being published daily between now and the **8th May 2021**.

Please note: this Award is open only to **dedicated, stand-alone Primary Schools** - *not* Primary provision/departments/phases within all-through schools.

First Steps

Please complete this application form to enter your school for The SchoolsCompared.com Top Schools Award for Best Primary School in the UAE 2021.

Please only enter for those Awards in which you believe you have a very powerful case to be considered by judges. It is far better to enter for a single Award – and complete the application for this with **passion** and **depth of insight**, than apply for multiple awards and stretch your ability to make your case too thin.

Not entering for an Award, does **not** preclude any school from being considered. **All schools in the UAE** are considered within the judging process, drawing on expertise and data across Which Media.

Entering for an Award, however, does ensure that we have access to accurate, up-to-date information on your school – and information strengthened by your decisions on how to answer the following questions.

Please use the questions as a guide; you may wish to draw out other strengths to support your case.

Formal entry for this award must be submitted with the agreement of the Headteacher of the school.



BREADTH OF PROVISION AND MEETING THE NEEDS OF ALL CHILDREN

Aim for 500 - 1500 Words

Support the case that your Primary School provides an outstanding academic and whole child education for students to ensure that every child can meet his or her individual ambitions, potential, and ability. Please include paragraphs on (1) Investment in child happiness; (2) What makes our approach stand-out for children; (3) Building relationships with parents; (4) Where next? Our slipstream schools; and, (5) What makes an outstanding Primary School.

ENSURING THAT NO CHILD IS LEFT BEHIND

Aim for 500 Words

Support the case that your school provides value added achievement to ensure that every child leaves your school meeting or exceeding baseline (1) academic and (2) whole child expectations on joining your school.

INVESTING IN CHILDREN

Aim for 1000 - 1500 Words

Support the case that your school ploughs back investment into facilities; teachers and their salaries and Professional Development; resources; and, school improvements year-on-year to improve the education your school delivers for children. Please list what you consider to be the most important facilities and resources at your school and how they inspire learning and child development. Please list recent, current or planned investment in children and your school. Please include a quote from at least five teachers at your school explaining their journey, view of the school, achievements and approach to getting the very best from, and for, every child. Please provide quotes from parents and students supporting your application together with a quote from the school Principal defining the ethical underpinnings of the school and its achievements.

STRENGTHENING YOUR CASE

Aim for 500 Words

Focused on achievements this year and in the last full pre-Covid year, provide information that is not included above that supports your application to be considered the benchmark Primary School in the UAE "against the odds." Discuss how Covid 19 has impacted on the academic and whole child life of your school and how your school has responded.



MAKING AN IMPACT IN YOUR APPLICATION

As part of the following application, you will strengthen your case considerably by *sending the following survey links to your students, teachers and parents*, asking them to independently provide feedback on your school as part of your entry to the Top School Awards 2021.

Teachers should complete the survey here:

<https://whichschooladvisor.com/uae/surveys/the-teacher-survey>

Parents should complete the survey here:

<https://whichschooladvisor.com/uae/surveys/school-survey>

Older students (Grade 10-12/Year 11-13) should complete the survey here:

<https://whichschooladvisor.com/uae/surveys/the-student-survey>

The statistical results of these surveys are valued, shared with judges and used in our decision making.

In addition we use data provided to us under your school profile on the Which Media database. This can be accessed through our sister site *WhichSchoolAdvisor.com*.

In particular please complete the following sections from the Admin:

- Facilities
- Sports offering
- Scholarships and Bursaries
- Details
- Demographics
- Memberships and accreditations
- General info
- Fees

It is critical that the data relied on by judges is accurate and up-to-date. If you do not have a school account on our sister site, WhichSchoolAdvisor.com, please request one so you can update your review and admissions data here:

<https://whichschooladvisor.com/uae/school-signup>



COMPLETE ENTRY

Please collate the above information in a Word document. High resolution photography, relevant film, PDF(s), together with any audio files, should be submitted separately with the Word file.

When your application is completed, these should be sent, in a single email, titled **SCTSA21 PRIMARY** with your School Name, to:

SCTSA@schoolscompared.com

Please note: unless you specifically identify information that is confidential and sensitive and not for publication, any information sent to us may be published and become a statement of public record. It is vital therefor that information provided is accurate.

Completed entries must be received no later than 7th July 2021.

