



To enter for this Award, please complete the following:

- (1) Please provide a comprehensive and passionate explanation of how the Early Years education within your school excels in its provision for every child. There is no limit on the number of words you can write. Your explanation should include both embedded and separate high resolution, captioned photographs and may include video. One paragraph or more should provide significant detail on the educational approaches you adopt in your nursery /setting and why these are important to meeting the needs of your intake. **The greater the level of detail and evidence of commitment to, and achievement for, every child, and the very different gifts of each child, the easier it will for Judges to evaluate your submission. We are leaving it to you to define how you wow judges in your application, rather than being dogmatic in the information we ask for.** We define achievement relatively, defining it as achievement in the context of each child's individual gifts and potential. This Award is open to **all** nursery schools / Early Childhood Centres that offer a pure Early Years education within their school. This Award is predominantly focused on independent, stand-alone Centres – but we will accept applications from Centres within schools if they can evidence the ring fencing of their Centre and their absolute commitment to protecting the very distinct needs and wonders of early childhood.
- (2) Please provide 3 case studies of children and their individual journeys in your school. Please include photos and video as available. Part of the story for each should have taken place in the period 2021-2023. At least one story should be about a child who, through inspirational Early Years teaching and coaching, discovered a particular gift, and for whom without investment by the Centre, would have had those gifts potentially undiscovered. Please make clear what we may publish. We are particular keen to hear stories that bring to life for judges the outstanding education offered by your nursery/Early Years setting.
- (3) Provide quote and detailed paragraphs from both the Owner and Centre Manager/Principal as applicable on *what makes a Nursery/Early Years education absolutely vital for children*. Please provide photographs of each and full bios.
- (4) Please provide a full story detailing the establishment of the nursery, its rationale, the challenges you have faced, greatest successes and ambitions for the future. Finally, please provide a paragraph on each of your teachers/practitioners detailing their greatest strengths and impacts on the lives of children.
- (5) As part of the following application, you will strengthen your case considerably by *sending the following EDSTATICA™ 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 Schools Awards 2023-24.
 - Teacher survey: <https://whichschooladvisor.com/uae/surveys/the-teacher-survey>
 - Parents survey: <https://whichschooladvisor.com/uae/surveys/school-survey>
 - Student survey (Grade 10-12/Year 11-13): <https://whichschooladvisor.com/uae/surveys/thestudent-survey>

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

Submissions should be completed and returned to us at SCTSA@schoolscompared.com no later than 15th February 2023. Please head your email with your school name and the name of the Award applied for.

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