

KGS/C/ 998-18

THE KINDERGARTEN STARTERS, DUBAI
CIRCULAR
CHANGES IN HOMEWORK POLICY AND BREAK TIMING.

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Dear Parents,

As we reopen this term, we are taking another look at our Homework Policy and effecting some changes with immediate effect.

We have become increasingly aware of the increased levels of stress in our homes on account of home work. Working parents have less time available to assist children and teachers cannot fully determine whether parents have contributed or children have done the work on their own.

So we are re-defining the kind of work your children will be asked to do.

In the Primary

1. They will be given reading tasks- either for pleasure or to read subject content every day (Flipped Lessons).
2. They will be asked to work on MindSpark which is a self-paced learning tools or Math In Focus Workbook.
3. They may be asked to do some kind of independent research work as required or may be assigned occasional project work

In Kindergarten

1. Children will be encouraged to read or be read to by parents.
2. Children will be asked to do some exercises in Math using Mathletics.

We wanted to create time for children to play and to read. Creativity and innovation are directly linked to the time we allow our minds to be in a non- focused state. So we are bartering homework for a commitment to read seven days a week, do a little bit of online math and play and rest while providing time to bond as a family and ensure your child gets to bed early to get adequate rest. **The homework will be a maximum of an hour for the Primary and 40 minutes for KG.**

In special cases, where children need additional support, a child may be assigned work in consultation with the parent. This will not be the norm.

We do hope that the children benefit from this and come to the school each day looking forward to learning new skills.

On another note, in order to resolve parental requests for a longer break, we will have one twenty- minute break and 4 transition periods of 5 minutes each. In all, students will have 40 minutes of non- instructional time to eat their food, visit washrooms and play.

In order to make this possible, school will commence at 7:45 a.m. for Assembly and academic instruction will begin at 7: 55a.m. sharp.

Grades 1-5	
Assembly	7:45-7:55
1st Period	7:55-8:50
Transition Time	5 Minutes
2nd Period	8:55-9:50
Break	9:50:10:10
3rd Period	10:10-11:05
Transition Time	5 Minutes
4th Period	11:10 - 12:05
Transition Time	5 Minutes
5th Period	12:10-1:05
Transition Time	5 Minutes
6th Period	1:10-2:05

I hope these changes will be welcomed.

Warm regards,



Asha Alexander
Principal