



Deutsche Internationale Schule Abu Dhabi  
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German International School Abu Dhabi

## **Information on the transition from kindergarten to primary school at the German International School in Abu Dhabi (GISAD) 2018/19**

This overview serves as basic information on the planned transition of your child to GISAD primary school.

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### **1. School Enrolment Scheme**

All children who have reached the age of 6 by 01.09. of the current calendar year and are at a German-native language level will be enrolled in school. For students who need support in the sense of German as a second language (DaZ) or German as a foreign language (DaF), the language learning situation is determined on the basis of the development report of the kindergarten which the child is leaving and a school aptitude test carried out at GISAD.

For children who reach the age of 6 years after September 1st and who are to attend school at the request of their parents, an entrance examination is required which is agreed with the principal.

### **2. School enrolment procedure for children who are already attending GISAD pre-school**

The decision on admission is made by the school within the framework of the cooperation between kindergarten and primary school on the basis of

- the development report of the preschool
- an entrance examination for schools carried out at GISAD



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### **3. Admission procedure for children outside school**

For **children** and their parents **who already live in the United Arab Emirates**, our admission procedure includes the following steps:

- Formal registration with the school secretariat (info@gisad.ae), preferably by the end of March
- Presentation of a development report of the delivering kindergarten
- Admission interview with the primary school management
- School entrance examination at GISAD (for pupils with support needs in terms of DaZ or DaF)
- Final decision on admission

For **children** and their parents **who will not come to Abu Dhabi until the new school year**, we have planned the following steps:

- Formal registration at the school secretariat (info@gisad.ae)
- Presentation of a development report of the delivering kindergarten

During the school year 2017/18 or at the end of August 2018 to GISAD:

- Admission interview with the primary school management
- School entrance examination (for pupils with a need for support in terms of DaZ or DaF)
- Final decision on admission

**For children of our pre-school, a final admission decision will be made by 21.3.2018 at the latest. You will receive the relevant information by 22.3.2018 at the latest before the start of the spring holidays.**

### **4. Composition of the 1 grade**

The division of classes is always a purely educational decision of the school. In consultation with the preschool, a class composition that is compatible and beneficial for all children is aimed for in the first grade. Newly arrived children will be assigned according to the background of the available information.



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## 5. Preparation for school by the preschool and kindergarten of GISAD

The preparation of the children for school takes place in an exemplary manner in the kindergarten and preschool of our school. Through early dialogue between the primary school and kindergarten and appropriate cooperation, the paths for the transition from pre-school to the 1st grade of primary school are professionally smoothed.

## 6. Parent evenings and further information

**Parents' evening "My child is coming to school" on 15 May 2018, 7 p.m.**

To ensure that you are well prepared for what lies ahead, we would like to invite you to a parents' evening on Tuesday, 15 May 2018 in the media library of our school. During this event you will get to know our primary school and what awaits your children.

## 7. First parent evening, 2018/19, enrolment ceremony, 1st school day

In the new school year 2018/19, a parents' evening for grade 1 will take place on **Monday, 3 September\*** at 19.00 in the **first school week before enrolment**. In the past, this has proven to be a sensible way of ensuring that children start school with as little friction as possible.

**In a school enrolment ceremony on Thursday, 6th September\***, we will welcome our first graders at 10.00 a.m. in a joint celebration with all primary school pupils in the gymnasium of our school.

The first week of school according to the timetable begins for grade 1 on the **following Sunday, 9 September\***, at **7.50 a.m. with the morning flag raising ceremony** in the schoolyard.

We wish your child and you as parents a good start into school life at the German International School in Abu Dhabi!

*Gerhard Lebherz Abu Dhabi, 18 February 2018 Primary School Director  
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*\* The dates given are estimated dates. A final date is only possible after the publication of the ADEK school calendar.*



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