

RAHA REMINDERS

Khalifa City Campus

Dear Parents and Families,

Ramadan Update

As we embrace the spirit of Ramadan, we would like to share some important updates regarding school timings and other details. Ramadan is a time for reflection, spiritual growth, and quality time with family. If you are new to the UAE, we encourage you to take this opportunity to experience the unique atmosphere of the holy month. There are many special events across the city and country, and it's a wonderful time to learn more about the culture and traditions of the region.

Here are the updated school timings for Ramadan:

- 8:00 AM: Early drop-off available at the canteen through Gate 1 for working families.
- 8:40 AM: All gates will open for regular school entry.
- 1:45 PM: Gates will open for pick-up at the end of the school day.
- 2:00 PM: Official end of school day for student pick-up.
- Fridays: Gates will open at 11:40 AM for a 12:00 PM pick-up.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we adjust our schedules to ensure a meaningful and balanced experience for our students during this time.



Ms. Abi
Principal



Welcome to Week 2 of our SPIRE Wellbeing Curriculum journey!

This week, we're focusing on physical wellbeing, a vital component of overall health that aligns with KCC's core values of Knowledge, Courage, and Connection. We believe in nurturing the whole child, as physical health supports mental clarity, resilience, and strong relationships. Inspired by the UAE's commitment to active lifestyles, we encourage families to foster active habits, model healthy choices, and engage in activities together. With Abu Dhabi offering numerous opportunities for family-friendly fitness, from cycling paths to parks, Raha is prioritizing physical wellbeing this term through diverse sports programs, mindful movement practices, and outdoor learning experiences that promote both fitness and emotional balance.

Emirati Day of Education and Lifelong Learning

On Tuesday, we had the privilege of hosting NPQSL training at KCC, and it was an inspiring and enriching experience. In line with the UAE's commitment to fostering continuous learning, we also co-hosted the NPQH for headteachers at KBZA on Thursday. These opportunities are part of the UAE's broader vision to support and empower educators, ensuring that teachers and leaders alike are constantly growing in their professional roles.

The UAE offers many free or low-cost opportunities for lifelong learning, aligning closely with the IB philosophy of fostering a growth mindset in students and adults alike. Government and cultural institutions provide abundant resources for professional and personal development, with places like the Cultural Center, Warehouse 421, Louvre Abu Dhabi, and NYU Abu Dhabi offering a wide range of classes and workshops. Whether it's an art class at Warehouse 421, a cultural lecture at the Louvre, or a specialized course at NYU Abu Dhabi, families and educators can engage in intellectual and creative pursuits, making lifelong learning accessible in this vibrant city.

As educators, we are deeply committed to our own lifelong learning journeys. Leading the NPQ courses and participating in training sessions such as the ones we hosted this week shows our commitment to developing leadership across all levels of education. These experiences not only benefit the educators but also enhance the learning environment for our students.

Next week, we will be diving into Intellectual Wellbeing as part of our ongoing SPIRE curriculum.

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting our students' holistic growth.

Warm regards,

Abi, Principal

Fostering Wellbeing



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Key Dates

March	
1	Ramadan begins (TBC)
10-21	School photos
14	ECPs Sign up
19	KCC Community Iftar
21	Last day of Term 2
24 Mar-04 Apr	Spring Break
April	
7	Term 3 Begins



Term 2 Menu

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RAHA PARENT TEAM
[Lost & Found]

February

Spring Break Camps

Swim
(at KCC)

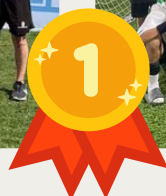
Multi-Sport
(at Gardens)



Whole School

Raha Music Festival 2025 Signup

Find all the information [here](#).
Deadline: 4 April 2025, 12pm.
Individual Classes: 12-15 May
Gala Concert: 16 May at 7pm



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Caring Boxes @ KCC donations at all gates: 3-14 March

Our KCC Student Leadership Team has been busy organising our annual donation initiative which we call "Caring Boxes @ KCC." For the next two weeks, we will be collecting non-perishable food and toiletries from our KCC community to give our incredible security guards, cleaners, nurses, and facilities staff that work tirelessly in the background helping to make our school amazing!

Families may donate items during arrival and dismissal from 3-14 March in the boxes at the gates.

The KCC Student Leadership Team's Initiative: **Caring Boxes @KCC**



Help us give back!

The KCC Student Leadership Team wants to show their appreciation to our incredible security, cleaners, nurses and facilities staff. These heroes work tirelessly everyday in the background to keep our school amazing!

Donated items will be given during an appreciation ceremony led by the student representatives.

3rd-14th March

Drop off your contribution into any donation box located at each gate during arrival or dismissal.

*Any empty Kibsons boxes would be appreciated to pack items in.

Suggested donations:

- non-perishable food (canned, boxed, bagged food)
- toiletries (shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, sunscreen, toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush)
- towels
- socks
- reusable water bottles

Dear parents,

This week we are sharing our weekly health and safety bulletin with you as a trial. The document has been written for staff but we believe there are many parts parents may find both interesting and reassuring. We are hoping families may also consider how this bulletin can influence some of their home H&S practices. Please contact Anod at H&S if there are any matters you would like us to include in future publications. In a few weeks we will share a link for your feedback on the bulletins. Thank you.

KCC HSE BULLETIN

February 25, 2025 | Raha International School, Khalifa City Campus, Abu Dhabi

What has Happened!

Fire Drill: A Huge Success!



On February 25, 2025, our school held a civil defense drill that underscored the critical importance of emergency preparedness and the serious commitment we have to protecting our community. The drill was carried out with utmost seriousness and extensive collaboration between students, staff, and local emergency services. Notably, the children were thrilled to see the fire trucks up close and had the opportunity to meet the dedicated civil defense personnel, making the exercise both educational and engaging. This interaction not only added a memorable, hands-on element to the drill but also reinforced the message that effective civil defense is a community effort, reliant on both preparedness and a shared spirit of cooperation.



Hot Weather Monitoring



As part of our commitment to student and staff safety, we monitor weather conditions daily to determine whether students can go outside during breaks. In line with our Severe Weather and Red Breaks Policy, our school clinic checks the heat index and weather conditions throughout the day.

With the hot weather season approaching, it's important that all staff are aware of how weather conditions impact outdoor activities. Extreme heat, high humidity, poor air quality, sandstorms, and thunderstorms can all pose health risks. When weather conditions exceed safe thresholds—such as a heat index of 38°C or above, poor air quality, or storm warnings—a Red Break is called. This means students must remain indoors or in shaded areas with modified low-intensity activities to ensure their well-being. Staff are promptly informed via the Hot Team Microsoft Teams channel so that appropriate adjustments can be made.

By proactively monitoring the weather, we ensure a safe and healthy environment for all. We appreciate your cooperation in following these guidelines to keep our students safe.

For more details, please refer to the [Severe Weather and Red Breaks Policy](#) or reach out to the Operations team.

Chemical Spillage Cleanup Drill

In our continued commitment to staff safety, we recently conducted a chemical spillage cleanup drill, which was a resounding success. These drills are particularly vital as they ensure that only our lab technicians and science teachers—who are authorized to work in the preparation room and handle concentrated chemicals—are equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to respond appropriately in the event of a spill. During the drill, our highly skilled lab technician, Sneha, expertly demonstrated the proper containment and cleanup procedures, showcasing both her technical expertise and adherence to safety protocols. This exercise reinforces our dedication to maintaining a secure environment, especially when working with potentially hazardous materials.



Fire Drill – Last Week: Efficient and Well-Executed

Fire Drill – Tuesday, Last Week: A Remarkable Success

Last Tuesday's fire drill was a great success, and we are incredibly grateful to our amazing Grade 11 student, Kamal Al Madani, who played a crucial role in the drill scenario. Kamal volunteered to simulate the role of a missing child who was injured and stayed behind in the building, testing whether our secondary staff would notice his absence. We are pleased to report that they did! They followed the correct procedures, promptly reporting his absence and ensuring that the principal was made aware. His participation was invaluable in testing our staff's response and ensuring that the proper protocols were followed during the evacuation. We were also honored to have Ms. Maha, the Health and Safety Manager at Taaleem, join us for the drill. She was impressed by the quick and effective actions of both our staff and students in responding to the emergency procedures.

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Fire Warden Training

We are pleased to announce that we recently completed a Fire Warden Training session with Aspire, a company specializing in health and safety training. The session was both informative and valuable for our staff members who participated. It provided them with essential knowledge and practical skills to respond effectively in the event of a fire emergency. We would like to extend our thanks to everyone involved for their commitment to enhancing our safety preparedness.



What's Happening & Coming Soon

ISO 45001 Accreditation

We are excited to announce that we are actively pursuing ISO 45001 accreditation—a globally recognized standard for Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S). This initiative underscores our commitment to maintaining a safe, healthy, and risk-aware work environment.

ISO 45001 sets out the criteria for an effective OH&S management system. In practical terms, this means we'll be reviewing our current safety practices, identifying potential hazards, and updating our policies to meet international best practices. It also involves regular training and employee engagement to ensure everyone is well-informed and actively contributing to our safety culture.

We appreciate your support and will keep you updated as we progress through this important certification process!

Upcoming Internal Facilities and Bus Inspections

In line with our ongoing commitment to safety, we will be conducting internal facilities inspections as well as bus inspections before the end of this month. These inspections are crucial for maintaining the safety and functionality of our school facilities and buses. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in ensuring that we continue to provide a safe environment for both staff and students.

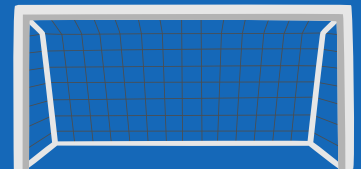


Notification for Pregnant Staff

We would like to kindly remind all pregnant staff members to visit our school clinic as soon as possible. It has come to our attention that some staff members who are pregnant have not yet notified us. As emphasized during the safety induction at the start of the year, it is crucial that pregnant staff inform the school nurses so that an adequate risk assessment can be conducted. We kindly ask all pregnant staff to visit the clinic promptly to ensure that we are fully aware of those at risk and can take the necessary steps to ensure their safety and well-being while they are on campus.

Reminder: Goalposts on the Pitch

A gentle reminder to all teachers on duty at the pitch: please ensure that students are not moving the goalposts during activities. This is important to prevent any potential accidents and maintain a safe environment for all.



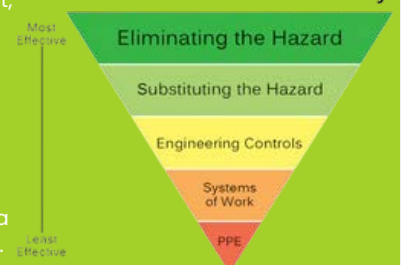
Health and Safety Reminders

Safety First: Think Hazards, Think Control

When planning any school event, trip, or activity, remember to:

- Identify potential hazards associated with the activity.
- Consult the hierarchy of control to mitigate risks effectively.
- Let's prioritize safety in every stage of planning to ensure a secure and successful event.

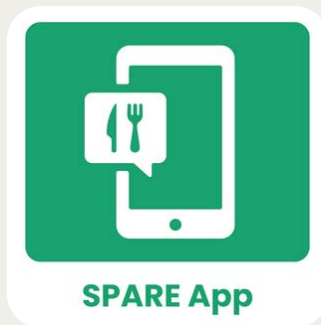
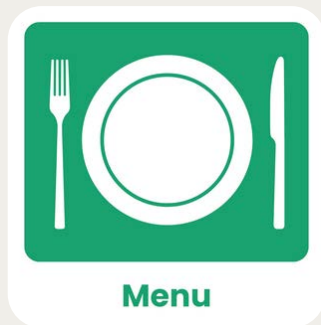
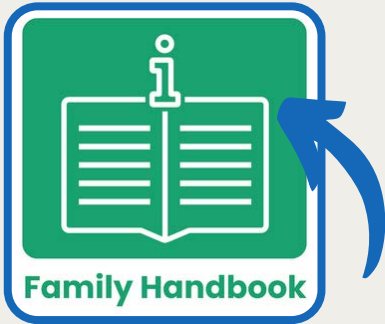
Risk Control Hierarchy



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