RAHA REMINDERS

Khalifa City Campus

Dear KCC Families,

First, we would like to offer a heartfelt thank you to all the parents who responded so thoughtfully to the NIM Survey in last week's Raha Reminders. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us reflect, grow, and refine our provision, and it will directly support our aim of achieving Outstanding in the next NIM inspection.



Principal

We are also very grateful to the parents who kindly offered to support upcoming NIM events. Your partnership strengthens our community. As opportunities arise, we will share these through our Raha Reminders, and we look forward to working closely with many of you.

Introducing the UAE School Inspection Framework

"Excellence is not a destination, but a continuous journey."

At KCC, we are deeply committed to excellence, not only because it is expected, but because it defines who we are.

Knowledge Courage

The UAE School Inspection Framework is a national quality assurance system that ensures every child across the Emirates has access to a world-class education. Closely aligned with international standards and inspection models from countries such as the UK, Australia, and Connection Singapore, the framework is inclusive, applied equally to all schools, regardless of curriculum (British, American, IB, Indian, etc.) or tuition level. It reinforces the UAE's commitment to both excellence and equity by making quality education and the opportunity to attend a Good, Very Good, or Outstanding school accessible to all families.

Rather than seeing inspection as a final destination, we at KCC view it as a meaningful checkpoint in our ongoing journey of growth. It offers a valuable chance to reflect on our practices, celebrate our strengths, and find new ways to improve. For students, it means enhanced learning experiences, stronger wellbeing, and more opportunities to innovate. For staff, it brings professional clarity and support in striving for excellence. And for families, it provides confidence and trust in a school that is committed to continuous development and high standards.

Performance Standard 1: Students' Achievement

This week, we explore Performance Standard 1, which focuses on three areas: attainment (how students perform against curriculum and international benchmarks), progress (the academic growth each student makes from their individual starting point), and learning skills (the habits and strategies that promote independent, active learning). At KCC, this personalised journey begins at admissions, where we take time to understand each child's background and goals, then carefully track and celebrate their progress. This approach aligns beautifully with the IB Learner Profil, fostering attributes like resilience, collaboration, and critical thinking, and reflects a shared belief with the UAE Inspection Framework in the importance of holistic development. Parents play a vital role in this process by setting learning goals, celebrating effort, discussing challenges, connecting learning to real life, and modelling curiosity and persistence at home.

Thank you once again for your trust and partnership.

At KCC, we see every inspection not as an endpoint, but as part of an exciting, continuous journey, one in which your child, and our whole community, grows stronger every day.

Warm regards, Abi

Introducing the UAE School Inspection Framework

RAHA REMINDERS

Khalifa City Campus

Key Dates

May

5 MYP CREATE Night

5-9 Magrudy's Spring Book Fair

9 KCC Summer Bazaar

12-16 Raha Music Festival (at Gardens)

15 First Parent Book Club meeting

15 DP1 TOK Exhibition Day (9-11am parents)

21 G5 PYPX Parent Evening

30 Career Fair

June

5-8 Eid Al Adha (To be confirmed)

13-20 UK University Trip G9-11

15-21 CAS Mauritius Trip G11

20 Grade 5 Graduation

23 Grade 10 Graduation

26 Islamic New Year

27 Last day of school













1-4PM

One week to go!

Read the key information <u>here</u> if you are attending or setting up a table.

Raha Music Festival Gala Concert: 16 May at 7pm

Our students are tuning up for an exciting showdown against Gardens' students in the quest to be crowned Raha Young Musician 2025! If Check here for performance timings—and come cheer on our talented KCC musicians!



Gala concert: Gardens Campus Auditorium on 16th of May.





WEEKLY HSE BULLETIN

April 29th, 2025 | Raha International School, Khalifa City Campus, Abu Dhabi

Staff Profile Highlight

This week, we would like to highlight Mr. Ralph Angielo Marentes, our Head of Nursing, who has been an integral part of our staff since the beginning of this academic year.

Mr. Ralph brings extensive experience in both education and healthcare settings, including:

- 5 years as a Head Nurse / School Nurse in the UAE
- 2 years as a Clinic and Industrial Nurse in the UAE
- 5 years as an ICU, CCU, and Emergency Department Nurse in the Philippines
- 1 year as a Medical Complaint Analyst in the Philippines

He holds the following licenses:

- DOH / HAAD-Registered Nurse (UAE)
- DOH-Registered Nurse (Philippines)

Certifications:

- Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)
- Basic Life Support (BLS)
- Infection Control

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Mr. Ralph for his dedication, leadership, and the vital role he plays in maintaining the health and safety of our school.

A sincere thank you also to his nursing team – Ms. Bernadette and Ms. Roselyn – for their continued support and commitment. Your hard work is truly appreciated!



Swimming Pool Safety Inspections

The Operations Team carried out thorough inspections of both the Early Years (EY) Pool and the Main Pool.

These inspections focused on verifying the effectiveness of access control measures and ensuring that all safety protocols are being strictly followed.

Any minor issues identified during the inspection are being addressed promptly to maintain the highest safety standards.

Successful Completion of Emergency Drills

Successful completion of Emergency Drills last week, we successfully conducted multiple emergency drills, including the Fire Drill, Panic Alarm Drill and other drills.

These drills are an essential part of our commitment to safety, ensuring that everyone on site is well-prepared and familiar with the correct procedures during emergencies.

Thank you to all staff and students for your cooperation and excellent participation!

Please share your feedback on the fire drill Here.



Welcome to Our New Emirates Transport Coordinator

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Dildar Hussain from Emirates Transport, who has joined us as our new Transport Coordinator.

Please make him feel welcome and do not hesitate to approach him with any questions or support you need regarding school bus transportation.

Kindly continue using the same phone number previously assigned to Mr. Waqas when you need to contact Mr. Dildar.





WEEKLY HSE BULLETIN

April 29th, 2025 | Raha International School, Khalifa City Campus, Abu Dhabi

Epipen Administration & AED Use Training

All staff are reminded to complete the mandatory training videos on AED use and EpiPen administration. After watching both videos, please ensure you complete the acknowledgment survey to confirm your attendance **Here**.

Kindly complete this task as soon as possible to stay compliant with our health and safety requirements.



First Aid Training Update

The First Aid training session originally scheduled for last Friday has been postponed and will now take place this Friday May 2nd 2025.

This session is designated for a selected group of 10 nominated staff members and is part of our ongoing commitment to building a safer, more responsive environment within our school community.

Looking Ahead – Share Your Health & Safety Suggestions

As we plan for the upcoming academic year, we'd love to hear any health and safety ideas or feedback you may have. Your input is valuable in helping us strengthen our practices and create a safer school environment.

While we can't guarantee that every suggestion will be implemented, we will thoughtfully review all contributions and take forward those that are practical and in the best interest of the school.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to the Operations team with your thoughts. (KCCsafety@ris.ae)

Bus Inspections Underway

This week, we are conducting detailed inspections of our school buses.

All findings will be shared with Emirates Transport to ensure that any concerns or issues identified are rectified quickly, maintaining the safety and reliability of our student transport services.

Date for Diary: HSE Committee this Week

The HSE Committee meeting will take place this Thursday May 1st 2025.

If any staff member would like to add to the agenda, please let us know before the meeting.

Event Safety Reminder – Risk Assessment is Essential

As we continue to host exciting events across the school, we kindly remind all event organizers of the critical importance of completing a thorough risk assessment in advance. Every detail should be carefully planned with safety in mind to minimize risks and ensure a secure environment for all. A few key reminders:

- Fire Safety Equipment Must Remain Visible and Accessible: Do not cover or block fire detectors, sprinklers, fire hoses, extinguishers, or alarm call points. Obstructing these devices can delay emergency response and result in serious consequences during an emergency.
- Wall and Ceiling Coverings Are Prohibited: Completely covering walls or ceilings—especially with fabric or paper—not only increases fire risk but can also interfere with fire detection systems.
- Never Obstruct CCTV Cameras: Covering ceilings or blocking the view of CCTV cameras puts the school at serious risk, particularly in safeguarding situations where visibility and monitoring are essential.
- Keep Exits and Pathways Clear: Corridors, hallways, and exit routes must remain free from furniture, displays, and decorations to ensure a safe and fast evacuation if needed.

Event planning should always include the question: What could go wrong, and how can we prevent it?

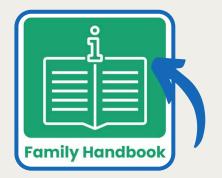
Let's continue working together to make every event both enjoyable and safe for our entire school community.

Reminder: Risk Assessment Training – Please Watch

This is a kind reminder for all staff to watch the Risk Assessment Training that was recorded and shared on Teams. You'll find it in the KCC Policies & Procedures – Health and Safety channel <u>Link</u> here.

Watching this training will help all staff understand how to properly use the risk assessment template, and ensure you're fully aware of what's required when completing risk assessments for school events, trips, and activities. This is an important part of our collective responsibility to maintain a safe environment for everyone.

QUICK LINKS Khalifa City Campus







<u>AY</u> 2025/2026







