



**GARDEN CITY  
BRITISH SCHOOL**

**Welcome to PRE KG**

**Greetings!**

A warm welcome to all our parents and students. I hope that you had a great summer holiday and are ready to begin a new academic year with us here at Garden City British School.

Here at GCBS, we follow the EYFS framework. The **Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)** sets standards for the learning, development and care of children. The characteristics of effective learning along with the 4 main principles of the EYFS framework are laced through the GCBS vision and mission. It is our vision at GCBS to aspire to educate, inspire and nurture compassionate learners who will make a difference in the community as effective global citizens equipped with 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills. It is our mission to imbue international practices and inspire in our learner's self-confidence, self-esteem, independence of thought and love for lifelong learning within a stimulating environment that strives for excellence.

We are excited to begin a safe and prosperous academic year with you and your child.

You will find key information throughout this document.

Regards,

**Ms Clio**

*EYFS/KS1 Coordinator*



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**'Back to School'**

***What to expect in our first week:***

In your child's first week of school we will support them as they transition into their new learning environment. Whilst establishing routine, we will ensure your child is familiarized with the safety of themselves and others. We will support them in forming new relationships with their classmates and teachers.

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## Communication

**Class Dojo** is our means of communication from 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. on weekdays. The teacher will try their best to respond to messages sent after this time, however we ask you to be patient and understanding. Here you will receive key information and regular updates of what is taking place within the class in the form of photographs.

1. You can download the Application on your phone or laptop
2. You will receive an email from the class teacher. Please click the link and sign in as a parent.

***Due to safeguarding and ADEK regulations teachers are not allowed to give personal numbers.***

***Feel free to contact school reception on 03 780 5775 for any queries or concerns or Ms Daren (Parent Relationship Manager) on 0544701889.***

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## Food to Pack

Please send healthy snacks for your child and enough water for them throughout the day. Where possible please prepare lunches with ease of access in mind (peeled/cut fruit, personal cutlery etc.) for safety and hygiene reasons.

***It would be appreciated if you could avoid sending food high in sugar i.e. juice pack, cookies, sweets, chocolates, cakes, chips and/or fizzy drinks.***

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## Uniform

Please adhere to school uniform rules and regulations.

We ask that you send a spare change of clothes for your child in their backpack (incl. T-Shirt, leggings/shorts, underwear and socks). We urge you include only light garments as this will remain in their bags for safety and hygiene reasons.

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## School Bags

*Schoolbag contents:*

- *Small sanitizing pack*
  - *Light change of clothes*
  - *Lunchbox/water*
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## **Health and Safety**

We would appreciate it if you have a conversation with your child regarding keeping safe during these trying times (Incl. hand washing, sanitizing, keeping hands to themselves, not sharing food etc.).

When your child is sick or absent, please inform the teacher via Class Dojo.

We urge you not to send your child to school if they have a temperature. Similarly, if your child's temperature is above 37 degrees Celsius you will be contacted and asked to collect your child from school.

Face masks are not mandatory for PRE KG students; however, we invite you to send a small hygiene kit in your child's backpack for their personal use (a small pack of sanitizing wipes, a small hand sanitizer, a small hand wash and a small pack of tissues).

Your child's teacher and assisting teacher will wear a mask at all times. Classroom's will be regularly ventilated and sanitized.

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## **Drop off and Dispersal**

### **Morning:**

Students should arrive at school before 7:50am. Registration will be taken between 7:50am-8:00am. PRE KG students will enter via the KG entrance only. After leaving your child at the KG entrance, your child will be brought to their respective classrooms by the assisting teachers.

### **Afternoon:**

Students who will be picked up by a parent or career should be collected promptly at 1:00 p.m. Parents who wish to enter the building must present their green pass. If there is no green pass, children will be brought to the gate by an assistant teacher when requested.

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## **Birthday Policy/Class Parties**

We ask that you refrain from sending sweets and treats. The teacher will ensure your child's birthday or other event is acknowledged within the class.

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## **Parent Questionnaire**

A questionnaire will be shared with you. Please take the time to complete it and return it to your child's teacher. From the questionnaire, we aim to gather key information that will support us and your child on their learning journey this year.

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