



أكاديمية جيمس ولينغتون - شارع الخيل
GEMS Wellington Academy AL KHAIL

The **EARLY YEARS**
Centre

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NURSERY PARENT GUIDE 2022-23

OUR CURRICULUM

Our 'Reggio-inspired' Nursery places children at the centre of learning, allowing them to follow their own unique interests and ideas. Our Teachers and Teaching Assistants act as play-partners, modelling high levels of communication and social skills. We will encourage independence, collaboration and problem solving as your child plays and explores. We will provide many different opportunities and experiences to spark new interests and encourage early skill development; this will include specialist activities, including Music, Art, Arabic, Sensory classes and Splash Play across the year.

We will track children against the Early Years checkpoints to ensure they make a smooth transition into our FS 1 classes the following year.





TIMINGS

The Nursery is open from 7am until 5:30 Monday to Thursday and 7am until 12 noon on Fridays. We offer flexible days and timings to suit your family. If you wish to change days or timings, please let us know in advance so that we can check availability.

If your child is unexpectedly absent from Nursery, please inform your child's Lead Teacher via the Seesaw application.

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP MAP

A - NURSERY

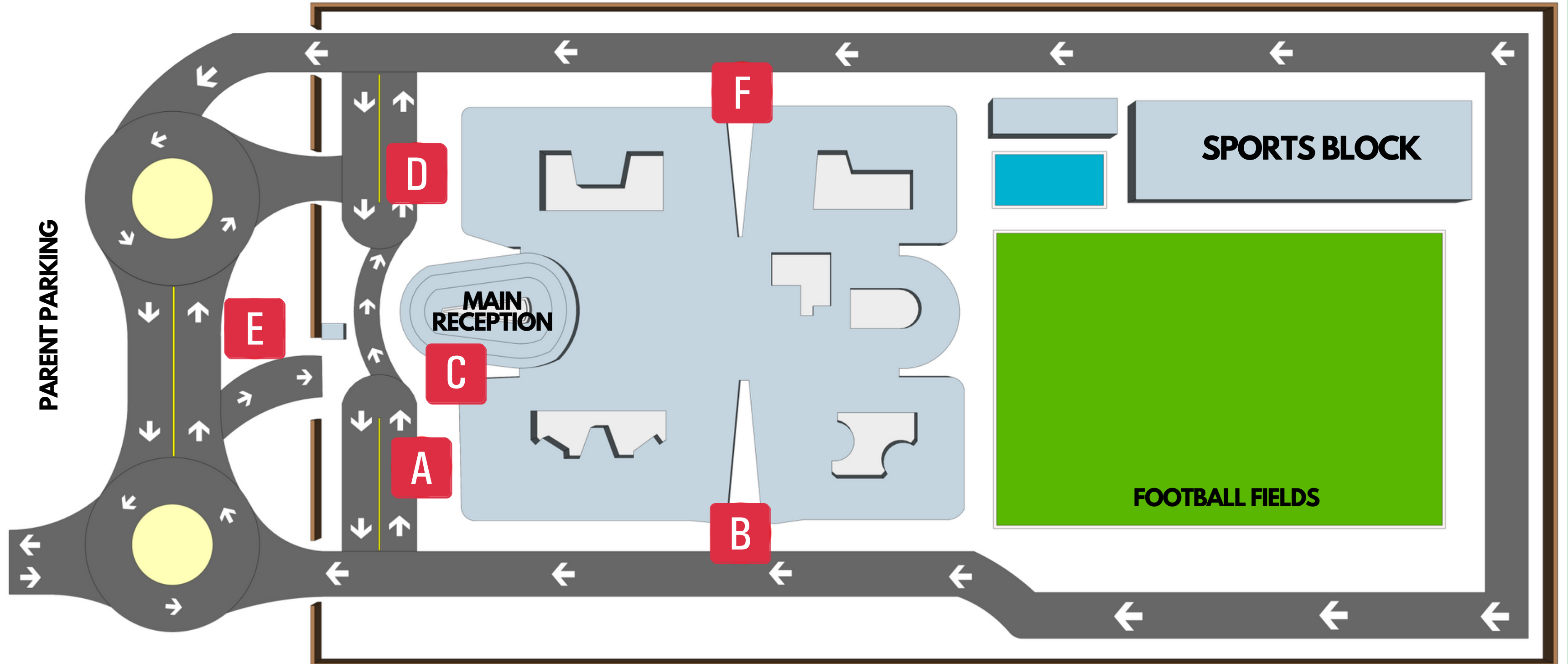
B - YEARS 1 & 2

C - FS & YEARS 3-6 ENTRY AND Y3 & 5 EXIT

D - SECONDARY ENTRY YEARS 4, 6 & SECONDARY EXIT

E - CAR DROP-OFF POINT

F - SCHOOL BUSES





UNIFORM

Boys will wear the Wellington polo top and navy shorts. Girls will wear the Wellington polo top and navy skirt. Children do not need any of the Wellington PE items. All children should have a small Wellington rucksack. Uniform items can be purchased from Threads stores across Dubai.

All-black, soft/comfortable shoes should be worn with black, navy or white socks.

No necklaces or rings are allowed, but cultural jewellery may be approved.

All uniform items must be labelled with your child's name.

FOOD

Parents must send enough food and water for their child's day. We cannot heat food, but parents may provide food in thermos containers. Food which could present a choking hazard must be prepared, e.g. grapes must be quartered and skin removed from apples.

If your child has any allergies, please inform the medical team and your child's Lead Teacher.

We follow a strict no nuts and no pork policy across the school and promote healthy eating.





SLEEPING

We have a staffed sleeping room where little ones can take rest from their busy day.

You will be asked about your child's sleeping habits during your induction meeting.

You must provide a small sheet, blanket and pillow which will be stored separately for each child. Please label all of these items. Bedding will be sent home for washing once per week.

TOILETING

Nursery children may be in nappies, pull-ups or they may have started toilet training. Our experienced staff are here to help you with this process.

You must provide nappies, wipes, spare underwear and spare leggings for your child, depending on where he/she is with toilet training. These items will be stored separately for each child.

You will be required to sign our Intimate Care and Toileting Policy.





COMMUNICATION

You will have direct communication with your child's Lead Teacher via our 'Seesaw Family' app.

You can book an appointment with your child's Teacher or request a phone call at any time.

We will host four formal parents' evenings across the year and provide termly reports of your child's learning and development.



Seesaw

BUS SERVICE

If you wish to make use of the bus service, please contact School Transport Services (STS) directly. You can either email abhijit.dutta@sts-group.com or call 04 339 7555.

Buses arrive at around 7:30am each morning and depart at either 1:30pm or 3:20pm each afternoon. Please note that the bus service is shared with FS, Primary and Secondary and is subject to availability.





PHOTOS

Our staff will regularly take photographs and videos to evidence and celebrate your child's development and learning. These photos and videos may be used on school displays, on our social media pages and, occasionally, for marketing purposes.

If you do not wish for your child to be photographed or recorded in school, please request a 'Photograph and Video Non-consent Form' from our Parent Relations Executive via email pre_wek@Gemsedu.onmicrosoft.com.

USEFUL ACADEMY CONTACTS

RECEPTION

wek_reception@gemsedu.com

PARENT RELATIONS EXECUTIVE

pre_wek@Gemsedu.onmicrosoft.com

ACADEMY ATTENDANCE

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SCHOOL TRANSPORT SERVICES

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