

MALEK FAHD ISLAMIC SCHOOL

Beaumont Hills Campus



Kindergarten 2020 Information

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Message from the Principal



Dear Kindergarten Students,

Welcome to Malek Fahd Islamic School and to your first year of schooling. This is the beginning of an exciting and important life journey. Along this journey you will learn to read and write, grow in knowledge that will lead you towards a career, and you will make many new friends.

We will help you along this journey by providing you the opportunity to receive a quality education in a safe and secure environment that enables you to achieve your full potential. We want you to develop, be happy and successful young men and women. In partnership with your parents, we will work to develop the key human attributes of care and compassion, respect, responsibility and honesty as you learn how to exercise sound judgment and make good choices.

I am delighted you are joining our wonderful School. This booklet provides important information to guide your learning. I look forward to seeing you grow in knowledge, develop and be proud to be known as a student of Malek Fahd Islamic School.

Best wishes,

Mr Bruce Rixon
Principal

Message from the Head of Campus



Dear Parents,

Assalamu alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakaatuhu

I wish to extend a warm welcome to our new kindergarten children and their families to Malek Fahd Islamic School Beaumont Hills. Kindergarten is an important year of schooling for children as they formally begin schooling. At Malek Fahd Islamic School we are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognise that to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in our children's education. As partners, we share the responsibility of our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities.

We welcome parent involvement in the classroom and on a range of school activities, including excursions. Parents and guardians can assist in their child's learning and success at school by reinforcing the following: that students are at school every day, on time, in full school uniform and have all equipment required for a successful day at school (including a healthy lunch!)

Kind Regards,

Mrs Mehar Khan
Head of Campus

School Attendance

What your child learns each day builds on what they learnt the day before. If your child misses school, their learning routine is broken, they lose confidence and they miss out on building their friendships.

You have a legal responsibility to send your children to school. School attendance is **compulsory**. The school is required to record the reason for any absences as a way of ensuring that students are absent from school only when they are sick or have another good reason for missing school.

Did you know?

If your child misses as few as eight days each school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a year of education.

School begins at **8:45 a.m.** for Kindergarten students when they start the day with Morning Prayer in the classroom. We ask that parents drop off their children and leave promptly to avoid disruption to the morning routine and unsettling the Kindergarten and other students. **Our experience has shown that children whose parent wait around after class has begun, take longer to settle. Students who have been dropped off at the carline have shown to be more independent and settle much quicker.** Teacher supervision is provided in the playground from 8:10 a.m.

School finishes at **3:10 p.m.** for Kindergarten. We ask that all parents to collect their child promptly at 3:10 p.m. from the carline. For the first week, the homeroom teacher will bring the students out to the carline area. Once students are familiar with the routine, teachers on duty will supervise them at the carline area. If you have other arrangements for an adult to pick up your child, please inform the teacher in writing.

If you need to speak to your child's classroom teacher, please ensure you have made an appointment by either emailing them or contacting the office.

Absences



Absence notes: An SMS will be sent to you on the day your child is absent. Please reply to this SMS explaining why your child is absent from school. A doctor's certificate is required if a student is absent for two or more consecutive days. Students are required to bring absence notes **the next day** they come to school and hand it in to the class teacher if you did not reply to the text message. For reasons other than sick, Leave must be applied for. Forms are available through the Campus Front Office.

Early departure from school notes: Parents/ Caregivers need to come to the front office and sign the early departure book and pick children from the front office. Parents are not to collect their child(ren) from the classroom.

Late arrival to school notes: When a student arrives late to school, he/she should report to the office **with their parent/guardian** to obtain a late note slip. Parents and caregivers of students who are persistently late will be contacted by the student's teacher to discuss their child's punctuality and the consequences of being late to class.

All visitors including parents **MUST REPORT TO THE FRONT OFFICE FIRST**. Parents must not approach the classroom or teacher during lessons.

Curriculum

Throughout the year your child will be engaged in various oral, written and practical work to develop skills in all KLAs. Therefore, it is important for you to spend some time with your child to discuss what they have been learning at school and assist them with their homework and reading to and with them.

English: Your child will learn single and combined letter sounds very quickly. Teachers will be implementing the Get Reading Right program, which is an explicit, systematic synthetic phonics program to teach your child to read and spell. It is critical to encourage your child to decode unknown words in books they read and words they see in everyday environment.



Mathematics: Students will learn concepts in the following strands – Number, Space and Geometry, Measurement, Data and Patterns and Algebra.

History and Geography, Science, Creative Arts, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education, in addition to Arabic, Qur'an and Islamic Studies.

Each term you will receive a Curriculum and Assessment schedule to keep track of what your child will be learning throughout the term. Keep it in a handy and accessible place at home.

You can find more information about what your child will learn on the Board of Studies website: <http://syllabus.nesa.nsw.edu.au/>

Homework



Homework is given on Monday and must be sent back to school **Friday of the same week**. Please do not allow your child to complete the weekly tasks in one day as homework complements what is learnt in class. Your child should be able to complete their homework with little assistance. Children may also be assigned tasks on Mathletics ad ABC Reading Eggs You may assist and discuss tasks with your child but please do not do it for them.

Home Readers

Your child will bring home a book to read or will be assigned a book on the ABC Reading Eggs Website (homeroom teacher will provide log in details). Please read the home reader with your child and discuss what has been read to explore reading for meaning. Sit together in a quiet room at home and make it a pleasant experience. Help develop a love for reading with your child. Students may also be provided with books from time to time as home readers. Please note that any misplaced or damaged books incur a replacement fee.



Equipment Required

Your child will need the following items on a daily basis. Please ensure your child has all the equipment, **labeled clearly with their name and replenish as needed**. This is to ensure students don't miss out on critical activities during lessons.

Ensure to also purchase/prepare:

- A library bag (students are not allowed to borrow from the library without one)
- Spare underwear and pants in a plastic bag, to be kept in their school bag at all times, in case of a minor accident.
- A raincoat (please avoid umbrellas)
- Have stationery stored and readily available at home to replenish your child's pencil case.



We request that all books are covered with **clear contact only**. Encourage your child to respect all books and take pride in maintaining a neat book. Textbook and exercise books can be purchased from Five Senses Education.

Lunchboxes



Our school is committed to improving children's health through education and by supporting the Australian Government's **Crunch&Sip**® initiative. Your child needs to bring healthy snacks for recess and lunches every day as well as some fruit/vegetables to Crunch and water to sip on during the morning session. Food needs to be in packages that your child can open independently. A healthy lunchbox should include a variety of fresh foods including fruit, crunchy vegetables such as carrots, cherry tomatoes and celery, wholegrain sandwiches or wraps and dairy food such as yoghurt or cheese sticks. Please avoid chips, sweet biscuits,



chocolate and other sweet processed foods. Snacks may be placed in a plastic container but please do not place any food items in glass containers.

Your child also needs a bottle of water every day. Fizzy drinks and cans are not permitted nor considered appropriate drinks for your child. If you choose to send fruit juices, screw topped bottles or 'pop-tops' are a better option as your child can securely close it if they do not complete it. Please do not send juice cartons or 'poppers'.

Please refer to the 'Healthy Eating for Children' pamphlet in your orientation pack.

DO NOT send nuts or nut products such as Nutella and peanut butter to school.

Uniform and Appearance

MFIS strongly supports the wearing of full school uniform by students and the upholding of high standards of dress. Part of being a student at MFIS is to wear the school uniform with pride reflecting the Islamic ethos of modesty. Students are required to wear appropriate footwear which includes **black Velcro polished shoes**. Shoes must be kept clean and polished. Students in particular **must wear a school hat** for outside activities.

School uniform garments that become worn, damaged, deteriorated, or ill-fitting are to be replaced and shoes are not to be worn with holes in the front or without laces.

UNIFORM GUIDE	
Boys	Girls
1x Blazer	1x Blazer
2x Lemon School Shirt	2x White School Blouse
2x Grey School Pants	2x Pinafore (ankle Length)
1x White Sports Polo	1x White Sports Polo
1x Green Tracksuit	1x Green Tracksuit
1x School Jumper (Optional for Winter)	1x School Jumper (Optional for Winter)
1x School Blazer	1x School Blazer
1x School Hat	1x School Hat
1x School Bag	1x School Bag
1x School Tie	Grey/black/white socks and stockings (winter)
Grey socks	

- Chewing gum is banned at school and on all school activities.
- During Winter, plain bottle green or white neck scarves may be worn. Girls may also wear stockings. However, tights or leggings (white tights with black socks and black tights with white socks) are not permitted to be worn under the school uniform.

Hair

General Styles, regardless of gender should be neat, tidy, and not of an extreme nature. Use of hair dyes, streaks and coloured tips are not allowed.

Girls Hair below shoulder length is to be tied up neatly. Hair accessories are to be in school colours of black or bottle green – fancy bows or combs are not permitted. Beads and Bali plaits are not acceptable.

Boys Hair should be 'short, one level and well groomed', completely off the collar, not over eyes or tucked behind the ears.

Jewellery

Girls may wear one pair of silver or gold stud earrings in the earlobe (not sleepers). Students may wear medical chains or bracelets. Rings, necklaces, bracelets and other jewellery may not be worn. There are to be no other piercings or tattoos.

Nail polish and false fingernails are not permitted.

Canteen Lunch Orders

All lunch orders must be made in a brown paper bag. It must be clearly labelled with the student's name, class, food item and the amount of money enclosed. This order should then be placed in the Lunch Order Basket provided in each classroom. Please DO NOT include sibling payments together in the same envelope. Each student must have a separate envelope.

Award System

Classroom Awards

Each classroom teacher has their own reward system where students are recognized for great behaviour and achievement.

Class Awards

During the K-6 Friday Assembly at 9:00am, students from each class will be presented with a Class Certificate for their achievement.

Merit/Achievement Award

Once a student has received at least three class awards, they will be presented with the Merit/Achievement award in the Friday K-6 Assembly.

Green Awards

Students are also presented with a green award for acceptable behaviour. Achieving 5 Green Awards equals a Class Award in the Friday K-6 assembly.

End of Term Awards

In Terms 1, 2 and 3 one student from each class will be recognised for their overall academic performance, behaviour, leadership qualities, sporting skills, respect and responsibility. A panel of teachers will decide on the student and awards will be presented in a special end of term assembly.

End of Year Presentation Day

In Term 4, during the End of Year Awards Presentation Day, students will be awarded with an excellence award in different areas of study.

Equipment Required

Your child will need the following items on a daily basis. Please ensure your child has all the equipment, labeled clearly with their name and replenish as needed. This is to ensure students don't miss out on critical activities during lessons.

- At least 3 sharp lead pencils to avoid sharpening during class
- A glue stick
- Erasers
- A set of sharpened coloured pencils and crayons
- The MFBH Kindergarten Book pack
- A library bag
- A long sleeved paint shirt or smock
- A box of tissues (per term)
- Spare underwear and pants in a plastic bag, to be kept in their school bag at all times, in the case of a minor accident.

Text and exercise book packs can be ordered through Five Senses Education:

<https://fivesenseseducation.com.au/>

Kindergarten Bell Times

8:45am	Bell rings
8:45am	Morning session begins
11:00am	RECESS
11:15am	Middle session
1:15pm	LUNCH
2:00pm	Afternoon session
3:10pm	Dismissal

No Hat No Play

The school has a policy of 'No Hat No Play'. Students must wear a school hat during playtime. Please ensure all hats are labelled with students' name. It is important that we understand the importance of sun safety to ensure the protection of our children.

Car Park

SAFE USE OF THE CAMPUS CARPARK

- Cars must be reverse parked at all times.
- Left turn out of the car park permitted only during peak hours in the morning and afternoon.
- 30 second time limit at the pickup/ drop off zone.
- Driver should not leave the vehicle at the pickup/ drop off zone.
- 10km/h speed limit
- Always use zebra crossing.
- Cars not to queue across the zebra crossing. Students are not permitted to get out of the vehicle at the crossing.
- Students under the age of 10 permitted to walk to their parked cars under the supervision of an adult or older sibling.

MALEK FAHD BEAUMONT HILLS

2020 TERM DATES

FIRST TERM

Wednesday, 29th January to Thursday, 9th April 2020

School Holidays: Monday, 13th April 2020 to Monday, 27th April 2020

Australia Day – Monday 27th January

Good Friday - Friday 10th April

Easter Monday – Monday 13th April

Anzac Day – Saturday 25th April

SECOND TERM

Tuesday, 28th April to Friday, 3rd July 2020

School Holidays: Monday, 6th July 2020 to Monday, 20th July 2020

Queen's Birthday – Monday 8th June

THIRD TERM

Tuesday, 21st July to Friday, 25th September 2020

School Holidays: Monday, 28th September 2020 to Friday, 9th October 2020

Labour Day – Monday 5th October

FOURTH TERM

Tuesday, 13th October to Friday, 4th December 2020

School Holidays: Wednesday, 9th December 2020 to Thursday, 28th January 2021

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Tuesday 28th January 2020

Monday, 27th April 2020

Monday, 20th July 2020

Monday 12th October, 2020



If you have any further questions, please arrange a time to discuss these with your child's classroom teacher. Thank you for your support and cooperation and we look forward to a prosperous year.

KINDERGARTEN PARENT VOLUNTEERS

If you can assist by providing some assistance in your child's classroom, please complete and return this form to the class teacher. **Please note that you must have a current NSW Working with Children Check.** <https://www.ccheck.cyp.nsw.gov.au/Applicants/Application> Please attach a copy with this form which is validated in the School Office. Your help is kindly appreciated.

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Your Name: _____ Mobile Phone Number: _____

I will be able to support the classroom teacher / student's learning with the following:

- Morning Groups (9:00-10:00am or 10:00-11:00am)
- Midday Groups (12:05-1:45pm)
- Afternoon Groups (2.00-3:00pm) –Classroom organisation tasks:
(sharpening pencils, sorting home readers, etc).
- Excursions and Special Events.

Please select the times and days you are available to assist:

O MONDAY	O 9:00-10:00	O 10:00-11:00	O 12:05-1:45	O 2:00-3:00
O TUESDAY	O 9:00-10:00	O 10:00-11:00	O 12:05-1:45	O 2:00-3:00
O WEDNESDAY	O 9:00-10:00	O 10:00-11:00	O 12:05-1:45	O 2:00-3:00
O THURSDAY	O 9:00-10:00	O 10:00-11:00	O 12:05-1:45	O 2:00-3:00
O FRIDAY	O 9:00-10:00	O 10:00-11:00	O 12:05-1:45	O 2:00-3:00

Kindergarten Teachers