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Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019

Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome everyone back to school and extend a special welcome to our new families who joined us today. There is such a positive and energetic feeling around school and all of us at DES feel very proud to be working with such wonderful children within a supportive community. The children are all eager to share their holiday stories and exciting experiences and have been busy thinking about the goals they hope to achieve throughout this academic year.

Five new teachers will be working in Primary and four of them are already settling into their new roles in school and becoming more familiar with the community. Their wealth of knowledge and experience will support our drive for excellence and our school development, further adding to the current expertise of those staff who remain with us from last year. Attached is a list of our Primary Team, their classes and any additional roles of responsibility.

Over the next few days, you will receive a year group based curriculum overview and knowledge organiser, to support your children's learning at home. We want to make the school experience both enjoyable and effective and bring as much of the learning to life as possible. Throughout the year the children will participate in educational visits, have visitors into school and use the grounds as an outside classroom; all of which enrich and enhance our curriculum.

On behalf of the teachers can I ask you to help your children establish good habits of reading daily and completing homework to a high standard, sending work back into school in accordance with agreed schedules. In addition, please note that healthy eating will be promoted throughout school, any unhealthy snacks will be returned home. Your support with this is very much appreciated. Please ensure that your child/ren have the correct school uniform. Please contact any member of staff if you are unsure as to the uniform requirements. Should your child be absent from school, may I remind you to either call the Primary Reception on 4014 9295 or, email the attendance officer [desattendanceofficer@qpschools.qa](mailto:desattendanceofficer@qpschools.qa). A gentle reminder that trolley bags are not permitted in school. Your child requires a bag that they can carry on their back, which has sufficient room for resources, sports kits and snacks.

Finally, your support really does make a huge difference and we are all looking forward to another successful and enjoyable year.

Thank you in advance, for your encouragement and positive words. We do operate an open door policy so should you ever have any concerns, please contact me to make an appointment and together we will ensure the very best for our children.

Kind regards,

*Sarah Lewkowicz*

Mrs Sarah Lewkowicz  
Head of Primary

## Primary Staffing Structure – Academic Year 2019 - 2020

Role	Name
<b>Senior Leadership Team</b>	
Principal	Colter Watt
Primary Headteacher	Sarah Lewkowicz
Assistant Headteacher (Year 1, 2, 3)	Faye Foster
Assistant Headteacher (Year 4, 5, 6)	Zafar Iqbal
<b>Extended Senior Leadership Team</b>	
EYFS Leader (FS1 / FS2)	Nadia Williams
<b>Middle Leadership Team</b>	
LS Co-ordinator (Year 1, 2, 3)	David Cann
US Co-ordinator (Year 4, 5, 6)	Sohail Ahmed
SENCo	Katie Birchall
Mathematics Subject Leader	Andreas Colasanto
Language Development Subject Leader	Farzana Iqbal
English Subject Leader	Hamzah Manjoo
Science Subject Leader	Richard Howard
<b>Class Teachers</b>	
FS1 Teacher	Saminah Bauhadoor
FS1 Teacher	Sawsan Jama
FS1 Teacher	Rabia Ahmed
FS1 Teacher	Julie Carney
FS2 Teacher	Fozia Haque
FS2 Teacher	Tanseem Rafique
FS2 Teacher	Eileen Courtney
FS2 Teacher	Bronagh Quinn
Year 1 Teacher	Ferzana Rahman
Year 1 Teacher	Atif Rauf
Year 1 Teacher	Antoinette Van der Merwe
Year 1 Teacher	Basit Ali
Year 2 Teacher	Katharine McAuliffe
Year 2 Teacher	Hamzah Manjoo
Year 2 Teacher	Daniel Craighead
Year 2 Teacher	Rustum Khan
Year 3 Teacher	Vicky Corrigan
Year 3 Teacher	Safa Aziz
Year 3 Teacher	Mohamed Ahmed
Year 3 Teacher	Michelle Singh
Year 4 Teacher	Farzana Iqbal
Year 4 Teacher	Melissa Smith
Year 4 Teacher	Marina Hardiman
Year 4 Teacher	Petra Van der Merwe
Year 5 Teacher	Faeem Nori
Year 5 Teacher	Andreas Colasanto
Year 5 Teacher	Irfan Ahmed
Year 5 Teacher	Nazima Ahmed
Year 6 Teacher	Irum Samina
Year 6 Teacher	Phyllis Lyria
Year 6 Teacher	Gareth Price
Year 6 Teacher	Richard Howard
Year 6 Teacher	Stuart Griffiths

Whole School Specialist Teachers	
Arabic Teacher	Hussein Abdelmonem
Arabic Teacher	Shadi Al-Jabarat
Music Department	Whole school staffing
ICT Department	Whole school staffing
PE Department	Whole school staffing
Intervention and Cover Teacher	Shabana Hakim
Administration Staff	
Assistant Bursar	Zoe Royle
Principal's PA	Sudha Sivaraman
Caretaker and Transport Facilitator	Kokularajan Nadarajah
Materials/Inventory	Remya Mathew
Administration and School Buses	Francina Magrieta Mare
Primary School Secretary	Sweta Dedhia
Primary Attendance officer	Michelle Kenny
Registrar	Mahalakshmi Shridhar
Finance Officer	Annie Rebeta
Caretaker and Admin - Reprographics	Ryan Lareza
Data Technician	Mailin Lareza
Primary Librarian	Marinella Fazio
Teaching Assistant Supervisor	Shobana Chandran
Teaching Assistant Admin & Intervention	Fareha Arif
Primary Nurse	Ma Renita Enriquez
Primary Reception Support Assistant	Rajendra Bhandari
Primary Waiter & Support Assistant	Vikkines Rasagnam

- The Teaching Assistants working at DES will be listed on the school website

### Term 1 Calendar of Events for Primary

Date	Events	Time
Thursday 29/08/2019	FS1 Parents & Children - Taster session	9.30am - 11.30am
Sunday 01/09/19	Curriculum Overviews and Knowledge Organisers out to Parents	
Sunday 01/09/19	'Topic Hook Days' commence	Details tbc
Sunday 01/09/19	FS1 Staggered Start Week	
Thursday 05/09/19	FS1 Children – first full day in school	
Sunday 08/09/19	House Captain Speeches to Peers	
Sunday 15/09/19	<b>After School Clubs begin this week</b>	
Sunday 15/09/19	House Captains Announced in Assemblies	Wed/Thurs
Wednesday 25/09/19	Parents - EYFS /KS1 Phonics Meeting	Times tbc

Sunday 29/09/19	Inter house Spelling Bee Competitions	Times tbc
Thursday 03/10/19	Middle School MUN –for Y5 & Y6	Details tbc
Sunday 13/10/19	‘Topic Wow Days’ commence	Details tbc
Sunday 13/10/19	Parents Teachers Meetings	2.00pm - 4.30pm
Monday 14/10/19	Parents Teacher Meetings	2.00pm - 4.30pm
Tuesday 15/10/19	Whole School World Maths Day	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Sunday 20/10/19	<b>HALF TERM WEEK HOLIDAY</b>	
Sunday 27/10/19	‘Topic Hook Days’ commence	
Sunday 27/10/19 – Tuesday 29/10/19	Doha Golf Club Outdoor Activity Adventure Leadership Camp Y6 – Y8	
Monday 28/10/19	Curriculum Overviews and Knowledge Organisers out to Parents	
Wednesday 30/10/19	Whole School Arts Festival open for Parents	4.00pm – 8.00pm
Sunday 03/11/19 – Monday 04/11/19	Sharq Village Outdoor and Overnight Experience	
Sunday 10/11/19	Family Learning Days	Times tbc
Thursday 14/11/19	Qatar Schools Choir Of The Year Competition	Times tbc
Sunday 24/11/19	<b>No After School Clubs this week Assessment Week</b>	
Sunday 08/12/19	<b>Final week of After Schools Clubs</b>	
Sunday 08/12/19	Inter house Competition this week	Details tbc
Sunday 08/12/19	Parents Teachers Meetings	2.00pm - 4.30pm
Monday 09/12/19	Parents Teachers Meetings	2.00pm - 4.30pm
Sunday 15/12/19	‘Topic Wow Days’ commence	Details tbc
Tuesday 17/12/19	QND Celebrations	Details tbc
Wednesday 18/12/19	<b>Qatar National Day - School Closed</b>	
Thursday 19/12/19	Non Uniform Day and early finish	Times tbc

\*\* The above dates are subject to change and any additional events will be communicated throughout the term