

20th August 2025

Dear parents,

In order to support families with siblings who finish at different times, and those who may require extended school hours, we would like to share the following information with you.

Following parental feedback, to reduce the cost of childcare afterschool, we will be providing an internally facilitated provision, replacing Wonderful Me on a Monday to Thursday. This will continue to be paid provision, however at a significantly reduced cost. Friday extended hours club will be offered by Wonderful Me, separate letter to follow.

Provision will include a range of age appropriate activities, such as arts and crafts, construction and multi sports.

| | START | END | DURATION | Grades | Cost per session |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Session 1 | 13:50 | 14:20 | 30 mins | Pre KG only | 30 aed |
| Session 2 | 14:20 | 14:50 | 30 mins | KG1 (and Pre KG) | 30 aed |
| Session 3 | 14:50 | 15:10 | 20 mins | KG2 (and Pre KG and KG1) | 20 aed |
| Session 4 | 15:10 | 16:00 | 50 mins | Pre-KG to Grade 5 | 50 aed |
| Sessions 1 - 4 | 13.50 | 16.00 | 130 minutes | Pre-KG only | 115 aed |
| Session 5 | 16:00 | 17:00 | 60 mins | Pre-KG to Grade 5 | 60 aed |

Signing up for the service will be via SchoolsBuddy and for payment you will receive a payment link once your place has been confirmed on Schools Buddy. Please note sign up is for a full term. The sign up on SchoolsBuddy opens at 6pm on Wednesday 20th August and closes on Monday 25th August 9am. Please be reminded that as with ECAs, the first email confirms that you have submitted your choices but does not guarantee your space. You must wait for the 2nd email which confirms your spot. If you no longer wish your child to attend, please notify eca@nlcsdubai.ae so that someone else can have the space, or if you have missed the deadline a join request option can be submitted via SchoolsBuddy.

Please note that Pre-KG and KG1 students can only use the service after the settling in dates, hence KG1 can start using the service from Wednesday 27th August and Pre-KG from Monday 8th September.

Please see below for common questions to help with understanding the options available:

Scenario 1

If a student finishes at 13:50pm (Pre-KG) or 14:20pm (KG1), they can attend the club until their older sibling finishes, collecting siblings at the same time of 15:10pm or 15:50pm if attending an ECA.

Scenario 2

The students have other commitments outside of school, and only need to use the club a few times a week – yes this is possible.

Scenario 3

Students who finish at 15:10pm (Grade 1 to Grade 5) will not be able to wait in Junior Reception or the Atrium to wait for their Senior School sibling to finish at 15:50pm, these students will need to either attend the paid club or be picked up at their 15:10pm finish time.

Kindest regards,

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