

Monday 24th August 2026

Dear Pre-KG Parents,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you and your child to the new academic year.

Starting school is an exciting milestone, and our priority during these first weeks is to ensure that every child feels happy, secure and increasingly confident within their new environment. This letter confirms your child's transition group and timings, alongside some key practical information to help you prepare for the start of term.

Even if you are already familiar with NLCS Dubai, please do take a few moments to read the information below, as some arrangements may differ from previous years.

Pre-KG Transition Group and Timings

Your child has been allocated to Pre-KG Group B.

Date	Timing	Information
Tuesday 1st September	11:30-12:30	Parents remain with their child for this first session
Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd September	11:30-13:30	
Friday 4th September	08:30-10:30	Groups A and B attend together
Monday 7th - Thursday 10th September	11:30-13:30	
Friday 11th September	08:30-10:30	Groups A and B attend together
From Monday 14th September	07:50-14:00	Normal Pre-KG school day

Our staggered transition is designed to give children the time and space to become familiar with their teachers, classroom and daily routines within a smaller group. As their confidence and independence grow, we gradually build towards the full Pre-KG day.

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Supporting Your Child's Transition

To help your child feel settled and connected to their new environment, please note the following:

- We encourage your child to bring their NLCS bear with them on their first day, should they wish to, as a familiar source of comfort.
- If your child was unable to attend the Teddy Bears' Picnic, they will receive their NLCS bear during their first day at school.
- Please send in a photograph of your family in a small frame. This will become part of the classroom environment and remain on display throughout the year, helping us to create a warm sense of belonging and connection between home and school.

Drop-off and Pick-up

Early Years students have their own dedicated drop-off and collection windows, so the wider school collection code system will not be in use for Pre-KG and KG1. Parents or authorised adults may park and come directly to the designated Early Years door to collect their child. Please ensure that your child's class teacher has been given the names of all adults who are permitted to collect them.

Lunch and Snack

During the staggered transition period, please send your child to school each day with:

- A named water bottle
- A light, healthy snack

Please remember that NLCS Dubai is a pork, nut and sesame-free school.

School lunches for Pre-KG will begin on Monday 14th September, when children commence their full school day. From this date:

- Children registered for a school lunch with Harness Foods will have this delivered to them in the Early Years Dining Area.
- Alternatively, you may provide a packed lunch from home.

Children are given ample time to eat, with gentle encouragement and support from staff. We do, however, ask that portion sizes are manageable for your child within the designated lunch period.

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Spare Uniform

In Early Years, accidents and spills are a normal part of busy school life. These will always be handled discreetly and sensitively, allowing children to change quickly and comfortably before continuing with their day.

On your child's first day, please provide a spare uniform or set of clothes containing:

- 2 pairs of underwear
- 1 pair of socks
- 1 pair of shorts, trousers or leggings
- 1 T-shirt

Please ensure that:

- These items are provided in a sealed, clear, wipeable bag.
- The bag is given to the class teacher or teaching assistant.
- Items are packed as compactly as possible, as the bag will be stored in your child's locker.

If your child needs to change during the school day, their used clothing will be sent home in a sealed zip-lock bag, together with a note identifying anything that needs to be replenished.

PE and Swimming

During the first week of school, your child's class teacher will share the days on which your child has PE and swimming. On PE and swimming days:

- Children should arrive at school wearing their NLCS PE kit.
- Girls should have their hair tied up securely.
- Swimming kit and towels should be clearly named and brought to school in a waterproof bag.
- Children may wear their swimwear underneath their PE kit on swimming days.
- Please send underwear in your child's bag for them to change into afterwards.
- Children should not wear jewellery or watches.

Swimming is an important part of our Early Years PE curriculum, supporting children to develop water confidence and build their swimming skills. If your child is well enough to attend school, we expect them to participate in their scheduled swimming lesson.

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Early Years Onboarding Portal

Please continue to refer to our Early Years onboarding portal, earlyyears.nlcsdubai.ae, where you will find further key information and transition materials to support both you and your child.

We know that the beginning of Pre-KG is an important step for the whole family, and we look forward to working closely with you to ensure that your child feels known, valued and excited to come to school. I am very much looking forward to welcoming them and to all that the year ahead will bring.

Yours sincerely,

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