



APPLICATION PROCESS AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHICH YEAR GROUP DO I APPLY FOR?

Aldar Academies Admission Policy require children to be minimum age of 3 years of age for FS1 and 4 years of age for FS2 by the 1st September, or 3.8 years for KG1 and 4.8 years for KG2 by the 1st September. This applies to new applications only. Aldar Academies is regulated by ADEC and we are required to operate in line with ADEC (Abu Dhabi Education Council) regulations.

For new students that have never attended school in Abu Dhabi the entry age requirements for 2017-18 are as follows;

Year curriculum

FS1	1 st September 2013 to 31 st August 2014	(3 years of age by 1 st September 2017)
FS2	1 st September 2012 to 31 st August 2013	(4 years of age by 1 st September 2017)
Year 1	1 st September 2011 to 31 st August 2012	(5 years of age by 1 st September 2017)

Grade curriculum

KG1	1 st January 2013 to 31 st December 2013	(3 years 8 months of age by 1 st September 2017)
KG2	1 st January 2012 to 31 st December 2012	(4 years 8 months of age by 1 st September 2017)
G1	1 st January 2011 to 31 st December 2011	(5 years 8 months of age by 1 st September 2017)

Where practical and permitted a child should be placed into the correct year group for their age:

Age during the academic year being applied for	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7	7-8	8-9	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18
English Curriculum	FS1	FS2	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12 Post 16	Y13
American Curriculum	KG1	KG2	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5	G6	G7	G8	G9				

Applications from within the UAE from students currently registered in a school.

Children transferring between schools within the UAE are considered in Year/Grade groups and must have completed the previous academic year to be permitted to move into the next Year/Grade group.

Year and Grade curriculums are followed successively i.e.

If your child is currently in Year 5 you must apply for Year 6 for 2017-18.

If your child is currently Grade 5 you must apply for Grade 6 for 2017-18.

However, if you are moving between curriculums the following applies;

If your child is currently in Grade 5 you must apply for Year 7 (equivalent of Grade 6) for 2017-18.

If your child is currently in Year 5 you must apply for Grade 5 (equivalent of Year 6) for 2017-18.

Applications from outside of the UAE coming from the English National Curriculum

Children transferring to our English Curriculum schools, from outside of the UAE (example the UK) and from the English National Curriculum, are considered in year groups on a 'like to like' basis. Your child must complete the previous year to be permitted by ADEC to move in to the next year group. For example, if your child is currently in Year 5, you must apply for Year 6 for September.

Children transferring to our American Curriculum schools, from outside of the UAE, from an English Curriculum School must enter the grade of the year they have completed. For example, if your child is currently in Year 6, you must apply for Grade 6 (equivalent of Year 7) for September.

Application from outside of the UAE coming from other Curriculums

Children transferring to our English Curriculum schools, from outside of the UAE (for example the USA) and from a curriculum other than the English National Curriculum, must complete 12 years of schooling to graduate and be age appropriate for the year group you are applying to. Year group equivalency for children transferring from outside the UAE is subject to ADEC pre-approval in certain circumstances in accordance with your child's level of education or subject choices available for IGCSEs/GCSEs/A Levels/IBDP. Where an offer of a place is made in a school year which is below the age appropriate year and is accepted by the parent, the parent is required to sign an undertaking confirming they are fully aware of this and that they accept the place offered.

Children transferring to our American Curriculum schools, from outside of the UAE and from an American Curriculum School are considered on a 'like to like' basis. Your child must complete the previous grade to be permitted to enter the next grade. For example, if your child is currently in Grade 6, you must apply for Grade 7 in September.

APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 10 ONWARDS

Year 10 is the first year of I/GCSEs. In this year group children are studying subjects chosen as their 'Options'. Option choices are available on our school specific websites. Current Year 9 children will choose their Options before they move in to Year 10. Please be advised therefore that not all Option choices may be available as current children have priority. Option choices must be discussed with the school directly, following a successful in school assessment.

Year 11 children are midway through their I/GCSEs and it is therefore not advisable to move your child to begin a new school for Year 11, unless there are extenuating circumstances.

Year 12 places for children are offered depending on children's I/GCSE results. Children are expected to achieve grades A to C in 5 GCSE subjects.

Year 13 children are midway through their A-Levels / International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme and it is therefore not advisable to move your child to begin a new school for Year 13, unless there are extenuating circumstances.



APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 7 FROM OUR PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Current children in Year 6 at Al Muna, The Pearl and boys from Al Mamoura will have a Year 7 school place reserved at Al Bateen Secondary School, however please apply online to guarantee your child's place.

Al Yasmina and Al Ain children roll automatically to Year 7 in your child's current school, so you do not need to apply.

Al Mamoura Year 6 girls roll automatically to Year 7 in Al Mamoura, so you do not need to apply for Year 7.

West Yas children remain on roll for their entire duration of their schooling.

PROGRESSION TO THE NEXT YEAR IN THE CURRENT SCHOOL

All current children will automatically roll up to the next year group in your child's current school, therefore you do not need to apply for next year to secure your child's place.

WHAT CURRICULUMS ARE OFFERED?

Aldar Academies schools follow either the National Curriculum for England or the American Curriculum. All students also complete a programme in Arabic and Social Studies, in accordance with the UAE Ministry of Education requirements and our Muslim students follow an Islamic Studies programme.

The National Curriculum for England is defined by 'key stages' (KS); Key Stage 1 and 2 in Primary School. In addition to offering education from Key Stage 1 to 2, Aldar Academies Primary Schools offers Foundation classes for 3 to 5 year olds.

Students begin their secondary school years in Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 and 9), and then move into Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11). During KS4 children sit a range of UK national exams GCSE (General Certificate of Secondary Education) and IGCSE (International General Certificate of Secondary Education). If students achieve the required grades they go onto an advanced level of study which is a prerequisite for university, either via the British A-Levels or the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.

Al Yasmina School and Al Ain International School offer GCSE and A-Levels and Al Bateen Secondary School offer I/GCSE (Years 10 and 11) and the IB Diploma Programme (Years 12 and 13).

The American Curriculum is based on the Massachusetts State Curriculum, which is the most highly regarded and successful public school curricula system in the United States.

The Massachusetts Curriculum draws on a rich history of academic excellence and rigor, and has historically benefited from proximity to and interaction with higher education institutions such as Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The American Curriculum puts heavy emphasis on a "whole person" education saturated with extra-curricular opportunities, something US University admissions value and seek within selection processes. This approach also empowers students to be proactive, teaching them leadership skills that will serve them well as they enter university and then the work force.

We offer AP (advanced placement) classes during the high school years, which are courses taught using university-level syllabi that can later be accredited to a degree programme in US and Canadian universities (as per the liberal arts tradition).

In addition, the American Curriculum will provide students with guidance and preparation for taking the SAT (the standardised examination required by US university admissions).

Graduates will receive the American High School Diploma, which is the standard qualification for entry into US universities and colleges. This qualification is recognised by institutions all over the world.

WHICH SCHOOL DO I APPLY TO?

In Abu Dhabi we have three Primary schools FS1 to Year 6 (Al Muna, Pearl Primary and Al Mamoura), with Al Mamoura also offering a girls only Secondary school, one Secondary school Year 7 to Year 13 (Al Bateen), one Primary through Secondary school FS1 to Year 13 (Al Yasmina) and one Kindergarten to Grade 9 American Curriculum school (West Yas). In Al Ain we have one Primary through Secondary school, FS1 to Year 12 (Al Ain International).

 <p>ALDAR ACADEMIES AL AIN</p>	<p>Curriculum Years/Grades available Primary Secondary Coeducational (boys and girls)</p>	<p>English FS1-Y12 Yes Yes Yes</p>	 <p>Al Ain</p>
 <p>ALDAR ACADEMIES AL MAMOURA</p>	<p>Curriculum Years/Grades available Primary Secondary Coeducational (boys and girls)</p>	<p>English FS1-Y9 Yes Yes Yes (Primary) Girls - Sec.</p>	 <p>Abu Dhabi City</p>
 <p>ALDAR ACADEMIES AL BATEEN</p>	<p>Curriculum Years/Grades available Primary Secondary Coeducational (boys and girls)</p>	<p>English Y7-Y13 No Yes Yes</p>	 <p>Abu Dhabi City</p>
 <p>ALDAR ACADEMIES WEST YAS</p>	<p>Curriculum Years/Grades available Primary Secondary Coeducational (boys and girls)</p>	<p>American KG1-G9</p>	 <p>Abu Dhabi Yas Island</p>
 <p>ALDAR ACADEMIES AL MUNA</p>	<p>Curriculum Years/Grades available Primary Secondary Coeducational (boys and girls)</p>	<p>English FS1-Y6 Yes No Yes</p>	 <p>Abu Dhabi City</p>
 <p>ALDAR ACADEMIES THE PEARL</p>	<p>Curriculum Years/Grades available Primary Secondary Coeducational (boys and girls)</p>	<p>English FS1-Y6 Yes No Yes</p>	 <p>Abu Dhabi City</p>
 <p>ALDAR ACADEMIES AL YASMINA</p>	<p>Curriculum Years/Grades available Primary Secondary Coeducational (boys and girls)</p>	<p>English FS1-Y13 Yes Yes Yes</p>	 <p>Abu Dhabi Khalifa A</p>

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Apply online at www.aldaracademies.com to begin the application process (registration opens in October)
- Please ensure that you tick the sibling box and enter your current account code (which can be found on your school invoice) if you currently have a child in the school you are applying to, as siblings take priority. Please ensure you change the year on the calendar for your child's date of birth.
- You will receive an autoreply to confirm your application.
- Please be advised that if your child is already in our system a pink box will be displayed asking you to contact Admissions. Please email Admissions to advise that you wish your child to be moved from the current waiting list to the admissions list for the next academic year. Please advise your child's full name, date of birth and year group you are applying for.
- In due course and subject to a school place becoming available, you will receive an email requesting additional information, including a list of documents to be uploaded for **part two** of the application. **Please note** that if requested, until part two is complete your child's application will not be taken any further and will remain as application received only. Documents must be ready at the time of completing part two. Documents required are:
 - Child's passport
 - Child's visa (if your child is currently in the UAE)
 - Child's Emirates ID card (if your child is currently in the UAE)
 - Child's last school/nursery reports (not applicable for FS1/KG1)
 - Learning Support reports and documents (if applicable)
 - Vaccination record
- Please be advised that in accordance with ADEC policy we are not allowed to accept transfers from within Abu Dhabi during the academic year.
- FS1 and KG1 places will be reviewed first. We will contact parents to invite children for playdates from January in priority of siblings and then other applications received.
- Places for FS2 and KG2 and upwards will only become available if a child currently enrolled in our school leaves. Please note we may not be advised of this until the end of the academic year and will therefore only contact you when we have a school place available. Children will be invited for assessments as places become available.
- Following your child's assessment we will contact you with a date for a reassessment or an offer of a school place.
- The offer document will contain an acceptance letter, with information of our registration fee, to return and submit within 10 days. An invoice will be issued to you once the acceptance is received and is payable within 10 days. Payment of the registration fee will secure your child's school place. The registration fee is deductible against your child's Term 1 fees and is nonrefundable. If your acceptance is not received within 10 days, we reserve the right to offer the place to another child and your child will be moved back to the applications list.
- Towards the end of the current school year, FS1 and KG1 parents with confirmed places that have been offered and accepted, will be contacted to advise you of our staggered intake process. At the beginning of the school year FS1 and KG1 operate on reduced hours, to approximately 2 hours per day for the first one or two weeks.



HOW CAN I BOOK A TOUR OF THE SCHOOLS?

The full tour schedule and booking system are available at the top of the Aldar Academies website homepage www.aldaracademies.com.

CONTACT US

We kindly request all contact be via email to our Admissions team. We regret that due to the number of applications we will be unable to advise the current status of your child's application however following your application we will email you with regular general updates. We will contact parents as places become available.

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admissions@almamoura.sch.ae
admissions@pearlprimary.sch.ae
admissions@alaininternational.sch.ae

admissions@almunaprimarv.sch.ae
admissions@alyasmina.sch.ae
admissions@westyas.sch.ae

SCHOOL SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Please visit our websites for school specific information, including term dates.

www.albateen.sch.ae
www.almamoura.sch.ae
www.pearlprimary.sch.ae
www.alaininternational.sch.ae

www.almunaprimarv.sch.ae
www.alyasmina.sch.ae
www.westyas.sch.ae