



**BATEEN**  
WORLD ACADEMY

# Parent Information Pack 2023-2024



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# Welcome from The Principal



Dear Families,

Welcome to Bateen World Academy! We are an inclusive and exciting school community enabling students to realise their full potential and become the best they can possibly be. We are extremely proud of our school and all it has to offer, and are pleased that you have opted to join our community.

Our globally recognised curriculum and passionate teachers provide outstanding learning opportunities that set us apart from other schools. We are a diverse community, welcoming families from all over the world and we aim to provide learning opportunities that appropriately challenge the unique needs of each child, allowing them to happily learn in a safe and caring environment.

We pride ourselves on our strong, varied educational program that challenges students to excel in their learning as they grow and develop their creativity and character. Our extensive program affords students many opportunities to engage in a wide variety of activities helping to nourish individual potential and inspire all to achieve their best.

Our curriculum is based on an adapted English National Curriculum and progresses through the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (PYP) in Primary School through I/GCSE in Middle School, and culminates with the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program in Senior School.

In addition to the regular academic programme, we also provides opportunities for students to participate in a number of clubs and extracurricular activities to extend and enrich a wide variety of student interests in fun ways. Opportunities exist for students to join a number of sports teams, participate in music or drama, engage in cultural activities, as well as participate in a number of other great clubs and activities that allow students to learn new skills or develop existing ones.

We are pleased that you made the decision to join Bateen World Academy community and are excited at the prospect of learning with you.

We look forward to seeing you at school.

Thank you.

**Neal Dilk**

Principal, Bateen World Academy

## Meet our Senior Leadership Team



**Paul Ede**  
Secondary Principal

I am delighted to be joining Bateen World Academy on August 15, 2023 as the new Head of Secondary. I hold a Bachelors degree in Education from the University of Toronto and a Masters in Educational Leadership from the University of Bath. Born in London, raised in Toronto I began my teaching career in Tokyo, before settling in Abu Dhabi. I have over 20 years of experience teaching and in leadership roles, both in the public and private sectors.

In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my family, exploring the outdoors seeking best beaches and camping spots across the country. I am extremely excited to be join the Bateen community and look forward to working with students, staff and parents to create a positive and productive learning environment.



**Vanessa Kennan**  
Primary Principal

I am delighted to have the opportunity to lead this wonderful primary school and support teachers in implementing inquiry based learning for our children. Originally from Dublin Ireland, it has been my privilege to live in the UAE for the past 23 years with my husband and three children. I graduated from Trinity College Dublin, Ireland with a BA in Classical Civilization and Theatre Studies and hold an MA in International Education from University of Bath, UK. Currently I am undertaking a Doctorate in Education.

Over the past fifteen years I have held various roles in IB schools including Deputy Head of Primary and Early Years and PYP Coordinator. Part of this work included leading teams through IB evaluations and ADEK inspections. I am certified as a Concept Based Curriculum and Instruction Trainer and both a CIS and NEASC accreditation evaluator. This allows me to participate in school visits to support their development. I really enjoy working with schools who are committed to a progressive education and I am very happy to work with Neal and the rest of the team to ensure our children have the best possible education.



## Meet our Senior Leadership Team



**Matthew Smith**  
Director of Student  
Affairs and DSL

I completed my PGCE in Geography at Keele University. The first eight years of my teaching career were in Mansfield, England, specialising in delivering History and Geography at KS3, 4 and 5, while also taking a keen interest in pastoral care as Head of Year 9.

I joined Bateen World Academy in the summer of 2014 as Head of Year 8, before becoming Head of Year 7 and Transition Coordinator. In 2017 I took on a role in the schools extended leadership team before being appointed Head of Lower School. I have completed Penta school inspection training and in April 2019, I was appointed as Assistant Principal with responsibility for Teaching, Learning and CPD.

I currently line manage the MOE subjects at Bateen World Academy as well as ICT and teaching staff in leadership roles. My passions within school are broad, ranging from teaching and learning through to pastoral care. In my current role I am looking to develop evidence-based teaching and learning strategies which support students to become highly successful learners in an ever-changing world.



**Penny Andrianou**  
Director of Teaching,  
Learning and CPD

I have been at Bateen World Academy since August 2013 have had the greatest privilege in leading and developing the Drama Department for the last nine years and being a member of the Extended Leadership Team.

I have always valued the importance of being a lifelong learner and developing my knowledge and skills within the field of education. This then led me to complete a Masters (MA) in 'Leading Innovation and Change,' and the National Qualification of Senior Leaders (NPQSL).

I have always had a passion for teaching and learning and strive to provide students with innovative and challenging learning experiences, that develop students' individual strengths and passions, enabling them to continuously grow and learn. I believe that this an exciting time for education and an opportunity to embrace the rapid changes in technology. I aim to provide students with the necessary skills and knowledge to able them to navigate their way through an ever-changing technological world.

I believe in the importance of a collaborative working environment, where we share a common goal in supporting all students to recognise that they have the potential to achieve the very best. Thus, enabling students to make connections to the real world and grow to become well-rounded and open-minded international citizens of the 21st century.



**Sean Clarke**  
Director of  
Assessment & Data

A very warm welcome to Bateen World Academy, we are delighted to have you on board and a part of our thriving school community! I have now been a member of staff at Bateen World Academy for nine years and have thoroughly enjoyed every minute at the school. Prior to living and working in the UAE, I worked as a PE teacher in the North East of England. I am an advocate for movement and exercise and believe it can positively transform lives. I also believe that student well-being should be tied appropriately to a well-balanced curriculum and students should be encouraged to pursue their passions alongside their academics.

I am currently the Director of Assessment in the school. The purpose of assessment is to gather information about student performance or progress, and to make judgements about the learning process. As a school, we are always searching for innovation in this area to support the very best teaching and learning. I believe a collaborative working environment is essential to improving standards in all areas of the school.

I have recently completed the National Professional Qualification for Senior Leaders (NPQSL) and believe it is vital as an educator to role model lifelong learning and to stay abreast of educational changes and reform. I am hoping to complete the National Professional Qualification for Headteachers (NPQH) in the very near future.



**Tagreed Saffour**  
Director of MoE  
Instruction - Head of  
Arabic

Welcome to Bateen World Academy. My name is Tagheed Saffour. It gives me great pleasure to be the Director of MOE Instructions. I have completed my Bachelor's degree in Arabic Language studies from Al-Baath University in Syria and joined Abu Dhabi University in 2017 and obtained an Educational Diploma in Education, I am currently studying at Queen Rania Academy in Jordan to develop my expertise in educational leadership. I worked in many prestigious schools in the UAE and joining Bateen World Academy since its establishment in 2011 had a great impact on refining my professional career.

From being an elementary teacher, to teaching secondary classes and heading the Arabic language department for native speakers, to joining the Senior School Team. I have a great passion to advance the Arabic language for all our children, deepen its impact, inspire its love, and make it a source of pride for them to cherish and strive to carry its message. What makes me happy the most is to see children and youth in the school grow up and develop their personalities in an environment full of life, confidence, and pride in achievements, and that provides them with opportunities for creativity and innovation and supports them with all their needs to be able to shape their future.



**Arun Balaraj**  
Manager - Operations  
& Support Services

As Operations & Support Services Manager (OSM) I continually oversee multiple functions of the school such as marketing, parent relations, admissions, finance, facilities, health and safety, ensuring the wellbeing of our students, staff, parents, contractors and visitors. As a member of the SLT, I take a pragmatic and result oriented approach in supporting the school to create an outstanding learning environment. For over 22 years, I have had the privilege of working across multiple industries in South Asia, Southeast Asia and Europe gaining a diverse exposure to new business startups, profit center operations, P&L Management and Strategic Planning.

It is due to that exposure and my passion for business management, steered me to take up Master's in Business Administration. I relocated to the UAE over a decade ago and have worked in Information technology, real estate development, construction and facilities management firms before joining Aldar in February 2021. I am delighted to be part of a leading education group, that provide inclusive and innovative learning, inspiring and empowering communities, contributing to the Emirates "Vision 2030".



OUR VALUES



**EXCELLENCE**



**CREATIVITY**



**PASSION**



**RESPECT**



**COLLABORATION**

OUR PURPOSE

**EMPOWERING OUR NEXT  
GENERATION TO SHAPE OUR  
FUTURE.**

OUR PROMISE

**DELIVERING THE HIGHEST  
STANDARDS OF EDUCATION  
AND INSPIRING A LOVE OF  
LEARNING.**



# Welcome from the Parents Committee

## Parent Testimonials

“This is our 9<sup>th</sup> year in Aldar Academies, we are more than satisfied with everything. Bateen World Academy is an amazing, organized and friendly environment. Teachers are very professional. They work in a high spirit with the students. I am so happy with my choice of Aldar Academies since the beginning.”

Thank you Bateen World Academy.

**Nisreen Eido, Mother of Mohamad Sidani**

“We are proud to be the part of Bateen World Academy Family. It's an amazing school with incredible resources and well qualified staff. It's a second home for my girls.

We deeply appreciate your efforts.”

**Mrs. Avantika, Mother of Anaya & Tanishka**

“I am a big fan of Aldar Academies, especially Bateen World Academy. My daughter is receiving endless support from all the staff which gives her great courage and self - confidence. As a parent, I am really grateful for everything.

Thank you Bateen World Academy.”

**Mrs. Hind, Mother of Zeina Elwy**



## Student Leadership

Within the school, we have a wide variety of leadership positions open for students to apply for if they seek further opportunities to develop their skills.

Student leaders will have opportunities to develop innumerable leadership skills including responsibility, teamwork, and communication.

These leadership skills will come from having-real world leadership experience.

## Parent Communication

As well as via The Parent Portal, we also regularly communicate with our Bateen community via email, Toddle and SMS. Please ensure you have given us your preferred mobile number to receive the messages as we don't want you to miss a thing!

If you have any queries or are unsure of your Parent Portal log in details or have any general school related questions, please feel free to contact our Parent Relations Executive on **[pre@bateenworldacademy.ae](mailto:pre@bateenworldacademy.ae)**



## Parent Portal

The Parent Portal is a very useful means through which parents can access school information. Information on how to use and access the Parent Portal will be sent to you, with access being via <https://portal.aldaracademies.com>

General communication from the school will also be uploaded into the Parent Portal, so do log-in regularly.

Through the portal you will be able to:

- ▶ View attendance information.
- ▶ Send and receive messages with subject teachers.
- ▶ View your child's assessment data.
- ▶ School calendar/events.
- ▶ Access your child's termly report.

We regularly communicate with parents' vis SMS, please ensure you have your preferred mobile updated, so that you don't miss any key and emergency notification.

## Our Curriculum

BATEEN WORLD ACADEMY	
YEAR	CURRICULUM
FS2 – Year 6	IB PYP
Year 7 – 9	English National Curriculum
Year 10 – 11	I/GCSE
Year 12 – 13	IB Diploma

Bateen World Academy offers a wide range of subjects and has a broad curriculum provision. Students will also follow all components of the mandatory Ministry of Education (MOE) subjects which includes Arabic, Islamic, Social Studies and Moral Education which are typically taught in Native and Non Native groups.

Life outside the classroom will be rich and varied for Bateen World Academy students. Many opportunities will be available, including soccer, volleyball, basketball, swimming, vocal music, baking, drawing, drama, yearbook, mathematics, French, Spanish, Quran, just to name a few. We will offer ECA's (Extra Curricular Activities) for students from FS2 to 13. The ECA's will begin in September and the timings will be communicated at the beginning of the academic year.

Please note: School bus departure times are the same every day. Parents will be required to arrange alternative pick-up on the days students take part in ECA's.

# Registration Forms/ Documents Checklist

In order to ensure the school has accurate and up to date information and to enable the school to meet the requirements for registration with the Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK). The following documents are required:

- ▶ Acceptance letter
- ▶ Confirmation of payment slip
- ▶ Student's, father's, and mother's Emirates Identity Card (EID front & back)
- ▶ Student's, father's, and mother's passport copy
- ▶ Student's, father's, and mother's residential visa (not applicable to UAE Nationals)
- ▶ Student's birth certificate
- ▶ Child's immunization record
- ▶ Your address location proof—either ADDC (electricity) bill or Tawtheeq
- ▶ Passport size photograph of student
- ▶ Copy of 2 most recent school reports
- ▶ Graduation requirements undertaking
- ▶ Transfer certificate (applicable if current school is outside of Abu Dhabi)
- ▶ Essential registration forms:
  - Form 1: Parent security pass
  - Form 2: Student health record
  - Form 3: Consent medical issues
  - Form 4: Parental consent to administer emergency medication
  - Form 5: Learning support information
  - Form 6: Consent form for photography and images of children
  - Form 7: Consent form for use of photographic devices at school events by parents
  - Form 8: ICT parents acceptable use agreement

For more information, please email:  
[admissions@albateenacademy.sch.ae](mailto:admissions@albateenacademy.sch.ae)

## Parents/Guardian ID

### Parents Security Pass

Please note a maximum of 3 security passes can be issued per child. Additional and replacement for lost cards will be subjected to 50 dhs fees. Please collect your Parents Security Pass from the school receptionist.

STUDENT NAME	YEAR GROUP	FORM

<b>Guardian 1</b>		<b>Insert Photograph</b>
<b>Relationship to Child</b>		
<b>Mobile Number</b>		
<b>Guardian 2</b>		<b>Insert Photograph</b>
<b>Relationship to Child</b>		
<b>Mobile Number</b>		
<b>Guardian 3</b>		<b>Insert Photograph</b>
<b>Relationship to Child</b>		
<b>Mobile Number</b>		

# School Uniform



You can purchase items online at <https://uat.magrudy.com/uniforms/aldar-albateen-academy>  
Alternatively, you can visit Magrudy's store in Al Wahda Mall.

# Transportation

As parents we know that your main priority is ensuring that your children get to and from school safely. Therefore, we work closely with Emirates Transport to offer a variety of routes and pick up locations across Abu Dhabi. The transportation teams have been given first aid, child protection and safety training.


If you would like to make use of the bus transportation service for your child, we are pleased to announce that registration for school transport for new students and renewal for current students can be done online through the below link or by using the below application which can be found in the AppStore for IOS users and Play Store for Android users.

## <https://one.et.ae>

For any queries, please feel free to reach out to EmiratesTransport at Albateen@et.ae

The operator will then respond to collect information on your location and payment preferences.

### Contact Information:

 **Coordinator: Mrs. Alya Ahmed Mousa**

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## Darna Rewards

The Darna Rewards Programme is a free mobile application to earn points upon payment of tuition, or for experiences and purchases across Aldar and participating brands; the points can be then redeemed for future payments.

To apply, register through the Darna Rewards application by using the same e-mail provided to the school. Your points accrued will be then added to your account.

## School Day Timings

Monday to Thursday:  
7:40am - 3:00pm

Friday:  
7:40am - 12:00pm

## Drop off / Pick up

Each year group has a dedicated gate where they are dropped off and picked up from.

Late arrivals and pick ups must go through the main reception.



# Bring Your Own Device

In order to support learning whilst adhering to the latest health and safety guidelines, we would like to invite all students from Year 3 to Year 13 to “Bring your own device” (BYOD).

BYOD will ensure students are building on their increasing independence, whilst having access to their work anytime, anywhere. The innovative teaching and learning methods will be able to be transferred back to the physical classroom and ensure students continue to be able to express and engage in learning in diverse ways.

The use of devices in school will be carefully planned and monitored by staff and used to enhance the learning experience. Bateen World Academy operates a secure and closed network and the full details of safe use can be found when agreeing to the terms and conditions as part of the BYOD Policy. All students from Year 3 to Year 13 will be trained at an age appropriate level how to integrate technology into their everyday learning.

It is essential to emphasise that your child’s learning is the key focus around this initiative and there will still be a huge focus on active learning where possible as well as speaking, listening, writing and drawing and that devices will be used mainly as a tool to access resources and record learning. Students will continue to learn away from their device and our highly skilled teaching staff will plan lessons very carefully to allow for this.

Bateen World Academy will be an Apple Distinguished School soon, so it is advised to buy latest apple device for better battery life, faster processing power and longevity.





# Nutrition/Catering

Food Nation LLC. was established in 2016 to and the aim was to provide nutritious, innovative food offerings bursting with flavor to schools across the UAE. Food Nation uses only quality raw products and all products are made from scratch, ingredients are non-processed, additive free and use healthy fats over trans-fats that are found in many processed foods.

Food Nations, 'Eat Bright' programme creates products with specifically targeted nutrients to improve academic performance; ensuring essential nutrients, vitamins, minerals, proteins and healthy fats are included in our meals. Use of clever food combining and alternative cooking techniques results in delicious foods, packed with "hidden goodness", which children love.

Food served in our cafeterias, and menus are rotated on a three weekly basis to ensure variety and a balanced nutritious programme. Payment can be made via payment cards or online.

## **PRIMARY STUDENTS (FS2 to Y2)**

Must bring their own healthy packed lunch and snacks to school daily, as well as their own water bottles. Water dispensers will be available should students need to re-fill.

## **PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS (Y3 to Y13)**

Year 3 to Year 13 students can purchase their own food from the cafeteria or they can bring their own healthy packed lunch. In addition, we encourage all students to bring a refillable water bottle.

# Payment Information

To pay tuition fees, you can either pay via a bank transfer or cheque.

Please note that when you make a direct deposit to our bank account, we do not necessarily recognise your payment unless you provide us the bank deposit slip. Kindly send a copy of the bank deposit receipt to the following email [finance@bateenworldacademy.ae](mailto:finance@bateenworldacademy.ae) immediately, so we can allocate funds accordingly and send you a confirmation receipt.

For online transfer, please see the below bank details.

**Bank Name:** Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank  
**Bank Branch:** Abu Dhabi Main Branch, P.O Box 2934 Abu Dhabi  
**Account Name:** Aldar Academies-ALBateen S.LLC-BR4  
**Account Number:** 10482902020005  
**IBAN:** AE720030010482902020005  
**Swift Code:** ADCBAEAA

# ADEK Rating



Very Good



## School Fees Cashless Payment Options

Dear Parents

We are writing to notify you about a change in the school's policy regarding tuition fee payments.

To help collect payments in an efficient and streamlined manner and provide convenience to both yourselves and our school teams, we will no longer be accepting any cash transactions for your child's school fees.

Below are the payment options now available to you:

- **Bank Transfer** - Please include the Student Codes and Invoice References in the payment description fields and please send an email confirmation of the payment to the school's finance email address.
- **Cheques** - Please put these in a sealed envelope with the Student Codes and Invoice References on the reverse of the cheque and submit it via the dedicated drop box placed at the school premises. Upon clearance of the cheque, a receipt will be issued to the registered email address within 3 working days.
- **'Payit'** mobile phone application - the UAE's first all-in-one digital wallet by First Abu Dhabi Bank (FAB) and available for download for free on iOS and Android devices.

The school will not be able to accept credit or debit card transactions.

We believe this change will benefit how our schools operate more efficiently to serve you and help reduce the need for handling or transporting cash.

For ease, invoices will be shared to your registered email address and will be available on the parent portal. We would kindly ask that fees are paid by the due date mentioned on the invoice.

We are here to help you however we can, so if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school's finance team.

Kind Regards

Aldar Education – Finance

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## Key Contacts

- **Parent Relations Executive**  
pre@bateenworldacademy.ae
- **Finance**  
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- **Admissions**  
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