

# THE BRITISH SCHOOLS



*Founded 1908*

## Starting Kinder

OUR AIM IS TO HELP STUDENTS  
DEVELOP INTO HAPPY, CONFIDENT,  
INQUIRING INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE  
INTERESTED IN LIFE AND ENTHUSIASTIC  
ABOUT THE CHALLENGES THEY  
ENCOUNTER.

School will start on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>, March 2020.

The first 2 weeks, we will take into consideration the adaptation of each student, their families and the school needs to make sure students have a smooth entry into their new learning environment.

### **ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FIRST WEEK:**

#### **Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

Students will be divided into two groups (lists and times will be sent by email before starting school) Parents are expected to stay and accompany their children throughout these activities.

Group 1: 0910 – 1040

Group 2: 1330 – 1500

#### **Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March**

All Children: 0910 – 1040

Parents take their children to the classrooms, and then join key members of staff for a meeting. The students will stay behind with their teachers inside the classrooms and at the end of the meeting parents will collect them from their classrooms.

#### **Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March**

All Children – 0910 – 1200

#### **Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March**

All Children: 0910 – 1300

Students will bring a cold packed lunch to eat at school and will be picked up after having lunch. They will have their first lunch experience at school in the classroom with their teachers

#### **Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> March**

All Children: 0910 – 1400

Students will bring a cold packed lunch to eat at school and will be picked up after having lunch. They will have their first lunch experience at school in the classroom with their teachers

#### **Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March onwards**

All Children: 0910 – 1550

Parents take their children to the classrooms and leave as soon as possible, (if either parents or the School feel it is more beneficial for an individual child to attend the morning session only, parents and teachers will discuss this.) It is strongly recommended that all students are encouraged to attend a full day at school as early as possible.

## ARRIVAL TIME (not during adaptation)

Students enter the Early Years Centre (EYC) over the bridge, down the ramp to the playground (during adaptation time, students will go directly to their classrooms).

**0900** – Students are met by their teachers and taken to the classes.

**Bridge door is open from 0850 to 0915.**

If a child arrives later than 0915, they should enter the building through the door in the Infant playground.

## SNACK TIME

Snack in Kinder is healthy and natural: **fresh fruit.**

Each student brings 1kg of fruit once a week to share with their peers (Monday boys, Wednesday girls).

Parents are asked to clean the fruit at home and send it in a plastic box clearly marked with the student's name and class.

## LUNCH TIME

In Kinder, lunch is at 1145.

Students can bring their own packed lunch or have the menu offered at School. Payment for GCG services (Goddard Catering Group) should be arranged directly; money should not be sent via the teacher or student.

**For the first 2 weeks, once they are attending full school day, the students will be having lunch with their teachers in their classrooms. We suggest you provide a cold lunch from home, please make sure that it is something that your child is used to eating (to help them feel more comfortable).**

## QUIET TIME

Children have a time to rest in the classroom. They will need a blanket and a pillow.

A list of stationery is published on the school web page.

## TOILET ROUTINE

Children follow a hygiene routine. They will need a toothbrush in a case and a plastic cup.

A list of stationery is published on the school web page.

## GOING HOME

Students go home from School in three different ways:

Mums and Dads

Carpool

Buses & Vans

Mums and Dads – Students picked up by parents will wait in their classrooms – parents are asked to go directly to the early years centre.

Buses and Vans – Students will be taken by a teacher to the parking lot. Be sure your child is introduced to the bus driver beforehand.

Carpools - If families choose to use carpool, students will be taken to the **EYC ground floor** to wait for collection at **1550**. Please note that in order to take advantage of this, parents of students in the EYC would benefit from arranging carpools with students only from Kinder and Prep classes. Carpools that are integrated with students from the EYC and students from Junior School will be leaving from the Junior Hall.

Parents need to arrange carpools and communicate the information to [jresources@british.edu.uy](mailto:jresources@british.edu.uy) who will assign a number for 2020.

**Any changes in dismissal must be communicated to the teacher through the Communication Book.**

In order for all members of staff to get to know each of the students and give them the help and support they need in the first weeks at school, each student will wear a badge, detailing their name, class and the way they go home. Students must return with the badge in their bags every day.

## COMMUNICATION

All students will have a "Communication Book", which is used for teachers and parents to send messages to and from school.

Students will take it home every day.

Parents should SIGN every time there is message from the teacher/school so we know it has been seen.

The school should be kept informed of any changes to daily routines, family or home arrangements, as well as emergency contact details.

The School calendar with dates and details of any upcoming events is in the school's website and should be checked regularly for updates and additional information - <http://british.edu.uy>

María Clara Heber and Dolores Ponce de León, our School Secretaries, can receive messages and answer any questions parents might have; they can be reached at 26003421 (ext.106/113)



María Clara Heber



Dolores Ponce de León

## FORM PARENTS

One parent from each class is chosen to act as a link between home and School in order to promote the School's Mission within our community.

The unique role of our Form Parents, together with the commitment of our parents and families, is always appreciated and helps to strengthen the bonds between home and School.

Form Parents will contact you to ask your permission to share contact details with other families in your child's class and other Kinder classes.

### SCHOOL'S WEBSITE: [www.british.edu.uy](http://www.british.edu.uy)

For complete site content please follow the instructions below to get your registered user information

1. Access [www.british.edu.uy](http://www.british.edu.uy)
2. Click on scroll down menu at the right hand side corner of the page.
3. Click on Parent. (My Family)
4. Input the data required (Information sent by email from the School's IT Helpdesk previously, where you can find your user and password). Input your username (Cédula de Identidad without dots or hyphen), and your password (forgot password?)
4. For first time access you will be required to change the current password given by the school to a new one of your convenience. The new password must include at least one capital letter, not the first one, and one sign or symbol.

Here you will be able to find your family's information and your children's report (as from July 2018).

Any inconveniences you may experience please do not hesitate to contact [helpdesk@british.edu.uy](mailto:helpdesk@british.edu.uy)

Please note that the school's website has a complete 2018 calendar that includes all the activities and important dates for the academic year.

### TOY DAY

Wednesday is the day when students can bring a toy from home to play at school. We request that the toys they bring are small, of no great value and marked clearly with the **owner's name**.

### BIRTHDAYS

Parents will find a Birthday Calendar at the School's Reception where the date for your child's party can be booked; this is to avoid having 2 birthday parties on the same day. Please include details (timing, groups of children being invited, etc).

Teachers will only give out invitation cards if a whole group is being invited (all boys, all girls or whole class).

On the day of the Child's birthday, he/she brings a cake to School to blow out the candles during Snack Time. Please bring napkins and candles (no balloons, drinks nor party gifts). Please note that cakes will be received only at arrival time and will be kept in the fridge, if necessary.

### UNIFORM/STATIONERY

All students must wear the School Uniform as described in the current list published on the Schools' web page ([www.british.edu.uy](http://www.british.edu.uy)) under Services/Uniform. School hat is also part of the uniform.

The uniform must be bought in the school shop, located in the building across the road from the main Junior entrance. All items of clothing must be clearly marked with the student's complete name (not initials) and class. E.g.: Sandra Grant KS.

The winter uniform requires white leather or simile leather shoes.

The summer uniform requires a hat.

A list of stationery is published on the school web page.

## **LOST PROPERTY**

Most things that get misplaced are kept within the EYC. However, the School has a Lost Property area (last door on the left hand side at the end of F5 and F6 corridor) where lost items can be found. It is open for Parents on Tuesdays and Fridays from 0815 to 0930.

## **PARENTS INTEGRATION**

Parents are invited to become involved in a number of activities throughout the year:

For example:

- Adaptation Period
- Mum and Me Day
- Psychomotor-skills Workshop
- Let's Play Together Day
- End of the year celebration

## **EVALUATIONS**

We have 2 written reports each academic year highlighting your child's progress and attainment.

There are also 2 individual Parent-Teacher Conferences one in June and one in September (exact dates to be confirmed). Those days there will be no school for students and parents will have the opportunity to discuss their child's progress with the teachers.

Most Teacher-Parent Conferences take place on these two days but if the teacher considers that it will be beneficial to set a different date for the meeting, then you will be contacted to set a different time and date.

Please note these are important benchmarks in your child's development and it is essential that you attend the Parent-Teacher conferences.