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NEWSLETTER

ESF Abacus Kindergarten



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our returning families and a warm welcome to our new families to Abacus. It is great to be back at school full time and a huge thank-you to Emily for doing such a fantastic job in my absence.

The school term has started really well with a very stable staff team who were all with us last year.

The majority of the children have settled really well and are really enjoying the environment and activities. Don't worry if your child is taking a while to settle, children are all different and some just take a little longer than others. Just keep the routine going and all will be well.

We have lots of exciting events planned for this year including re-establishing our sports day. Make sure you add our public calendar so you see all of our events. Have a great term.

Frances Hurley



Important Dates

22-26 Sep	K1 Parent Conferences
1 Oct	National Day Holiday
6-12 Oct	Half Term Holiday
13&14 Oct	Teacher Training School Closed
20-24 Oct	K2 Parent Conferences
29 Oct	Chung Yeung Festival Holiday
14 Nov	Sport's Day
8 Dec	Election Day Holiday
10 Dec	Winter Concert
11 Dec	Last Day of Term 1 - Party Day
7 Jan	Term 2 Begins - Children Return

Our public calendar link:

https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/abacus.esf.org.hk_gkql7pdhjpino3pg7cieg8ihg%40group.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics



Parent Support Group

Two years ago we had a group of fantastic parents who met monthly to support school with events and feedback on school matters.

Last year we didn't really get this group off the ground, but this year we would like to get things going again.

We have lots of fun events planned for the term and would like your ideas and support to make them even better for our families.

Two of these during this term are the Winter Concert and our Sports day.

If you would like to help please send an email to frances.hurley@abacus.edu.hk. No special skills needed just some good ideas and time to spare. Thank you



Meet the Teacher Presentations

Thank you to everyone who attended the Meet the Teacher presentations this week and last week.

Below are the links if you would like to revisit them.

[Main Powerpoint - Leadership Team](#)

[K1 Main Video - Leadership Team](#)

[K2 Main Video - Leadership Team](#)

[K1 English](#)

[K1 Dual Language](#)

[K2 English](#)

[K2 Dual Language AM](#)

[K2 Dual Language PM](#)



If you have any questions please give us a call on 27195712 or email kinder@abacus.edu.hk



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Vaccination information



Due to a new regulation from the government's Centre for Health Protection, all schools are now required to collect up-to-date immunisation records from families.

You have been sent a link to a Google Form where you can upload a photo or scan of your child's immunisation record. Please complete this as soon as possible. Here is the link for your reference.

[Immunisation Records](#)

Communicating with school

Thank you all for taking the time to download or refresh the ESF App for this term. We recognise that the communication methods within ESF are not always streamlined, and we appreciate your patience as we work through this. As Frances mentioned in the Meet the Teacher meetings, there are plans for improvements, and a new system is currently being trialled in several ESF schools. In the meantime, here are answers to some questions we've received this week:

Why has my ESF App stopped showing messages? It worked fine last year.

K2 parents, have you logged out and refreshed the app? When you log out, you will receive a code to log back in, and all communications from the school should then be visible.

Why are you calling to ask about my child's absence?

The school administrator will call if you have not completed the Absence form via the ESF App or notified us via email regarding your child's absence. We are required to report multiple absences to the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) and the Education Bureau (EDB), so we need to maintain accurate records of why children are away.

How do I inform the school about a change to my child's pick-up arrangements?

If you know about a change to your child's bus routine, please use the button on the ESF App to record it. For other pick-up changes, let your teacher know via email. If someone else is picking up your child, they must have the child's security card on their phone. If the change occurs during the school day and your child is already at school, please call the school office at 2719 5712.

I feel like I am missing messages that other parents are discussing. Why am I not seeing them?

You can adjust your ESF App notifications to receive them immediately. If your settings are set to daily, you may not receive notifications until the end of the day.



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K2 Transition to ESF Year 1

K2 Families, you will have received an App message with the details for the application period for Year 1 places for next year. The application period is 1-15 September 2025, so please look out for the Y1 transfer email that will be sent out to all K2 parents on 29 August. The deadline for submissions is 15 September 2025. Each K2 student must submit a form to express their interest in securing a Y1 place for the next academic year.

We have sent out information about open days to Clearwater Bay School, Beacon Hill School and Kennedy via the App too.

If you have any questions about the admissions process, please let Emily know.



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