



Dear BIS Families,

I take great pride to have this opportunity to write to you and introduce myself. I am thankful to have been selected by our Director Dr. Zak Palsha to serve you as KG/Elementary Principal and to work along-side our new Assistant Principal Ms. Catie for the 2020-2021 school year. It is very exciting to support the on-going growth of Al-Bayan International School with the great team already in place.

I am joining BIS from North Bay, Ontario, Canada. I have 27 years experience in education. I have served as a teacher, assistant principal and most recently a principal in Canada. I have also worked overseas as a teacher and administrator. Please be assured that my focus will be to ensure that all students receive the educational attention they deserve and need. I am passionate about supporting all students and especially those who learn in different ways. I offer you my deepest appreciation to serve you and your child.

We know that we all had to learn how to support our students during these unprecedented times, and we believe in our ability to work together to make teaching and learning the absolute best. This summer our team has been collaborating to learn about effective strategies for teaching online and supporting our families remotely. We are committed to providing meaningful educational experiences for our students.

Below are sample e-learning schedules for KG and ES students at BIS. You will learn more in our BIS e-learning plan that will be shared soon. We spent a lot of time thinking about the timings for students and parents and it was a thoughtful decision that was based on the kids being able to have their brains active in the morning and consistent sleep schedules. For students who are absent, we will be working on having a mechanism to record lessons.

KG 1 & KG 2 E-learning Schedule			
**Students will attend either a morning <u>or</u> afternoon session as assigned.			
Morning Session		Afternoon Session	
Period	Time	Period	Time
1	9:15-9:45	1	11:55-12:15
2	9:50-10:10	2	12:20-12:40
3	10:15-10:35	3	12:45-1:05
4	10:40-11:00	4	1:10-1:30
5	11:05-11:25	5	1:35-2:05



Elementary School E-learning Schedule	
Period	Time
1	9:50-10:30
2	10:40-11:20
3	11:30-12:10
Lunch	12:10-12:40
4	12:50-1:30
5	1:40-2:20

Communication will be especially important this year. You can expect weekly communication from us about school events, student progress, and other important information. We will ensure you are continuously updated about student progress, attendance, achievement, and well-being. Additionally, we will be hosting drop-in Zoom sessions to answer your questions and support you and your student.

Lastly, we will be announcing our parent orientation plan soon. We are exploring both on-campus, (following strict social distancing and safety protocols) and online options for the week of September 6. In the meantime, please visit www.bis.edu.kw to access the [20-21 Student and Parent Handbook](#) and updated [supply lists](#).

If you have general questions or concerns please contact the KG/ES administrative support team at kges@bis.edu.kw or you can email me or Ms. Catie, KG/ES Assistant Principal directly; our emails are CCed on this email.

If you have questions about counseling services or your child's social/emotional well-being, please contact our new KG/ES counselor, Ms. Andrea, at andrea.rivas-rosales@bis.edu.kw .

If you have specific questions about our instructional program, contact the KG/ES Instructional Coach, Ms. Samantha, at samantha.rammaha@bis.edu.kw .

I am truly looking forward to meeting all students and parents in due time.

Sincerely,

Todd Gribbon