

RUSSIAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Academic Year 2024 – 2025

WELLBEING POLICY

The Wellbeing Policy includes the key points of the KHDA and DHA Protocols for the Private Schools in Dubai.

Wellbeing is supported by:

- School Board
- School Management
- Wellbeing School Committee
- Health and Safety Committee
- SoD Team
- Parents Council
- Students Council

RIS promotes Wellbeing through:

- academic, mental, physical, social and emotional development of Students, Parents and Teachers

RIS strives for healthy development with core values:

- Health Awareness throughout the academic year;
- Strong relationships between Students, Parents and Teachers;
- Cooperation with Health, Educational and Public Communities;
- Students' progress, achievements, competencies or challenges.

RIS Wellbeing Objectives:

- Social Inclusion of all Students (for all Educational Models of Teaching and Learning)
- monitoring established channels of communication between Teachers, Students, Parents
- commitments / timelines / learning experience
- psychological support
- peers' relationship
- School-Families Partnership
- Students of Determination Welfare; Academic and Behavioral Performance
- Students Emotional-Wellbeing Surveys
- Parents Wellbeing Surveys

RIS Wellbeing Protective Factors include:

- 1. Positive relationships with Peers and Teachers
- 2. Positive Teacher Classroom Management strategies
- 3. Positive Behavior Management practices with Parents
- 4. Safety at school through a positive school atmosphere based on specific principles outlined in "Child Protection Policy", "Anti-Bullying Policy", "E-Cyber Safety Policy", "Health and Safety Policy"
- 5. Social and Emotional learning including the development of self-awareness, selfmanagement and responsible decision-making skills
- 6. Fostering expectations, achievements and providing opportunities for success
- 7. Wellbeing of School Personnel
- 8. Stress Management strategies that may be linked to school work/stress-related situations

We aim to be a School where:

- Everyone feels safe, happy, supported, important and valued
- a) School Psychologist Support
- b) Health and Safety Team Support
- Teaching and Learning is creative, encouraging and challenging
- a) Inclusive Approach
- b) SoD Wellbeing Support
- c) Individual Support

The School Wellbeing is implemented in Key Areas:

- 1. Curriculum (Teaching and Learning)
- 2. Culture and Environment
- 3. Relationship and Partnership

Educational Provision of Curriculum for Wellbeing:

- Curriculum Delivery is as per:
 - Student's needs
 - Parents preferred choice
 - Child's wellbeing/medical scenario/SoD/financial challenges
 - Curriculum balance with opportunities for intellectual, physical and social development/cognitive learning potential/behavioral/emotional/health needs/ expected outcome
 - Social Inclusion/success academically, behaviorally, and socially.

Culture and Environment Principles for Wellbeing Promotion:

- Healthy Routines and Behavior School Code including preventive measures
- Tolerance and Empathy in a multicultural environment
- Healthy food and the importance of exercising
- Clean Study/Work Areas

Relationships and Partnerships for Wellbeing Promotion:

Students' Leadership/Initiatives through:

- a) Students Wellbeing Survey
- b) Students Senior Council
- c) Students Junior Council
- d) Students Safety Council
- e) Students Scientific Council
- f) Students Ecological Council
- g) Students Literature Council

Gifted and Talented Wellbeing:

- a) School Program for Gifted and Talented
- b) Emphasis on praise for efforts and achievements

Support for SoD Wellbeing:

- Wellbeing Coordinators' and Psychologist's Support for SoD
- Subject Teachers' Support based on IEP/Differentiated Approach
- Inclusion Support Team Cooperation with Parents
- Subject Teachers' Progress Monitoring with Follow Up
- Feedback for Students of Determination
- Flexible Support Time Table for Students of Determination
- Medical and Psychological Support for Wellbeing related to:
- child abuse/child bullying
- peer's relationships/sexual gender education
- harmful habits addiction (drinking/smoking/drug awareness)

Wellbeing Team / School Clinic / Health and Safety Team coordination is:

- to identify students who show signs of concern (behavioral, bullying...)
- to ensure Counselling to both Students and their Parents as needed
- to conduct case log-in detailing reports followed by counselling sessions
- to provide crisis management services
- to provide counselling for SoD students to develop their social and emotional skills
- to advocate for Students' best interests and welfare
- to collaborate with authorized communities
- to regularly conduct the anti-bullying campaigns within the School

- to implement all School Policies in order to promote positive behavior, health and safety
- to raise awareness of mental, physical, emotional wellness among Students, Parents and Teachers.
- Parents Council meeting with School Management for Wellbeing at RIS:
- Channels of communication with Parents

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E-Cyber Wellbeing Promotion:

- Safeguarding;
- Official School Learning Platforms;
- Cyber-Safety monitoring;
- Child Protection monitoring;
- Inclusion for all the Students;
- Health and Safety channels of communication with Students.

Promoting a healthy lifestyle is integral to the School curriculum. RIS role is ensuring the academic, mental, physical, social and emotional Wellbeing for Students, Parents and School Staff.