



PRIVATE TUITION

GEMS MILLENNIUM SCHOOL, SHARJAH

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POLICY ON PRIVATE TUITION

OBJECTIVE:

GEMS Millennium School has a strong learning support system in place for all its students. Remedial/ enhancement classes, peer mentoring and “buddy system” are three such support systems which ensure progressive learning.

At GEMS Millennium School, we do not encourage Private Tutions for the following reasons:

- At private tuition classes, the students are often taught more than what is covered in school. This advanced coverage of syllabus results in a lack of interest in the class and counterproductive behaviour on the part of those students availing of private tuitions, leading to classroom management issues.
- Private tuitions are often held with large batches of students and the ones who require it the most are often deprived of individual attention.
- Teachers might be tempted to be unfair in their marking of exam/ tests papers and syllabus coverage to ensure large numbers sign up for private tuition.

APPLICABLE TO:

This policy applies to all students and teachers.

VALUE GUIDING THE POLICY:

Collaborative learning and differentiated instruction is implemented through the school to involve students in an interactive learning environment. Students are supported through remedial classes thereby discouraging tuitions.



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RATIONALE:

The rationale for the No Tuitions Policy is as follows:

The school takes responsibility of ensuring that every child attains basic minimum standards in the key subjects (unless the child has learning disabilities), assuming that the parents provide the support that the school expects from them.

TUITIONS SERVE ONLY AS A CRUTCH FOR STUDENTS:

- Students must become independent learners and the school provides a conducive learning environment to ensure this.
- We follow a progressive and sophisticated methodology of teaching and our way of teaching cannot be followed by the tuition teachers.
- Asking children to join tuitions to ensure that the homework is done is simply not required. The homework is between the teacher(s) and the child.

POLICY GUIDELINES:

- The school discourages students of all age groups studying in the school to attend private tuitions / coaching classes for academic subjects.
- Students can attend classes for music, art, dance or sport activity.
- Students can attend any language enrichment such as reading, debating, drama clubs, Math enrichment programs such as Mental Math programs, or any such co-curricular or extra-curricular activities.
- Students with clearly identified special needs who wish to work on particular areas or on overall academic.
- As per Ministry By-Laws a teacher should not be taking private tuitions.
- The school recognizes the fact that children are at different academic levels at different ages and their progress rate can vary significantly from child to child. Therefore, the school identifies children who are significantly behind in academic areas at a particular age, especially in language and Math, and plans in-school remedial programs and support classes for such students.

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If at some point you feel that your child is academically weak or not working to their potential, please get in touch with the Class Teacher, Supervisor or Head Primary/ Headmistress for an appointment to discuss the same. In remedial education, the child works with a teacher in a very small group and gets his concepts clarified. The remedial sessions may be during school hours or at support classes during the Self Enhancement Programme. Once a child is in the remedial education program, she and the parents are expected to take it seriously, attend her remedial sessions regularly and do the assigned homework. It is important to note that we are here not referring to children with special needs or learning disabilities, whether identified or not, which are covered in detail in the Individual Education Plan.

ACTION:

A teacher who is found to take private tuitions, he/she will face disciplinary action and be handed in a letter by the Principal. He or she will be asked for a written explanation. Malpractices of any sort will result in suspension as per the norms laid down by the Ministry. Further violation of this policy will result in referral to the Corporate Office for their action.