



Dear Parent/Guardian

KHDA and the schools of Dubai are working to support and improve the wellbeing, happiness and quality of life of students in our schools. We recognise that supporting and improving the wellbeing of our students will lead to students being able to achieve their full potential.

This is supported by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, reflecting that:

*"We will seek to create a society where our people's happiness is paramount, by sustaining an environment in which they can truly flourish."*

**All Grade 6 to 9 (or Year 7 to 10) students in Dubai private schools will be taking part in the 'Dubai Student Wellbeing Census' in November/December 2017. Some schools will also have their Grade 5 (Year 6) students participating in the census.**

Our aim is to find out how students feel and think about their own wellbeing, happiness, quality of life and engagement. Students will complete the census online at school. The census is not a test and there are no right or wrong answers. Each student's responses will be kept confidential and no one at KHDA or the school will use the results to identify individuals.

The census asks students about their:

- Social and emotional wellbeing/happiness
- School relationships and engagement
- Physical health, lifestyle and after school activities.

The participation of each student will assist the government and schools to develop programmes and activities that aim to improve student wellbeing. Schools will receive a report in early 2018 about the overall happiness and wellbeing of their students, as well as overall results for all students in Dubai.

**If you do not want your child to take part in the census, please let your class teacher know.**

Further information about the Dubai Student Wellbeing Census is available by going to <https://www.khda.gov.ae/en/dswc> For further questions or concerns, please email [wellbeingcensus@khda.gov.ae](mailto:wellbeingcensus@khda.gov.ae) or call 04 364 0000.

With happiness,

Dubai Student Wellbeing Team

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