

Dear Parents,

Greetings!

We are pleased to inform you that this year, Excel International School is dedicated to advancing our new mission, "**SustainEd: Shaping Sustainable Minds for a Greener Tomorrow.**" This initiative aligns closely with the UAE's vision for sustainability and our shared commitment to preserving and protecting our environment.

To commence this significant initiative, we have sent a **welcome gift home with your child—a reusable string bag**. We encourage all students to utilise these bags for bringing items to school for clubs or any activities that require carrying items, as an alternative to plastic bags. This small yet impactful change is a vital step towards reducing plastic waste and fostering sustainable practices within our student community.

We are also pleased to announce our collaboration with the **Emirates Environmental Group (EEG) for our inaugural project, "One Root, One Communi-Tree."** This project is designed to cultivate a culture of recycling in the UAE by engaging the community in hands-on activities to manage recyclable waste, while simultaneously contributing to the expansion of sustainable green spaces in the country.

The "One Root, One Communi-Tree" initiative addresses several critical environmental challenges, such as the increasing number of landfills, environmental pollution from improper waste management, and the ongoing demand for tree cutting for industrial and commercial purposes. This initiative aims to enhance students' awareness about recycling and the proper disposal of recyclable materials. Participants who achieve the designated recycling targets will have the unique opportunity to plant a native tree sapling under their name in a public area on December 24, 2024, as part of the "For Our Emirates We Plant" program.

To achieve our objectives, we require not only the participation of our students but also your valuable support. We invite you to join us in this endeavour to protect the earth by contributing the following recyclables:

Recyclables	Initiative Target
Paper	Newspapers, magazines, office paper, cardboard, junk mail, paper bags, books.
Plastic	Plastic bottles, food containers, plastic bags, rigid plastics, plastic utensils.
Aluminum Cans	Beverage cans, food cans, aluminum foil, trays

You are welcome to send these items to school with your child if you have them at home. **The deadline for collection is November 1, 2024.** We encourage you to consider sending these items to us instead of discarding them in the trash (please ensure to clean and send them).

Furthermore, we are excited to introduce a new initiative at Excel International School where students will engage in creative learning activities using recycled materials. To support this, we kindly request your assistance in collecting various recyclable items that can be repurposed as **manipulatives for our classroom projects.**

We are looking for the following materials:

- Bottle caps (plastic or metal)
- Juice tins and cans (cleaned and with sharp edges removed)
- Cardboard tubes (from paper towels or toilet paper)
- Small plastic containers or lids

- Any other small, safe, and clean recyclable items that could be useful for arts, crafts, and hands-on learning activities.

Please ensure that all items sent to school are clean and free from any sharp edges or hazardous materials. You can send these items with your child to their class teacher starting from next week.

Your support will not only enhance the students' learning experience but also promote environmental awareness and sustainability. We believe that by incorporating these materials into our lessons, we can inspire creativity while teaching the importance of recycling and reusing resources.

Together, let us work on this and future projects to make a meaningful impact. Your support is instrumental in shaping a sustainable future for our children and community.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and commitment to making Excel International School a leader in sustainability.

A few important reminders:

- The **Parent Orientation and Curriculum Evening** is set for today, **Friday, September 6th, 2024, from 6 to 8:30 PM** on the EIS campus. We encourage the timely arrival of our parent community to ensure the event starts and ends on schedule. We are pleased to meet you and speak about our curricular structure, among other things. Look forward to seeing you tonight!

Venue		
KG 1 to Grades 6 Parents <i>at the respective classes</i>	Grades 7 Parents <i>at Classroom 7B</i>	Grade 8 Parents <i>at the Library</i>

- School Books**

The textbooks and notebooks were distributed to the students by their respective teachers. If you have any concerns or questions on the same, please contact the front office.