KG MoE Subjects Policy

School: GEMS Cambridge International School – Abu Dhabi
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1. Policy Statement

GEMS Cambridge International School – Abu Dhabi is committed to implementing the Ministry of Education (MoE) mandatory subjects within the Kindergarten (KG) cycle in line with the requirements set out by the Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK).

This policy ensures that Arabic Language, Islamic Studies, and Social Studies are delivered appropriately within the KG phase, supporting children's linguistic, cultural, moral, and national identity development while remaining developmentally appropriate and aligned with early childhood pedagogy.

2. Scope and Applicability

This policy applies to all learners in the Kindergarten Cycle, defined by ADEK and MoE as: -
Pre-KG / FS1
- KG1 / FS2
- KG2 / Year 1

At GEMS Cambridge International School – Abu Dhabi:

- FS1 aligns with Pre-KG

- FS2 aligns with KG1

- Year 1 aligns with KG2

This mapping is applied consistently across curriculum planning, staffing, timetabling, and reporting.

3. MoE Subjects in the KG Cycle

In line with the Mandatory Subjects Guide in Private Kindergartens (MoE, 2025), the following MoE subjects are implemented:

- **Arabic Language** (mandatory from FS1)
- **Islamic Studies** (mandatory from FS2 for Muslim students)
- **Social Studies** (embedded and integrated across the curriculum)

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4. Implementation by Year Group

4.1 FS1 (Pre KG)

- Arabic Language is **mandatory** and delivered as a **single immersive stream** for all students.
- Teaching focuses on oral language development, listening, speaking, songs, stories, and play-based exposure to Arabic.
- Social Studies is delivered through integrated learning experiences, routines, and play.

4.2 FS2 (KG1)

- Arabic Language is mandatory and delivered through Arabic A or Arabic B, depending on student nationality and language background.
- Islamic Studies is mandatory for Muslim students, delivered in Arabic or English.
- Social Studies continues to be embedded across the curriculum, with explicit links to UAE culture, identity, and values.

4.3 Year 1 (KG2)

- Arabic Language continues in Arabic A or Arabic B streams.
- Islamic Studies remains mandatory for Muslim students.
- Social Studies is delivered through a structured and integrated approach.

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5. Arabic Language Streams

Arabic Language is delivered in line with MoE stream allocation requirements:

- **FS1 (Pre-KG):** Single immersive Arabic stream for all learners
- **FS2 and Year 1:**
    - **Arabic A:** Arab Nationals
    - **Arabic B:** Non-Arab Nationals

Stream changes may be considered for non-Arab students based on Arabic proficiency and parental request, following school assessment procedures.

6. Time Allocation

The school exceeds the minimum instructional time requirements set by MoE:

- **Arabic Language:** 200 minutes per week
- **Islamic Studies:** 90 minutes per week for Muslim students
- **Social Studies:** Embedded across daily learning experiences

Timetables are reviewed annually to ensure continued compliance.

7. Teaching and Learning Approach

Teaching of MoE subjects in KG is:

- Play-based and inquiry-led

- Age appropriate and culturally responsive

- Integrated with the school's curriculum framework

- Delivered using high-quality, MoE aligned resources

Standard Modern Arabic (Fus'ha) is used consistently in Arabic instruction.

8. Assessment and Monitoring

Assessment in KG MoE subjects is:

- Formative and observational

- Developmentally appropriate

- Aligned with MoE learning outcomes

Arabic language placement and stream decisions are informed by internal assessments where required.

9. Staffing and Professional Development

- MoE subjects are taught by qualified teachers in line with ADEK Staff Eligibility requirements.
- Arabic A is taught by native Arabic speakers.
- Islamic Studies is taught by qualified Muslim teachers.
- MoE subject teachers participate in continuous professional development aligned with ADEK requirements.

10. Parent Engagement

The school actively engages parents by:

- Communicating MoE learning objectives through newsletters and Toddle

- Encouraging Arabic language use at home

- Hosting MoE related events and activities (Union Day, Flag Day)

11. Compliance

This policy is aligned with the **ADEK School KG MoE Subjects Policy** and the **Mandatory Subjects Guide in Private Kindergartens (MoE, 2025)**.