CAIRO ENGLISH SCHOOL

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Dear Early Years Parents

Welcome to a new school year and what another exciting year we have planned!

This week has been a busy settling-in time with all our children getting to know each other, make new friends and explore new learning environments. For our youngest FS1 children it has been a bigger adjustment from home or nursery to school, which can sometimes be quite daunting and upsetting but it does not usually take them too long to settle. The children in FS2 and Year 1 are already busy working away on different projects in their classes and there is a positive buzz of learning and sense of purpose in the air! Next week teachers will be harvesting the knowledge and skills children have retained over the summer in preparation for their baseline assessments. These assessments will be used to map out each child's learning journey for the weeks ahead. The teachers will be discussing this with you in the settling-in conference to be held on 21st October. More information will be provided nearer the time.

By now, you should have had the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher who would have covered quite a lot of information with you. Please take the handouts and read them thoroughly as they are for your benefit, especially the Parent Guide Book.

Below are some of the main points from those meetings:

- It is important that the school/home agreement is signed and returned no later than **Sunday 7th September**
- Medical forms should also be fully completed and returned by **Sunday 7th September**
- Take every opportunity to read and share stories with your child.
- It is vital that children attend school on time each day and are picked up promptly at the end of the day (unless on buses). If your child is absent through illness you **must** inform the class teacher immediately. Children should not be absent from school without prior permission unless due to illness. If you need to collect your child early from school for appointments etc., please inform the class teacher in advance and in the case of emergencies please inform the Reception staff **no later than midday** on the day in question.
- **Contact details should be current and any changes should be relayed** to the class teacher and Reception staff.
- All enquiries along with requests for parent meetings etc. to be made via email or the Home/School Communication book. The class teacher will acknowledge receipt and respond within 24 hours.
- Complete school uniform to be worn at all times except on PE days, when PE uniforms should be worn.
- No crisps, sweets, chocolate or soda allowed at school; keep snacks and lunches healthy!
- **No school bags with wheels!**
- **Name labels on everything!**

Kind Regards,

Mrs. Valerie Awad
Head of Early Years