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26<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**EXTENDED KINDERGARTEN HOURS FOR 2025-26**

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to share the resounding success of the Extended Hours Program for Kindergarten at GEMS Legacy School, which began in September 2024. A large majority of students from KG1 and KG2 have been attending the program, and we have already seen significant benefits of the extended day program. The extra time dedicated to reading, writing, playing, resting, and a variety of engaging activities is helping our young learners grow holistically. This program is carefully designed to provide enrichment and structured support, enhancing the cognitive, social, and physical development of our students. It has been warmly received by our community.

Based on the success of this program, we propose to extend the KG timings to 2 p.m. for both KG1 and KG2 for the next academic year starting 2025. We request you to complete the survey [LINK](#) by expressing your opinion, latest by 29th November, 2024. The details of the extended hours program are outlined below.

**Extended Program Activities**

The activities planned during the extended hours are designed to support all aspects of early childhood development. These include:

- Free Play & Exploration: Unstructured playtime to encourage creativity, problem-solving, and social skills.
- Reading & Literacy Activities: Fun, engaging sessions focused on promoting early literacy and nurturing a love for reading.
- Drama & Role Play: Activities that stimulate imagination, emotional expression, and communication.
- Power Naps: A short rest period to refresh young minds, ensuring they are ready for the afternoon activities.
- Healthy Snack Time: A nutritious break to support physical well-being and maintain energy levels.

Please feel free to reach out to the class teacher or supervisor in-charge if you have any questions or need further details.

**Please note that there will be no additional cost to parents, as Kindergarten hours will extend from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. starting April 2025.**

Thank you for your continued support and valuable feedback.

Warm regards,



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Principal

Executive Leader - Climate Change

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