



## GUIS Parents Involvement & Parental Engagement Policy

### Purpose

GEMS believes in assisting all our students to reach their full potential. We see our parents as central to that aspiration and seek to give them the information, tools and resources to help their children be the best they can be. GEMS understands that positive interaction between school and home are vital to a child's development and education. We provide a variety of parent programmes aimed at enhancing the relationship between parents, children and the school.

All GEMS Schools will develop engagement activities tailored to meet the needs of their community. Key to these are the following expectations:

- We recognise parents as central to the teaching and learning process
- We inform parents of student study programmes in advance so that they can discuss these with their children and support them where necessary
- Our teachers will provide tools, resources and guidance which can help parents to support their children's learning
- We promote and provide a number of face to face contact opportunities with teachers during a school year in which the child's progress is discussed and how parents can support further progress
- We support a parents' association which will help the school spread best practice to other parents on helping their children learn at home
- We regularly promote the GEMS' parent website, which has lots of information and tips and resources both on parenting and supporting learning in the home
- Our parents promise to support and engage with their child's learning – reflected in the Home-School Agreement.

Parent Relationship Programmes may include:

- Regular communication between school and home
- Monthly/ Termly newsletters on school websites
- Information seminars / curriculum meetings
- Regular teacher / parent consultations.

### **Who was consulted?**

In drafting this policy GEMS has followed practice and the policy has been discussed with GEMS Corporate Team and Principals/ Superintendents/ Heads of Schools / Senior Leadership teams.

### **Roles and responsibilities of Principal/ Superintendent/ Head of School**

The Principal/ Superintendent/ Head of School is responsible for the implementation of the policy and ensuring that all parents have the opportunity to engage with the school as appropriate. The tasks will be delegated but they must ensure these are carried out to GEMS Standards.

### **Relationship to other policies, guidelines and statements**

- GEMS Operational Guidelines (2013) – Visibility and Sustainability, Reputation and Information, Giving Something Back, New Technology, Value Added Services.
- GEMS Assessment, Recording and Reporting Policy

### **Attached reference documents**

- School guidelines and relevant information

