



## **Policy for Promoting Qatar's National Identity-2024-2025**

### **Bedford Kindergarten**

At Bedford Kindergarten, we are dedicated to fostering a strong sense of national identity among our students, shaping the leaders and role models of tomorrow. We aim to equip them with values and ethics that reflect the rich heritage and legacy of our ancestors. In alignment with the accredited national curriculum standards, we allocate weekly hours to teach Arabic language and Islamic studies to our Muslim students, along with Qatari history to all students, following national guidelines.

#### **Program Overview**

We have designed a comprehensive program that focuses on promoting the national identity of our Qatari and non-Qatari children through various aspects:

##### **1. Incorporating Qatar History:**

- Qatar History will be included in the KG program, providing both Qatari and non-Qatari students with a thorough understanding of the country's history from ancient times to the present day, along with insights into its economic development.
- Qatar History lessons will be scheduled once a week for KG 1 and KG 2 classes.

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## **2. Language and Cultural Significance:**

- Recognizing that language and history are essential in shaping a nation's identity, we emphasize the importance of teaching Arabic and Islamic studies.
- Arabic language instruction will take place five times a week, and Islamic studies will be offered two times a week, ensuring a deep understanding of linguistic, social, cultural, and psychological aspects of Qatari identity.

## **3. Participation in National Celebrations:**

- Students will actively participate in educational activities that focus on national identity, enhancing their sense of belonging and appreciation for their cultural symbols. Activities will include:
  - Qatar National Day celebrations
  - Qatar National Sports Day
  - Qatar Traditional Day
  - Garangao celebrations
  - Eid celebrations (Eid Al fitr, Eid Al Adha)
- These events unite the community in celebrating Qatar's rich civilization and culture, showcasing pride in our nation's achievements while highlighting the role of education in the country's growth, in line with Qatar National Vision 2030.

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#### 4. Cultural Field Trips:

- We will arrange field trips for our students to participate in cultural events, such as:
  - Visits to Dahiliya Park
  - Book exhibitions
  - Museum visits
  - Visits to Olympic stadiums
- These excursions aim to immerse students in Qatari culture and heritage, fostering a deeper appreciation of their national identity.

#### 5. Cultural Education:

- Discussing elements of Qatari culture, including the royal family, the Qatari flag, national animals and birds, traditional lifestyles, and Qatari cuisine. This will provide children with rich knowledge about their cultural heritage.

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