DESSC Parent Portal Guide

This guide is intended to help familiarise you with the features of the Parent Portal and to let you know what information is available within each tab.

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Portal Home Tab

You will be directed to the Portal Home tab each time you log in to the Portal. This details the School News, Calendar events, a Quick Link to jump to Reports and Timetables, and the name(s) of your child(ren) at DESC and/or DESS).

Dubai English Speaking School (DESS)	Dubai English Speaking College (DESC)	Jump to
View All	View All	
DESS - All - Bounce Back 04 March DESS - Y3-6 - KS2 Parent Reading Forum	DESC - Year 13 Online Parents' Consultation - Tuesday 22nd March 2022 02 March	School Calendar
03 March	DESC - Covid-19 Update	04 March 2022
DESS - All - After School Dinners Available 03 March	DESC - Year 10 Online Parents' Consultation - Tuesday 8th March	08:30 DESS - FS1 Sports
DESS - All - Uniform & Presentation 02 March	28 February	< CHANGE DAYS >
DESS - All - Foundation Stage 1 & 2 - 2023/24 Applications	DESC - Y10 Reports available on G4S and the iSAMS Parent Portal.	
02 March	25 February DESC - We Will Rock You - Tickets now on sale!	Latest Documents
	25 February	Reading in the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 at DESS [20]
		DESC Transport Service ECA Schedule - 2021-22 [66]
		DESC Transport Service ECA Schedule - 2021-22 [25]
		DESSC Academic Calendar Updated 2nd February 2022 [137]
		My Children

School News:

This displays information on the most recent "Current" DESS and DESC news. You can "View All" to see older published news.

Current

Latest Documents:

This displays documents that are attached to any News stories.

School Calendar:

This provides an at-a-glance view of all calendar events taking place today. If you want to search the calendar for another date, select "**Change Days**". Click on the event subject to be directed to the calendar where full details of the event is displayed.

My Children:

The names of your children at DESSC (DESS and/or DESC) together with the year group they are currently in is displayed. You can access their student information by clicking on the name of your child.

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DESSC Calendar

The School Communication tab stores links to the DESSC Calendar, DESSC News and the DESSC iSAMS Email Communication History.

Select the DESSC Calendar tab to view the DESSC Parent Calendar. The calendar can be displayed by day, week, month and by term. You can change the day, week, month, or term by selecting the appropriate arrow to move forward or back.

View the Calendar:

- **Daily View**
- Weekly View
- Monthly View
- Termly View

Filter the Calendar:

- By Categories
- **DESC** Community Event
- DESC or DESS General
- **DESC or DESS Parent Evening** •
- **DESC or DESS Trip** •
- Holiday & Term Dates •
- Unspecified

By Event -

- All Day Events
- **Timed Events**

DESSC Calendar View (below)

School Cal	endar					
Daily View Weekly Vi	ew Monthly View	Termly View				Set Default Ca
All Calendars	∼ All	Categories	✓ All Subca	ategories	✓ All Events	
Monthly Calendar - M	arch 2022					
<		Cha	inge Month			
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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		All Day - DESS - Par	All Day - DESS - Par	All Day - DESS - Wo	08:30 - DESS - FS1	All Day - DESS -
Fo view an indivic	dar - March 202	rent, click on the Fri - 4th Ma Cate	event to display rch 2022 Date : 4-Mar-2022 Time : 08:30 - 09:30 gory : DESS - General	the full details.		

Description : DESS - FS1 Sports Day

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DESSC News

Select the **DESSC News** tab to view DESSC news. News is grouped within "news type" headings (DESS or DESC). The news is displayed in date order, the most recent posts at the top within each heading.

Useful News Links:

Allows you to filter on current news (News Home) or older news (Archive News). News type headings (DESS or DESC) are identical in both News Home and Archive News views.

Latest News Stories:

Displays the latest news article(s) for all news types published for DESS and DESC

Latest Documents:

Displays documents which have been attached to news articles. The documents can be downloaded by accessing the individual news article or by selecting the hyperlink from the Latest Documents list (as below).

School News View (below)



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DESSC Email Communication History

Select the DESSC iSAMS Email Communication History tab to view DESSC email communication (image as below). By clicking on the subject, it is possible to review the full content of any emails that have been sent from the DESSC Management Information system (iSAMS). Any attachments associated with an email can be downloaded and reviewed. The date and time of the email can also be seen.

NB: <u>It is only possible to review DESSC email communication within the parent portal if the parent username</u> <u>email address and DESSC contact email address are identical</u>.

My Account - Communication History

Email | SMS

Listed below is the email communications available to you within iSAMS.

Email Address	Subject	Attachments	Date [Time]
The parent email	DESS - World School Games Swimmers		03/03/2022 11:36:12
communication was sent	DESS - World Games Football Training	-	02/03/2022 14:13:35
will display in this section i.e., the DESSC	DESS - Additional Training for World School Games		28/02/2022 14:38:44
contact email address.	DESC - Weekly Parent Portal Update		25/02/2022 12:44:11

Clicking on the Subject title will open the communication for parents to read (as below).

Subject: Date [Time]: Attachments:	DESC - Weekly Parent Portal Update 24/09/2020 12:48:16
	DESC - Weekly Parent Portal Update
	Dear Mr & Mrs Student Please remember to check the Parent Portal regularly for important information, newsletters, letters and updates. Below is a snapshot of some of the items that have been recently added to the DESSC Parent Portal:
	 DESC Sibling Applications Red Week Rehearsal DESCareers Parent Information Session - September GL Assessments : Years 7, 8, 9 10 & 11

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Internal Exams (DESC) Public Exams (DESC) School Reports (DESS & DESC) School Timetable (DESC)

Student Information

The Student Information tab stores links to Internal Exams, Public Exams, School Reports, and the School Timetable.

This allows you to view and export exam information (DESC), published school reports (DESS & DESC) and access a timetable for each of your children (DESC). You can change the child by selecting from the drop-down list. Click on the relevant heading to take you to that page.

Internal Examinations:

Internal exam entries can be viewed for GCSE/A Level students. NB. Results are no longer published through this medium. This module is closed when not in use.

Public Examinations:

Public exam entries and the exam timetable can be viewed for students sitting public exams. NB. This module is closed when not in use.

School Reports:

Reports come in two formats "Reports" and "Assessments". Historic academic reports for DESS and DESC are available within the school reports section. New DESS and DESC reports are available within the Documents & Files section of the Portal/App.

Timetable:

DESC student timetables can be viewed, exported, or printed. The timetable will display the subjects your child is studying on any given day/time. DESC operate a twoweek timetable (Week A and Week B).

Internal Examinations



Public Examinations

Displayed below are options available so you can view key information about Test Student's public examinations. Change Child: Test Student Student View Test Student's Examination Entries Use this option to view all the public exams Test Student has been entered for. View Test Student's Examination Timetables Use this option to view Test Student's public exam timetable for the exams Test Student has been entered for.

Test Student's School Reports

Displayed below are options available so you can view, download and build Test Student's school reports.

Change Child: Test Studen: 🗸

View Test Student's School Reports Use this option to view Test Student's school reports that have been published.

View Test Student's School Assessments Use this option to view Test Student's school assessments that have been published.

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Stude	nt Timetable				Mr G Studen
Week	A [WKA]				Timetable Week 1
P	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
1A	[08:06 - 08:59]	[08:06 - 08:59]	[08:06 - 08:59]	[08:06 - 08:59]	[08:06 - 08:59]
2A	[09:00 - 10:00]	[09:00 - 10:00]	[09:00 - 10:00]	[09:00 - 09:59]	[09:00 - 10:00]
74	[10:20 - 11:19]	[10:20 - 11:19]	[10:70 - 11:19]	[10:00 - 11:00]	[10:20 - 11:19]
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44	[11:20 - 12:20]	[11:20 - 12:20]	[11:20 - 12:20]	[11:30 - 12:29]	[11:20 - 12:20]
SA	[13:00 - 13:59]	[13:00 - 13:59]	[13:00 - 13:59]	[12:30 - 13:30]	[13:00 - 13:59]
6A	[14:00 - 15:00]	[14:00 - 15:00]	[14:00 - 15:00]	[13:35 - 15:00]	[14:00 - 15:00]

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Family Contact Details Update My Contact Details

Family Information

The Family Information tab stores links to Family Contact Details and Update My Contact Details which is an online form.

Family Contact Details:

You can view the contact details DESSC hold for your family. This may include the parent/guardian contact information, work contact information and details of any person you have asked DESSC to record as a local emergency contact.

Family Contact Details

Displayed below is contact information the school holds about your family.			
If you have updated any contact details ame	ease complete the relevant fields of form "Update my Family Details." Once you submit the form the database ded accordingly. The form is available within the current tab Family Information.	will be	
Parents (Home) Company (Home)			
PARENTS (HOME)			
Titlie: Mr Forename: Test Middle Names: Initialis: T Surname: Student Profession:	Title: Mrs Forename: Test Middle Hames: Initials: T Surname: Student Profession:		
CONTACT DETAILS			
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ADDRESS			
Address: Company A Residential Residential Dubal, Unit	d PO Box, ddress Line 1, ddress Line 2, d Arab Emirates		
COMPANY (HOME)			

Update My Contact Details:

If your contact details change, you can complete the relevant part of the online form "Update My Contact Details" and press submit. DESSC staff will be alerted to the change and update your contact details.

Update My Contact Details

If your contact details have changed please complete the relevant section of this online form.

Click on the link "Update My Contact Details" to access the online form.

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Updated Contact Information

Please complete the relevant field(s) below to reflect any change(s) to the information we hold for you/your family.

<u>Please note:</u> the ordering of the contacts will display the father first and mother second. This is a system design and can't be changed to allow the mother to display as the first contact.

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> Report My Child Absent (DESS) Report My Child Absent (Yr7-11) Report My Child Absent (Sixth Form)

Absence Reporting

The Absence Reporting tab stores links to electronic forms that should be completed when your child is absent from DESSC due to illness or to attend a medical appointment.

On submitting the form, the absence coordinator will be alerted to your child's absence. Absence should be reported by 8.15am at the latest on the day of absence. Planned medical appointments can be reported via the online form in advance.

Absence Reporting		
Report My Child Absent (DESS)		
If your child is not in school due to illness/medical appointment.		
Report My Child Absent (Yr7-11)		
Please use this link to report your child absent due to illness if they are in years 7, 8, 9, 10 or 11		
Report My Child Absent (Sixth Form)		
Please use this link to report your child absent due to illness if they are in years 12 or 13.		

Please see below a sample of the "DESS Report My Child Absent" form.

	DESS Absence
Please note that if you are i the reason for absence, tha assessment. We will require child to return to school.	reporting a fever, runny nose, cough, sore throat or any other respiratory symptoms, as t due to the protocols in place from the DHA and KHDA your child must visit a doctor for either a medical clearance certificate or a negative COVID-19 test result in order for you
Please complete this form medical/dental appointm writing to the Headteacher	to advise DESS if your child will be absent from school due to illness or to attend a ent. Please note that permission for absence for any other reason <u>must</u> be made in by emailing dess_reception@dessc.sch.ae.
If the absence is for today	, please submit this form as soon as possible and at the latest by 8.15am.
Student's Forename *	
Student's Surname *	
Class * Please select 🗸	
Please enter the date of ab	sence *
Will your child be absent a Please select 🗸	I day?
Reason for absence: Please select V	
Please provide any further	details that you feel are relevant.
	<i>h</i>
Submit	



NB. All current academic reports are also housed within the Documents & Files section (within the appropriate academic year folder).

Latest Files Document Tree Se	rch History	
Below a	e shown the files grouped in folders that are available to y	you through the Parent Portal.
Portal Document Folders		
DESS	Name	Date Modified
 DESC Academic Reports - 2021-22 	DESS	8-Oct-2019
- 🖬 Academic Reports - 2020-21	DESC	8-Oct-2019



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DESS and DESC Bus Service - Application Forms DESC Bus Service - Moving House Notification DESSC Instrumental Tuition - Interest

Online Forms

The On-line Forms tab stores links to electronic forms.

You can select an on-line form to report your child absent due to illness, apply for the DESS or DESC bus service or register your interest in the DESSC (DESS or DESC) instrumental programme.

Select the form you wish to submit, complete all the required fields then press submit. This will alert the relevant staff to your communication and allow them to respond appropriately to your request.

Online Forms

Displayed below are details of online forms for interest in the music service and applying for the DESS and/or DESC bus service.

DESC Bus Service - Application Form I would like to apply for a place(s) on the DESC Bus Service.

DESC Bus Service - Moving House Notification If you are currently using the DESC bus service and are soon to be moving house, please complete and submit this form.

DESS Bus Service - Application Form I would like to apply for a place(s) on the DESS Bus Service.

DESSC Instrumental Tuition - Interest If you would like further information on DESC or DESS Instrumental Tuition please complete this form.

This is a sample of the DESSC Instrumental - Interest form.

f you would like further inform Ausic Department will respond	nation on the DESSC instrumental programme please complete the details below. The to your enougy in due course.
Parent(s) Information:	an lane souther has mental
Parant Name: 1	
Parent Contact Number: *	
Parent Email Address: *	
Relationship to Child: *	
	Mother, Father etc.
Instrumental Information Instrument: * Plazes select	Current Grade: * [Piaze solect. Would you like to hire an instrument?: [Piaze solect. Number of Lessons Per Week Required: * [Piaze solect. Piaze solect.
lease provide any additional	information (if necessary):



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	My Email Options My Password My Security Question	
	My Account - Options	
The My Account tab stores lir password and record the answ must be emailed to the portal	nks to allow you to update your Parent Portal login details. You can update your ver to a secret question to add further security to your account. Any email changes administrator on portal@dessc.sch.ae	
<u>My Email Options</u> : Any changes to email addresses should be requested via portal@dessc.sch.ae	Your Portal Administrator has disabled the options allowing you to manage your email addresses. Your Portal Address is:isamscoordinator@dessc.sch.ae If this is incorrect you need to contact your Portal Administrator.	
<u>Password</u> : You can change your DESSC Parent Portal password by selecting the tab "Password". Enter your current password, the new password and reconfirm your new password. Select Change My Password to complete the task.	Password You can change your DESSC Parent Portal password using the form below. Current Password: New Password: Confirm Password: To change your password enter your current password followed by your new one - then confirm the new password. Your password must contain 3 of: an English uppercase character (A-Z); an English lowercase character (a-z); a numeric character (0-9); or a non-alphanumeric character (1, 5, %, #). * The fields in red are required. Change My Password	
Security Question: You can set a security question for use throughout the Parent Portal. Select a question, provide the answer to the security question, and reconfirm your answer before selecting save security question to complete the task.	My Account - Security Question My Account E-Mail Options Password Security Question Security Question You can change your DESSC Parent Portal security question using the form below. This security question is used throughout the DESSC Parent Portal. Security Question: Select a Secret Question Security Answer:	
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