

Hawar International School



مدرسة حوار الدولية

Nursery  
Entrance Interview Guide

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مقابلات دخول الروضة

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## About the Entrance Interaction

Beginning Nursery is a gentle and exciting first step into school life. At this age, we understand that children are still developing confidence, independence, and basic communication skills.

The purpose of the Nursery entrance interaction is to gain a simple understanding of your child's **readiness for a group learning environment**, in a calm and supportive setting.

This is a **play-based and informal interaction**, designed to help us get to know your child.

## What We Look For

During the interaction, the teacher will observe your child through play and simple engagement to understand:

- Comfort in a new environment
- Ability to separate (with support) from parents
- Basic communication (verbal or non-verbal)
- Social awareness and interaction
- Early motor skills (e.g., holding objects, movement, coordination)

Please note that children are **not expected to have any academic skills** at this stage.

## What to Expect

Your child will be welcomed into a friendly and nurturing space with age-appropriate toys and materials.

### The teacher may:

- Engage your child in free play
- Encourage simple responses (e.g., name, pointing, choosing)
- Observe how your child explores and interacts with the environment

We understand that some children may feel shy or unsure. This is completely normal, and they will be supported throughout.

### **Before the Appointment:**

- Please arrive **15–20** minutes early to allow your child time to settle and feel comfortable.
- If you are unable to attend at the scheduled time, kindly inform the Admissions Office in advance.
- Late arrivals may need to be rescheduled.

### **Parents and Guardians:**

- Parents/guardians are welcome to accompany their child.
- In some cases, a parent may be asked to remain nearby or briefly present to help the child feel secure.
- We kindly ask parents to allow the child to explore and respond independently, without prompting.

### **Location**

- The Kindergarten section is located within a dedicated area of the school campus designed to provide a safe and welcoming environment for young learners.
- Parking and entry details will be shared with you prior to your scheduled appointment.

### **Outcome of the Interaction**

- Families will be contacted within a reasonable timeframe following the interaction.

### **Please note:**

- Kindly note that admission to HIS is at the school's discretion. It is subject to the outcome of the interviews and
- the availability of seats. Having a sibling at HIS does not guarantee a seat for the child in the school.

### **A Gentle Reminder**

- At this age, every child is unique. Some may be confident and expressive, while others may need more time to adjust—and that is perfectly okay.
- Our goal is simply to ensure your child is ready to begin their learning journey in a happy, safe, and supportive environment.

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KG1  
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## Welcome

- Starting school is a special milestone in your child's life, and we understand that it can be both exciting and a little overwhelming for parents. At Hawar International School, we aim to make this first step a positive and comfortable experience for both you and your child.
- The entrance assessment is designed to help us understand your child's developmental readiness for KG1 in a supportive and child-friendly environment.

## Purpose of the Entrance Assessment

The goal of the assessment is to evaluate whether your child is ready to begin their learning journey at Hawar International School.

During the session, the teacher will gently interact with your child through simple activities and conversations to observe:

- Communication and language skills
- Social interaction and confidence
- Basic cognitive understanding appropriate for their age
- Gross and fine motor skills

Please note that this is **not an academic test**. Your child is not expected to read, write, or demonstrate formal academic knowledge.

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KG2  
Expected Topics / Skills



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## Welcome

Dear Parents,

- As part of our admissions process at Hawar International School, students applying for KG2 will participate in a gentle and age-appropriate assessment.
- The purpose of this assessment is to understand each child's current stage of development and readiness for KG2, based on key learning areas suitable for their age.
- This is not a formal exam, but rather a simple and supportive way for our teachers to observe your child's abilities.

## What We Assess

- The assessment focuses on three main areas: Arabic, English, and Mathematics, along with general developmental skills.

## Arabic Language Skills

During the assessment, your child may be asked to:

- Recognise Arabic letters and their sounds
- Identify simple words, especially those with short vowel sounds
- Match words to pictures
- Attempt to write their name in Arabic (where possible)

## English Language Skills

Your child will be encouraged to demonstrate:

- Recognition of letters and their sounds
- Early phonics awareness
- Ability to write their name in English
- Drawing a simple picture and talking about it
- Early writing attempts (such as letters, marks, or simple words)

Teachers will observe how your child expresses ideas and uses details in their drawing.

## Mathematics Skills

The assessment may include:

- Counting numbers (typically within 1-10)
- Recognising and writing numbers
- Matching numbers to quantities
- Identifying basic shapes (such as circle, square, triangle, rectangle)
- Recognising and naming colours
- Understanding simple concepts such as:
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  - Same and different

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