

مــدرسـتنــا الـثــانــويــة الإنجـلـيـزيـة، الشـارقـة OUR OWN ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL, SHARJAH A GEMS SCHOOL



POLICY ON SUSPECTED KIDNAP

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Some ways by which a child may be taken from school are:

- At the bus stop when the child gets on or gets off the bus.
- Misrepresentation by a phone call or gets off the bus.
- Relatives who have had a grudge/ divorced parents/ family servants who are not working any longer/ Business partners with grudge
- An OT child walking home on his/ her own without intimating the school/ before being picked up by the parent or guardian.

POLICY

- 1. As soon as the school receives a report that the child is missing, the Principal/ Headmistress/ Head of Section / Supervisors/ MSO are informed.
- 2. An investigation is immediately held to trace the sequence of events.
- 3. Parents are requested to come to school.
- 4. Facts from parents/ Class teachers/ Supervisors/ Security Guard/ Conductor/ Driver are noted. Pupils of the same class may also be questioned.
- 5. A verification process to ensure the reliability of the statements is undertaken and cross checking is done.
- Particular note is taken of the time of the kidnapping and description of the suspected kidnapper(s).
- 7. A detailed written report on the matter is sent from the Principal to the Senior VP of Education-GEMS.
- 8. Parents are kept calm and assured of all help and support.
- If the parent threatens to go to the Press/ Ministry/ Police or they blame the school for carelessness, the Senior VP of Education/ Marketing Manager of GEMS are informed in writing, as they may have to deal with Press queries.
- 10.Depending upon the case, a report is lodged with the local police.
- 11. Time to time, a follow up is done till the child is traced.
- 12.If there has been a slip/ error of judgement on the part of any member of the school staff in this manner, it is dealt with appropriately in writing.
- 13.All copies of any relevant correspondence are placed in the child's file.
- 14. The child, once safe, is referred to the School Counsellor for any appropriate follow up remediation that may be required, depending on the situation and emotional state of the child.