



## Building and Facilities Policy

Academic Year 2026 – 2027

### 1. Policy Statement

Belvedere British School (BBS) is committed to providing a safe, inclusive, accessible, and sustainable physical environment that supports high-quality teaching and learning. The school ensures that its facilities meet all requirements stipulated by the Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK) and other relevant Abu Dhabi authorities.

### 2. Purpose

This policy ensures that:

- All BBS buildings and facilities comply with the design and safety specifications set out in ADEK's policies and the Abu Dhabi Capital Development Code.
- BBS maintains its infrastructure through a systematic and proactive maintenance plan.
- Accessibility and inclusivity are embedded in the design and ongoing adaptation of the premises.
- External usage of facilities is governed through a controlled approval process ensuring safety and alignment with ADEK expectations.

### 3. Land Use and Expansion

- BBS operates on land officially designated for educational use by the Department of Municipalities and Transport (DMT).
- Any structural expansion, modification, or land use changes are subject to prior ADEK approval. Expansion proposals must include architectural plans, compliance justifications, impact analyses, and financial viability studies.

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### 4. Design and Construction Standards

BBS buildings and facilities are designed, constructed, and maintained to comply with:

- Abu Dhabi Capital Development Code (DMT, 2022)
- ADEK Private Schools' Design Guidelines
- Estidama Pearl 1 sustainability standards (or higher)
- Abu Dhabi International Building Code
- Applicable standards of the Civil Defence Authority, DoH, and other regulatory bodies

BBS commits to providing:

- Gender-separated toilets, changing rooms, and prayer areas
- Adequate and age-appropriate sanitary facilities (e.g., one toilet per 25 KG students, one toilet per 30 students in Grades 1–12/Years 2-13)
- Dedicated facilities for students of determination on every floor
- Fully equipped clinics, laboratories, art and music rooms aligned with curriculum requirements

## **5. Accessibility and Inclusion**

BBS ensures reasonable accommodations for students with additional learning needs, including:

- Accessible entrances, ramps, and elevators
- Classroom setups with appropriate resources and layouts
- Use of adaptive technology where required

## **6. Outdoor Spaces and Safety**

BBS provides outdoor areas that are:

- Safe, shaded, and age-appropriate
- Equipped with drinking water stations
- Free from harmful objects and vegetation
- Designed with adequate supervision and injury-prevention measures (e.g., padded structures)

## **7. Parking and Entrances**

- On-site parking is provided for staff and buses, compliant with ADEK and ITC guidelines
- Bus loading/unloading areas allow right-side access, especially for KG students
- All school entrances include lockdown features for security compliance

## **8. UAE National Symbols**

BBS proudly displays:

- Official photographs of UAE leaders
- The national flag is in front of and within the school in accordance with ADEK protocols

## **9. Fire Safety and Security**

- BBS engages Civil Defence Authority (CDA)-approved vendors to maintain all fire safety systems
- The school ensures compliance with CDA's Preventive Safety and Hassantuk certification
- Security guard stations are strategically placed without permanent sleeping facilities
- CCTV is installed and maintained per the MCC standards and ADEK Safeguarding and Digital Policies

## **10. Use of Facilities by External Parties**

- Non-classroom spaces may be used by third parties with prior ADEK approval
- Usage occurs only outside school hours and does not conflict with student needs
- BBS conducts risk assessments and post-use sanitisation procedures
- Fees are declared in compliance with ADEK's financial auditing policies

## **11. Maintenance and Inspection**

- BBS maintains a structured maintenance plan aligned with industry best practices
- The school undergoes periodic inspections from ADEK and relevant authorities
- Documentation includes safety assessments, licenses, certificates, and inspection reports posted publicly near the main entrance

## **12. Insurance**

- All buildings, assets, and facilities are insured via licensed companies in Abu Dhabi
- Coverage includes damage, structural liability, and injury compensation

## **13. Compliance**

- Full adherence to this policy is required by AY 2026/2027
- Non-compliance will be addressed in accordance with ADEK policies, the Federal Law, and other applicable UAE regulations

**Review and Approval**

**Review Date:** June 2025

**Next Review Date:** June 2027

**Approved by:**

Principal

BBS Board of Governors

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