

School Bags Policy

Introduction

Cranleigh Abu Dhabi supports ADEK recommendations regarding the weight and size of school bags.

The following chart provides guidance to families regarding maximum weight of school bag:

Year	Maximum Backpack Weight (kg)
FS2	2.2
Year 1	2.4
Year 2	2.6
Year 3	3.0
Year 4	3.4
Year 5	3.8
Year 6	4.1
Year 7	4.5
Year 8	5.0
Year 9	5.8
Year 10	6.5
Year 11	7.3

To support these recommendations, the following stipulations are in place:

- Tutors monitor their tutees and encourage the use of lockers to store materials not needed for immediate use. Pupils are advised to return to their lockers at break and lunchtime to offload equipment no longer needed and collect resources for following lessons.
- Teachers are advised to set homework that requires little to no heavy resources.
- Pupils should wear their backpacks over two shoulders
- Parents are advised to purchase ergonomic schools bags with:
 - individualised compartments to efficiently hold books and equipment
 - wide, padded, adjustable straps that fit their child's body
- All pupils from Years 2 upwards have their own locker. Younger pupils have cubby holes and trays in which to keep items.

- Heads of Year and Housemasters have access to a hanging scale in order to check the weight of school bags. Spot checks are carried out as appropriate, (one hanging at each of the school entrances).

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