

Dubai school to 'prepare' tiny tots for smart world

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Teachers engaged in a workshop at the Arcadia Preparatory School at Jumeirah Village Circle in Dubai. (Neeraj Murali)

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It's beyond doubt that new generation children are being born into the hands of technology. Gone are those days when children are being raised up in the cosy atmosphere of homes and on mothers' lap.

Here in Dubai, a school is getting ready to equip your tiny tots to meet an ever-changing technological world. Imagine, your little one will be sitting in a classroom with an I-pad and learning A to Z or reciting a poem while watching the video of the same from this Aug. 28.

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Graham Beale, founding principal at the Arcadia Preparatory, believes a child's development should be taken care of from the early days when a child learns to explore and grow.

"Our key focus is to make things very much hands on, very much experiential in terms of learning. To support this, we wanted teachers with passion, lots of enthusiasm and dynamic in their approach."

Located within Jumeirah Village, Triangle, the school will be catering the students from kindergarten (3 years) to key stage 2 (year 6) and it is going to open the doors on August 28. With technology based classrooms, the schools aims at providing a healthy learning environment for kids which breaks the traditional stereotyped education system. On asking about the number of enrolments so far, he replied: "Currently it is 60 with 20 more placements coming in, and I believe it will just grow."

Thomas Gayler, computing and physical education teacher and Lizzie, intervention group teacher said: "We are very excited and happy as there is going to be less of paper work. We have a two week induction programme for teachers training. We are getting proper training for the apps and other interesting ways of teaching."

Kephren Sherry, deputy principal at the school, was overjoyed over the fact that UAE being a cosmopolitan country they will get ample opportunity of multi-community celebrations. The school also aims at creating energy efficient and environment friendly school building.