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University of Karachi



THE NGDS PILOT PROJECT

Participating School: Beacon Light Academy, 'O' Levels, Karachi

Dear Parent, *Quote this reference in future correspondence* **NGDS-KHI-BLA-2012-_____ (fill in GR No. here)**

A team of University of Karachi headed by Professor Dr. Syed Arif Kamal has undertaken the NGDS Pilot Project to establish **“National Growth and Developmental Standards for the Pakistani Children”** [URL: <http://ngds-ku.org>; e-mail: info(at the rate of)ngds-ku.org; Paper mail: The NGDS Pilot Project, University of Karachi, Box 8406, Karachi 75270; Telephone: 9926 1300-6 ext. 2380; Best time to call: <http://www.ngds-ku.org/kamal/contact.htm#Best>] under the directives of GOVERNOR SINDH/CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF KARACHI — a goodwill and a public-service endeavor conducted for the care and the development of young persons to prepare them mentally, physically and emotionally for rewarding careers in the civil and the military services. This project has been conducted successfully since 1998 in leading schools of Karachi — over 2500 students measured and methods developed to determine detailed growth-and-obesity profiles. BLA joined this project in 2011 (details at: http://www.ngds-ku.org/ngds_folder/BLA/Gowth_Monitoring_BLA.pdf), with students of KG class measured by trained schoolteachers. In this connection, (periodic) anthropometric measurements (in particular, height and weight) of boys and girls shall be taken as per international standards. A general check up shall also be conducted to rule out factors affecting growth (heart function, anemia, scoliosis). You will receive a detailed growth-and-obesity profile of each participating student (tall OR stunted, obese OR wasted, optimum weight-for-height, final height), with specific recommendations regarding your child’s health improvement (http://www.ngds-ku.org/ngds_folder/Protocols/Growth_Profile.pdf), in particular, induction into the armed forces

All records shall remain confidential. Abnormalities detected shall be communicated to the School Health Service. The data obtained may be reported in research papers in collective form. The Project Website <http://ngds-ku.org> has photographs of procedures and reading material.

Professor Dr. Syed Arif Kamal, a graduate of the Johns Hopkins University (USA) with over 30-year experience, is author of more than 115 research papers. His work is, mainly, on modeling growth of children, the human brain, the human spinal column and the human heart. He used moiré techniques to detect, document, follow up and quantify scoliosis as well as study posture and gait of children. He implemented moiré systems at Malmö General Hospital (Sweden) and JW Riley Hospital for Children (Indianapolis, USA). He has lectured on moiré techniques at Harvard Medical School (USA) and AS-ICTP (Italy). Author of “Manual for Anthropometric Measurements http://www.ngds-ku.org/ngds_folder/M02.pdf”, he trained master anthropometrists of Tawana Pakistan (at the Aga Khan University Medical College) and students of Department of Special Education, University of Karachi.

Kindly, fill in the following, cut it out and send back the filed slip on the next working day. The upper portion is for your records, which must be brought in at all appointments (fill in GR number in the blank space given in shaded box). This form can, also, be downloaded from :

http://www.ngds-ku.org/ngds_folder/BLA/Form_BLA.pdf

Mrs. Azra Anwer Ahmed
Principal

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(Please do not write anything in the box above) Kindly, don't forget **YEAR** when entering dates of birth.

STUDENT'S NAME _____ GR Number _____ Signatures _____

Class _____ Section _____ Boy/Girl _____ Date of Birth (Day-Month-**YEAR**) _____

Birth Length (cm) _____ Birth Mass (kg) _____ Blood Group _____ Last Checkup* on _____

FATHER'S NAME _____ Date of Birth _____ Signatures _____

Father's Education _____ Father's Occupation _____

MOTHER'S NAME _____ Date of Birth _____ Signatures _____

Mother's Education _____ Mother's Occupation _____

Address _____ Pakistan National (Yes/No) _____

Telephone Number _____ Best Time to Call _____ e-mail _____

Brothers/Sisters of the Student (3-10 years): Describe any aspect related to the student's health on back of this slip

NAME & Signatures	Boy or Girl	Date of Birth	Name of School	GR No	Class & Section	Birth Length (cm)	Birth Mass (kg)	Blood Group	Last Checkup*

* Head-to-toe (complete) pediatrician exam **Please, enroll our children in the NGDS Program.**

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