



IN OMNIA PARATUS

# INDUS

INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR SCHOOL  
HYDERABAD

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*The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows - Sydney J Harris*

Dear Parents,

Warm greetings to all the old and new parents of Indus Junior School! It is my immense pleasure to welcome you all to the new academic year 2017-18. I hope you have had a wonderful summer break and the children are feeling refreshed to begin their journey of new learning.

Your child is special, rare and unique! It is a pleasure to have him/ her study at Indus. This year will definitely be a milestone in your child's life. My primary goal is that all children at the end of the year know the joy and value of learning as well as the power of being a confident communicator. New experiences and a varied exposure will make it a special year for both you and your child. I look forward to a great partnership through your continuous support and encouragement to create the best possible learning environment for your special child.

On June 12th, just a few days away, the Indus Junior School will welcome children and their families to the start of a fun, engaging, and challenging new school year. We are all very excited and are looking forward to receiving our young eagles. This is a very exciting time for us and I am sure that you and your child share the same feeling!

The modifications are almost complete and the classrooms look very invigorating and exciting and are simply awaiting the arrival of our little ones who will complete the look! The child friendly classrooms and common areas are well equipped with exciting resources for the children to engage in and enjoy.

As we begin our new year, it is worthwhile to spend some time reviewing some of our achievements that create a wonderful platform for the year to come:

1. We have established a Robotics Laboratory to engage students in hands-on learning activities providing opportunities to experiment with tools and equipment.
2. We have successfully designed a Mindfulness curriculum which was piloted last year. We would be including the revised curriculum as part of our regular curriculum this year, providing holistic education to the students.
3. The process of Design Thinking will be implemented from Grade PP2 onwards and the teachers have undergone intensive training on the same.
4. We have tied up with 'Edu-Sports' for our Physical Education (P.E) classes which will be held twice/ thrice a week depending upon the age group. Edu-Sports is one of the largest sports education company in India which offers a very exciting curriculum in physical education developing the children holistically.
5. Our modifications at school are almost complete and we are looking forward to our children engaging in more fun-filled activities this year.
6. We have laid utmost importance to the Professional Development of our teachers. Our teachers have been undergoing training since May 15th on all topics related to the PYP curriculum and early child development.
7. School Re-opening Dates- Nursery students commence their transition from the 5th of June and will attend school with parent(s) in the first week. School will reopen on 12th June for students from Reception to Grade 2.
8. The Curriculum Road Map Day (CRMD) is scheduled on June 3rd for Nursery parents and June 10th for parents from Reception – Grade 2. Kindly keep yourselves available on that day as we will be inducting you into your child's grade curriculum and expectations. The CRMD will happen grade wise.
10. The Curriculum Road Map Day timings are as follows:

**June 3rd 2017, (Saturday)**

- Nursery – 10.00 - 10:45 am (Meeting will be held in the Nursery classroom)

**June 10th 2017, (Saturday)**

- PP2 A & B-- 9:00 - 9:45 am (Meeting will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor)
- Grade 1 & Grade 2-- 10:00 - 10:45 am (Meeting will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor)
- PP1 A, B & C—11.00- 11.45 am (Meeting will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor)
- Rec A & B – 12.00- 12.45 pm (Meeting will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor)

We request all parents to kindly be seated 5 minutes prior to the scheduled time.

11. We request you to kindly submit 8 passport size photographs of your child to Ms. Deepa on the Curriculum Road Map Day (if you haven't submitted as yet or want to change the old pictures submitted during admission).

12. The Single Window for students of Grade 1 & 2 is scheduled on June 9<sup>th</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup>. Uniforms will be issued on these days.

13. The School Timings for the academic year 2017-18 are as follows:-

Grade	Arrival time	Dispersal time (Bus Route 1)	Dispersal time (Bus Route 2)	Dispersal time (Private pick-up)
Nursery	9.25 am	12.30 pm	NA	12.35 pm
Reception	9.25 am	2.40 pm	2.50 pm	2.20 pm
PP1	8.55 am	2.40 pm	2.50 pm	3.00 pm
PP2	8.55 am	2.40 pm	2.50 pm	3.00 pm
Grade 1	8.55 am	2.40 pm	2.50 pm	3.00 pm
Grade 2	8.55 am	2.40 pm	2.50 pm	3.00 pm

Please note that gates will be shut at the respective class timings. Requesting all parents to strictly adhere to the timings to avoid any inconvenience to anyone.

14. We are introducing the 'Golden Period' this year which will be held during the school hours, every Thursday from 2.05- 2.35 pm. The Golden Period is applicable to students from PP1 onwards and it will commence from July 1<sup>st</sup>.

We are planning to bring in the below mentioned activities at school and you can choose any one of the following for your child. The trainers would need a minimum number of enrollments to start the classes, so kindly let your grade teacher know your interest for the same. Please note that there will be additional fee for these activities.

- Kids Yoga

- Theater

- Karate

- Bharatnatyam

The Home Room Teacher will share the Golden Period Activity form with you on the CRMD. Kindly indicate your choices in the order of preference.

## **TEACHERS**

At Indus Junior School, teachers strive to change the world through educating each and every child in our school to become a leader in their own lives, and in the community as well.

Our team of teachers includes:

Nursery: Ms. Asiya & Ms. Nargish

Reception A: Ms. Madhu & Ms. Shruti

Reception B: Ms. Sumentha

PP1 A: Ms. Nupur & Ms. Manjusha

PP1 B: Ms. Sowjanya & Ms. Pramatha

PP1 C: Ms. Sukanya

PP2 A: Ms. Deepti & Ms. Vaishali

PP2 B: Ms. Shweta & Ms. Rashmi

Grade 1: Ms. Pearl Trutwein

Grade 2: Ms. Sahiba Chopra

Dance: Ms. Tanu

Music: Ms. Anusha

P.E: Ms. Reshma (Edu-Sports)

Spanish: Ms. Carolina

Hindi (Grade 1/ Grade 2): Ms. Rashmi

The staff has been undergoing intensive training since May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 on IB curriculum and Early Childhood Development.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**CURRICULUM ROAD MAP DAY (CRMD) – JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup> (Nursery)/ JUNE 10<sup>th</sup> (Reception-Grade 2)**

The CRM Day will be a good opportunity for the parents to interact with the teachers and share any concerns or clarify any doubts. You will also be given an insight into the academic expectations and targets your children will be working towards as well as the routines of the class.

### **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

Given the first week might be quite challenging for some of our children and parents, we will be offering a transition programme to enable a smooth transition into the school. The whole purpose behind this exercise is to ensure your child has a smooth start in the school and feels safe and secure in his new environment and to avoid any feelings of anxiety from building in the child.

Example of what to expect: Parents of the youngest children are expected to stay in or around the school to help children settle in. The children will be allowed to leave before the end of the day and we will gradually increase the time spent by the 'child' in the school and reduce the time spent by the 'parent' in the school.

### **Tips on dealing with the first day of school for first-timers:**

- Your role as a visitor in the classroom is to help your child follow the teacher's instructions and the schedule of the day (applicable for Nursery and new students from Reception).
- Please encourage/help your child to participate as much as possible.
- Although we encourage your involvement in our school, the classroom teachers and the children need to form a working bond in the first two weeks that can only fully happen after you have left your child in our care!
- When the classes have settled into their working routines, we will invite you to volunteer when you are available.

### **WHAT TO BRING TO SCHOOL**

Every child will need:

- A backpack for snack box and a water bottle (and Lunch if not opting from school).
- A complete change of clothes labeled with child's name, in a plastic bag to be kept in his/her backpack.
- Easy to wear shoes/ slip-ons.

Reception (ages 3-4) children will need:

- -a small pillow and a sheet in a bag for rest time. We can store this for you in the school and send it back to you at the end of the month to have washed. But please ensure you label the items with your child's name and class.

Nursery (ages 2-3) children will need:

- Nursery children may need diapers and wipes in case they aren't fully toilet trained. I would recommend all Nursery parents start toilet training their children if they aren't toilet trained already.

## Food

At IJS, we provide Lunch which is optional. The lunch for children will be catered by Fusion 9 Catering Service. Their quality of food and hygiene is of a very superior quality. On the CRM day, you will be requested to inform us on the food preference for your child- either Vegetarian or Non-Vegetarian. You also need to let the Grade teacher know about if your child has any food allergy. In the event you decide to change your mind on the preference of food, please bear in mind you need to give us at least a months' notice as we would need prior notice to inform our caterers.

All of us at the IJS are eagerly looking forward to welcoming our young ones and establishing a stronger partnership with the parents.

Please feel free to contact me with any queries or clarifications on the contact number below.

Warm Regards,

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