



Bangalore International School
A Caring, Connected Community



Welcome to the Middle School

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Welcome to the Middle School at Bangalore International School! This booklet is designed to help you start the year with a clear picture of what the school day will be like for your child.

All communication that you receive from school, henceforth, will refer to the Middle Section as 'MS'. The MS comprises Grade 6 to Grade 8 with two sections each. The Grade 6 sections are Birch and Oak, Grade 7 are Cypress and Magnolia and Grade 8 are Ebony and Pine.

Class Teachers

The class teacher's role in the Middle School Section is two-fold; pastoral and academic. Her/his pastoral responsibilities include taking care of the child's wellbeing, safety, health, and behaviour. Although largely based on the Cambridge International Middle School Programme, the MS curriculum has been developed by our own teachers to include components of MYP. It draws upon our rich local culture while keeping in mind the academic expectations of the Middle and High School. This provides a strong platform for students to move from the Checkpoint syllabus in the Middle School to the IGCSE, AS and A Level examinations as well as the IB in High School.

Subjects

In addition to Mathematics, English, History, Geography and Science, the children also have 2D Art, 3D Art, Food and Nutrition, Theatre, Music, Dance, Computers, Library and PE.

Transport and Timings

The school day for the Middle School is from 7:40 am– 3.15 pm every day except Tuesday. School bus facility is available for all the kids who require it but it is not compulsory. Please get in touch with the Transport Coordinator, Mr Shameer in case of any query related to transport. Transport related emails should be sent to transport@bischool.in

Assembly

We have assembly thrice a week with the whole school, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Assemblies are theme based and student led, giving the students an opportunity to show case their talent and hone their leadership skills. On Mondays, the school song is sung while on Fridays, the national anthem is sung.

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What amazes me about BIS is the sense of comfort and belonging.
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Drop off and Pick up

We request all parents who bring their children to school to cooperate with us by dropping their children off at the gate and, similarly, picking them up from the gate. Please ensure that your child comes to school on time and you pick him/her up on time. If there is any change in the pick-arrangement (not on the bus, different person picking them up, etc), please let the Transport department know a day before via email.

Snack and Lunch

Children have breakfast between 09:50 am to 10:10 am which usually consists of a 'hot' component, such as idlis, dosas, vadas, parathas, puris etc, along with cornflakes and milk, and a fruit.

Lunch break is from 12:55 pm- 1:50 pm. There is always a combination of Indian and continental food. While the majority of the food is vegetarian, each day there is also either a fish or a chicken option. The meat is halal. Menus are sent home each week, along with the school newsletter. Please monitor the menus and do keep the school informed of any allergies.



Personal Belongings

Please label all your children's belongings clearly, with the first name and last initial. This goes especially for bags, bottles, jackets and shoes. If you notice that your child has carried home anything from school, including books, stationery, or educational equipment, please do send it back to school!

“ Our classroom is not just a place of learning.
It is a hub of discussion, collaboration and fun. ”

PTMs and Report Cards

Although teachers stay in touch with you via email or over the phone, we begin the year with a Parent Teacher Conference (PTC), and we have four scheduled review meetings a year, once in November and then again in March. These are known as the Parent Teacher Meetings (PTM) and give you a chance to meet all your child's teachers, and to discuss their progress in all subjects. We also send out Report Cards at the end of each semester to help you track your child's learning.

Clothes

Wearing the school uniform, which is the white t-shirt and shorts/track pants with white socks, is compulsory. The children have a house uniform as well, which is a coloured t-shirt along with shorts or track pants. Please note the following rules:

1. Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri -school uniform
2. Wednesday – house uniform
3. Field Trips – school uniform
4. Sports Day – house uniform

The school shoes must also be purchased and worn every day. Please label everything clearly!

Food

We appreciate your cooperation in sending bottles that close properly. Please do not send food for them to eat in school.

Birthdays

You can send us an email if you would like to celebrate your child's birthday in school, at least two days in advance. Please send only cake and juice. Mini cupcakes with minimal icing are preferable. Please do not bring any other food or gifts for the children. If you would like, you are most welcome to donate a book to the library for your child's birthday. Please send or drop off your child's birthday cake to school at 12:30 pm.

Newsletters

Each week, you will receive a weekly bulletin from the school. This contains school-wide information for the week ahead, with regard to timings, activities planned, important announcements, etc. Please pay specific attention to the acronyms MS (Elementary School) and AS (All School).

Calendar and Handbook

The school calendar has all the events and holidays listed in it. Please refer to the calendar while planning holidays and please let us know well in advance in the case of extended periods of absence. The handbook contains the BIS vision, mission, school policies, rules and regulations. Please take the time to go through it carefully.

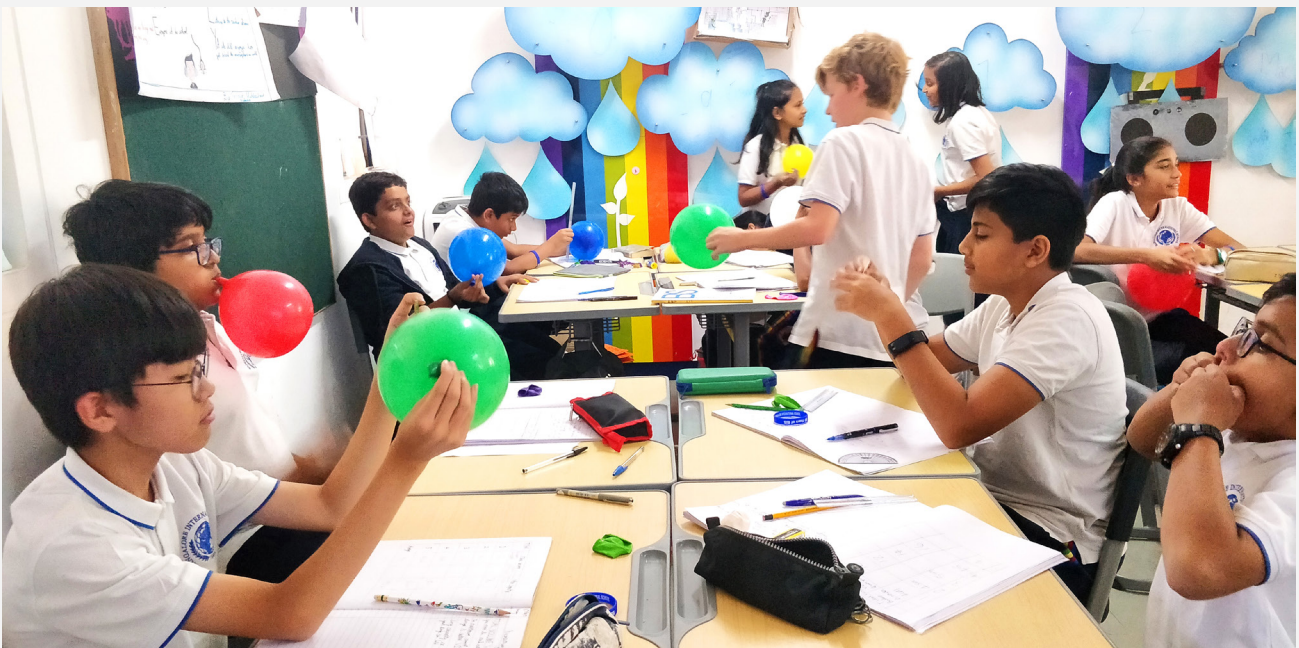
Nurse and Medication

Our school nurse is stationed on campus at all times. We also have a visiting doctor, who remains on call. If your child needs to be administered medication during school hours, please let us know via email. The nurse will be the person in charge of administering the medicine. Please regularly check your child's hair for lice and nits and ensure that if they have a problem, it is being addressed promptly.

Bus Rules

The bus rules will be shared with you via email. Please try to review these with your children often to ensure that their journey on the bus each day is without incident. Any issues with the bus routes and pick-up/drop timings can be raised with the Transport Coordinator. The school uses an app for its transport management system, which allows you to see where the bus is at any point in time. You will also have access to the driver and the attender's numbers.

We look forward to sharing this wonderful journey with you and we are excited about making it as enjoyable, memorable and fruitful as possible.



“ Every student has a voice and choice ”



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