

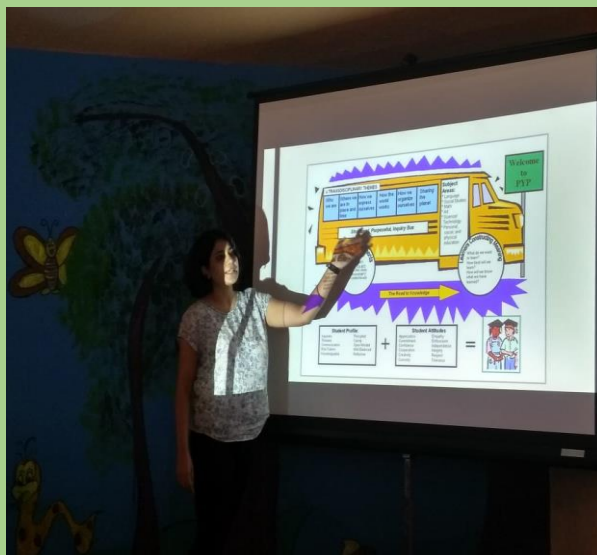


## JULY 2018 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent(s),

At Indus, our vision is to create global citizens and the leaders of tomorrow through the traditional values of love, empathy, discipline and respect - 21st century citizens who think globally and act locally. Our endeavor and mission is to create thoughtful leaders through holistic education and lifelong learning.

Teacher professional development plays a vital role where teachers strive to unlock their own potential and thereby being able to unlock the potential of a child. After all our whole purpose lies in teaching the child and not the subject alone!





### **CURRICULUM ROAD MAP DAY**

**Thursday 02 August 2018**

Indus Early Learning Centre, as part of its educative journey, embraces a unique curriculum that is both inquiry-based and concept-driven. This simply means that we encourage the children to learn through asking questions, researching answers and solutions, and that all teaching and learning is centered on themes that are relevant to their lives.

The IB inspired curriculum, on which our IELC curriculum is based, explores six fundamental questions through the Units of Inquiry. These concept-based questions are a powerful vehicle for promoting meaning and understanding of self, the world, and others. This is a presentation by your child's teachers, which offers an overview of the year's curriculum, as well as the classroom schedule and routines. Topics will include communication procedures and preferences, parent involvement in the program, curriculum overview, assessments, and essential school policies. If you have more than one child at IELC, please plan for both parents to attend so that one of you may be present for each classroom presentation.



## SCHOOL TIMINGS

GRADE	2 WEEKS SETTLE TIMINGS	REGULAR SCHOOL TIME
PRE NURSERY	9:00 – 10:30	9:00 – 11:30
NURSERY	9:10 – 10:30	9:00 – 12:30 9:00 – 2: 30
		Option to be decided at the time of joining.
RECEPTION		9:00 – 2: 30
PREP 1		9:00 – 2: 30
PREP 2		9:00 – 2: 30

IELC Koramangala opens for students on the 6th August 2018, Monday. **Arrival:** On the first day of school, you may wish to accompany your child to class. Once your child is accustomed to school, you can drop him / her off at the gate, where teachers and nannies will be present to accompany your child to class. **Dispersal time:** Pre nursery and Nursery parents may come into school and collect their children from the Nursery classroom. New children's parents may do the same. Grades Reception to Prep Two students will be

accompanied to the gate by their respective class teachers and nannies to be handed over to a registered guardian.

Please note that as of now the bus routes are mapped and are full capacity. On first day of school parents are requested to drop and pick up their children. This will give them an opportunity to spend time in school and interact directly with the class teachers. The complete transportation date and details will be shared soon by our AAO Ms Tooba.

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE IELC KORAMANGALA TEAM**

**Head of Centre : Ms Sonali Malhotra**

**Admissions and Administration Officer : Ms Tooba Hussain**

### **Grade Teachers**

PRE-NURSERY	Ms Surabhi Bhavishi
NURSERY	Ms Archana Arul
RECEPTION	Ms Wendy Rodrigues & Ms Nidhi Das
PREP ONE A	Ms Meera Vishal
PREP ONE B	Ms Pinky Punjabi
PREP TWO A	Ms Aishwaria Attavar
PREP TWO B	Ms Seema Goyal

### **Specialists**

Music & Keyboards	Ms Priya Padmini
Spanish	Ms Nancy Valeria
Hindi	Ms Nidhi ( Reception ) Ms Pinky ( Prep 1 ) Ms Seema ( Prep 2 )
Physical Education & Dance	Ms Komal Naik
Special Education	Ms Vani Amrit

## School Policies and Information

### Weather policy

- To protect the health and safety of both staff and students during inclement weather every effort is to be made to encourage sensible behavior and protection from the elements heat, cold and rain.
- In extreme weather conditions every effort is made to accommodate students in the most comfortable learning environment. All school staff make every possible effort to ensure the health and safety of all students and staff.

### Food and Water:

- Students will have two food breaks during the course of their day. The mid-morning snack has to be brought from home and we strongly recommend healthy nutritious options. The late afternoon snack is provided at school and is usually fruit or sandwiches. Lunch will be provided and a menu of the same will be shared with you.
- Our caterer will provide hot lunch where you have an option of choosing between a veg/non veg selection. If for some reason you would prefer to send food along with your child, you may do so, but please may we request you to kindly inform us in advance so that we can then inform our caterer and avoid any wastage of food from happening.
- Please do send a labelled bottle of water to school with your child every day in his/her backpack and we will refill the same during the course of the day. Safe drinking water is available in dispensers and we advise children to bring their own bottles to refill. If your child has any specific nutritional requirement or allergies, please do notify the grade teacher immediately.

### Information and Communication:

- Every grade teacher sends out a monthly newsletter giving you information on the unit of inquiry/theme and of any specific grade-level activities and trips. In addition to this, the teachers also send a monthly calendar which will keep you abreast of the happenings on a daily basis. A monthly newsletter also goes out from the Head of Centre with updates of the bigger picture and school activities.
- A diary will be provided soon. The student diary is your first point of contact with the teacher and it needs to be checked and signed by the parent every day. Please be sure to fill in the details at the front of the diary (and keep them updated) so we can contact you if required. The grade teacher will also list her phone number or school number so you can contact her but we request you to call only if required and at an appropriate time. All teachers have official school email ids and you can communicate with them directly for any clarifications or queries.

### Leaving School Early:

If for some specific reason you need to pick up your child early from school you will be required to fill out an "Exit Slip" which needs to be signed by the Head of Centre. These forms are available with the grade teachers. Students will not be permitted to leave the school premises without this form.

**Birthday Celebrations:**

If you wish to celebrate your child's birthday at school, you may coordinate with the class teacher. Our policy is to allow parents to come to the class on the child's birthday for cake cutting with the class. Please remember our school is a "Nut-free zone". Kindly coordinate the same with your class teacher. Return gifts are not permitted.

**Field Trips:**

Field trips will help children further understand what we are inquiring about. It is the experiential aspect of the theoretical things we learn. Field trips will be organized by the school and are related to the unit of inquiry/theme. Parents will be notified in advance and will be required to sign a consent form permitting your child to attend. Parents are welcome to join us as volunteers.

**Parent Teacher Meets:**

In the first term we have a parent teacher meeting and second term we will conduct a 3 Way Conference (Parent Teacher Meetings), and the last term will have a Student Led Conference. Should you wish to meet with your child's class teacher at any other time, please do send a note through the student diary to fix an appointment at a mutually convenient time.

These sessions will give the parents and teacher's an opportunity to see the work their children have done and receive a one-on-one report on the progress they have made and discuss strategies to support them further.

**Student Led Conferences:**

There will be a Student Led Conference at the end of the year where the students will take their parents through their portfolio's and all the work they have done over the year and explain each piece of work, activity, the reasons behind doing it and their learning from it.

**Save the date:**

August 2018		
DATE	DAY	EVENT
2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Thursday	CRMD (curriculum road map day)
6 <sup>th</sup> August	Monday	School reopens for all students
14 <sup>th</sup> August	Tuesday	Independence Day (celebration at IELC K)
15 <sup>th</sup> August	Wednesday	Independence Day Holiday
20 <sup>th</sup> August	Monday	Personal safety – fire drill
21 <sup>st</sup> August	Tuesday	Personal safety – fire drill
22 <sup>nd</sup> August	Wednesday	Bakrid/Eid holiday

27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> August	Monday	Keeping Safe (IELC K)
27-31 <sup>st</sup> August	Monday to Friday	Goal setting week

We consistently strive towards excellence. Your valuable feedback and creative ideas will always help us along this journey!



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Warm regards,

**Sonali Malhotra**

*"We keep moving forward, opening new doors and doing new things, because we're curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths."*

Walt Disney

