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*"It's how teachers think that makes the biggest difference, not what they do or who they are."*–

*John Hattie*

Dear Parents,

The long awaited start of the first academic year at is finally here! I am delighted to welcome our families to Indus Early Learning Centre, Koramangala and look forward to an exciting and successful year ahead. The year will be filled with many 'firsts' for our school and we will work toward a strong parent- school partnership to help make this year memorable.

School reopened on the 24<sup>th</sup> July with all staff preparing for the start of the year and welcoming on board new teachers. Professional development has led all teachers through various modules to help them understand the Indus vision, IB or the International Baccalaureate curriculum and how our school curriculum effectively balances academics with co- curricular activities. As our team slowly grows, I hold high standards for myself, teachers and pupils and will do all in my power to help achieve the same.

### **Professional Development for our team**

Beyond the essential induction for all new teachers, the pedagogical aspects our team pursued in order to deepen understanding and sync our practice to the Indus philosophy are,

- Jolly Phonics led by Ms Sasha Kwan
- Differentiation for students with special needs led by Mr Brennan Gage
- Inquiry as a curriculum led by Ms Kathy Short
- First Aid led by The Indian Red Cross (Support Staff)

Teacher Talk on Special Needs Education

## STAFF ALLOCATIONS 2015- 2016

### Class Teachers

Nursery- Ms Sonali (Lead Teacher)

Reception- Ms Nandita (Lead Teacher)

Nursery & Reception- Wendy (Float Teacher)

Prep One- Ms Mita (Lead Teacher)

P.E - Mr Valentine

SEN- Ms Mini

Spanish- Ms Marta

### Support Staff

#### Allocation- Class Nanny:

Nursery- Ms Harini

Reception- Ms Lata

Prep One- Ms Pavitra

Nursery & Reception- Ms Manju

## Parent- School Partnership

Indus recognizes the important contributions parents make toward a child's success in school. There is no question about it - success at school begins at home. Parents are an important variable in a child's schooling. Parents model both a silent and spoken language in front of their children every day.

One of the most important components of a good school is the partnership between the school and parents who work together for the best interest of children. The close partnership between home and school is one of the exceptional strengths we aim to develop over this year at IELC Koramangala. Throughout the year parents will have the opportunity to develop that partnership in a wide variety of ways. Parents can volunteer in field trips, in reading to children and the guided reading programme, art and craft activities and events like Children's Day celebration. It is important to your child that you are involved in school in some way and is a way of letting him or her know that their school is valued.

## Parent Orientation/ Curriculum Road Map Day 2015-2016

On Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> August 2015, 9.30 am the Curriculum Road Map day will be held at school. It is an only parents' event and will provide the opportunity for parents to interact with the staff and faculty at IELC K.

School policies, curriculum, school routine and procedures will be presented to parents by the Head of Centre and the individual class teachers. Please note that you will receive a detailed email regarding this meet

## SAVE THE DATES!

7 August 2015, Friday- Curriculum Road Map Day, IELC K

This is a time to meet your child's class teacher and will be a useful orientation into school routines, procedures and expectations that are class specific

10 August 2015, Monday- School Reopens

4 September 2015, Friday- Teachers' Day Celebration

with all pertinent documents, by the end of July 2015. I request you to acknowledge and sign the required forms, to be submitted to the school office on 7<sup>th</sup> August. We look forward to meeting with our parent community on the day!

## WHAT'S NEW AT IELC K

Freshly laid grass garden outdoors  
New P.E equipment  
Keyboards for pupils  
Shankar Mahadevan Academy- Music  
and vocals classes for all pupils



Your interaction and feedback is crucial to the school's development and success. I am available to speak with you every day from 8.30 am to 9.30 am and 2.45 pm to 3.30 pm. Please get in touch with me at 080- 69001311 or drop me an email if you have any queries or concerns.

Warm Regards,  
Amrita Jaisingh