



Message from Head of Centre

June 2018

*"What the best and wisest parent wants for his own child, that must be what the community wants for all its children"- John Dewey*

Dear Parent,

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year! I hope you enjoyed the summer vacation filled with fun and exciting memories with your loved ones. We are delighted to welcome all of you back to a new school year of learning and growing.

For those who have joined us this year, on behalf of Indus Junior School, I would like to extend a warm welcome to you.

Personally, I am grateful and elated to continue this journey with you as the head of centre. Over the past year, I have had a chance to meet many of you and your children, and look forward to continue building a strong relationship with all of you in the upcoming year. As we enter this new school year, I want to introduce the teachers, which will be done through an e mail shortly. Further you will also receive a personal letter of introduction from your child's teacher.

We believe that every person in this building should always be growing and learning. Despite obstacles that may arise, we must always believe in our ability to rise above challenges and come out stronger on the other end.

Firstly, I want to personally invite you to attend our **CRM day (curriculum road map) on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June**. This will be a time of orientation into the PYP curriculum, getting to meet your child's teachers and to take a tour of the classroom and learn about the upcoming school year. Our school goal is to see all of you at this event. I hope to see all of you on 9<sup>th</sup> of June.

Secondly, I would like to apprise you of the changes/initiatives for the next year

#### School timings-

Nursery – 9.30am to 12.30pm (students to report by 9.15am)

Reception – 9.30am to 2.15pm (students to report by 9.15am)

PP1- 9am to 2.30pm (students report by 8.40am)

PP2- 9am to 2.45pm (students report by 8.40am)

Grade 1 & 2- 9am to 3pm (students report by 8.40am)

After school activities- We have done away with the 'Golden period' as in last year, it was an option given to the students and not many took up this option. In order to bring about balance in the academic time, we have transitioned into after school activities with the same option being provided to students to choose between Zumba/yoga & Gymnastics, which will be conducted after school hours. We will soon share the details with you.

Creative Arts Day- Learning about and through arts is fundamental to the development of the whole child, promoting creativity, critical thinking, problem solving skills and social interactions. The 'Creative Arts Day' is a forum for all the students wherein each one will be given an opportunity to exhibit their learning of the 'Arts' (music, dance, drama & visual art) which is integral to the Primary years program.

STEAM & Design technology-We have devoted two classes per week for STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) unlike the robotics last year.

We have tied up with 'Technic Education', an institute that provides learning opportunities through the use of tools and resources. The lessons are constructed specially to co relate and integrate design technology with the curriculum.

Language option – We will be providing an option between Spanish and Hindi for all the students from Reception to grade 2. You may choose the language for your child and confirm with your child's teacher on the 9<sup>th</sup> while you attend the CRM day. The classes will be conducted accordingly for the year 2018-19, and no change will be accepted during the course of the year.

Special Education Needs (SEN)- At Indus, we plan every child's learning requirements, including those with Special Education Needs. The focus is on eliminating barriers for children which prevent them from achieving their normal milestones. We have appointed a specialist who will employ effective strategies to meet these needs in order to support the child.

End of unit celebrations – As we are aware that 'inquiry' is the pedagogical approach of the PYP (Primary Years Program). Every unit/topic is taught for a period of six to eight weeks through the 'inquiry cycle' at each grade level. These celebrations will be conducted after completion of every unit and you are requested to be a part of it to witness your child's learning of the entire unit of inquiry.

On the same note, I would like to request all the parents to come forward with their involvement and participation in all the school activities that will help to improve the school, strengthen families and increase student achievement and success throughout the year.

The school calendar, school policies and timings for the CRM day will be sent to you.

Looking forward to a wonderful school year!

As always, please feel free to reach out with questions or concerns.

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Important dates

9<sup>th</sup> June – CRM day

11<sup>th</sup> June – School reopens for all students

16<sup>th</sup> June – Eid-UI-Fitr Holiday

29<sup>th</sup> June – Fire safety drill

Sincerely,

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