



Welcome by the Founder Dr. Ferdiye Ersoy

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Welcome to the International French School by CQuals!

You can find information and documentation on the school organization, as well as information on educational or extra-curricular events.

The school provides education for preschool children aged 2.5/3 to 6 years, in addition to Primary Years 1 and 2, for the 2026–2027 academic year.

IFS is an international institution that is based on the national curriculum in the TRNC as well as the French educational system in parallel with native English language programme. The education provided is based on values of: humanity, spiritual growth, equal opportunities, promotion of critical thinking, mutual understanding, diversity and the ability to live together. We are a member of the Cambridge International Schools network and pride ourselves as the only accredited French speaking preschool by the *Institut Français de Chypre* in Northern Cyprus, and the only school providing three languages at the native level on the island of Cyprus.

Plurilingualism is an important dimension of the school that includes a pathway whereby our students are learning French and English as well as Turkish.

The school and the Board will make every effort to enable IFS to remain an institution of excellence in Cyprus.



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Why International French School (IFS)?

- The first of its kind on the island of Cyprus, offering a truly unique educational experience.
- Highly qualified native French and English-speaking teachers who support children in developing accurate pronunciation and strong spoken language skills, enhancing cultural awareness, and supporting continued language development throughout their education.
- A dedicated and experienced team of educators led by Dr. Ferdiye Ersoy.
- An exclusive boutique setting that ensures a personalised learning environment.
- A carefully curated art and culture programme designed to prepare children to become fully multilingual.

The International French School – PRIM

IFS is a French and English immersion boutique primary school located in Bellapais, Ozanköy. We strive to create a warm and caring learning community where relationships are built on mutual respect, enabling our young learners to feel valued, happy, and confident in their ability to succeed.

Our school recognises and celebrates the diversity of each child's abilities. Alongside reasoning and intellectual development, we nurture observation skills, curiosity and experimentation, sensitivity, motor development, and creative imagination.

The early years — including preschool and Years 1 and 2 of primary — represent a vital stage in a child's development, laying the foundation for all future learning.

Objectives

Children gain these foundation experiences at IFS through playing and exploring, while being guided on their learning journey by experienced teachers. In the first two years of the IFS PRIM, the pupils focus on mastering three languages: English, French as well as Turkish, and fundamental elements of mathematics to acquire core knowledge. The curriculum includes subjects to explore the world, visual arts, and music education as well as physical education and civics. Through the primary school curriculum, our children learn skills, acquire new knowledge, and demonstrate their understanding through the following areas of learning and development.

These areas of learning and development can be specified as:

- languages and communication
- fundamental elements of mathematics
- literacy
- exploring the world
- personal, social, and emotional development
- visual arts
- physical development
- music education



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We divide the primary school into two learning stages over a period of 5 years:

Prim Years 1,2,3 (from 6 to 9 years) is the fundamental learning phase in reading, writing, oral language, and mathematics.

Prim Years 4, 5 (from 9 to 11 years) In these two years the pupils consolidate their knowledge in these areas and are introduced to science and technology, history and geography, art history and sports.

A Primary pupil at the IFS will learn to:



- Acquire the tools to be autonomous.
- Engage in educational projects.
- Collaborate in an intercultural environment.
- Develop skills for living together.
- Communicate in several languages around a common project (language path).

We follow the Cambridge International Primary Programme for the English curriculum and use Delf Prim as well as the Emile methods for the French language programme.

From early on, Turkish Language lessons form part of the primary school curriculum as required by the Ministry of education in TRNC. Students are encouraged to become plurilingual learners from the very beginning of their educational journey with us.

Other subjects including Computing, History, Science, Geography, Physical Education, Art, Drama, Music and PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) are taught using the skills-based UK National Curriculum objectives and are delivered through Creative Topic work.

These Creative Topics change every half-term, and they are designed to enthuse and excite the children while learning.

For each Topic, we organise special events and trips that make them 'come to life' for the children. We follow the TRNC adapted academic calendar in order to allow our parents to arrange their holidays accordingly.

Primary first- and second-year classes are available for the full academic year, 2026-2027 with the following weekly schedules.





Primary school Admission:

1. Call to book an appointment with the School Coordinator.
2. Register by filling out the application form.
3. After your information session, please contact the school to arrange a visit for your child.
4. This will be in the form of an interview and an assessment.
5. Acceptance and complete payment
6. Start of school term.





INTERNATIONAL FRENCH SCHOOL RULES

Presentation

IFS welcomes pupils of all nationalities and provides full education to children from 2.5 to 7 years old. The school works in accordance with the French and UK syllabi as defined by the French and the British Education systems well as with the expectations of the Ministry of Education of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

The school rules define the school functioning regulations as well as the rights and duties of each member of the school community.

The school rules rely on values and principles which are entitled to be respected by all: **neutrality and secularism, diligence, hard work and punctuality, tolerance and respect of other people's beliefs, equal opportunities and treatment for all and protection against and no use of any kind of violence – psychological, physical or moral.**

Mutual respect between adults and pupils and amongst pupils is the fundamentals of life in a community.

When enrolling at the IFS, you must comply with its rules.

Part 1: SCHEDULES AND SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

1.1. – Schedule

The preschool functions from 8:00 am to 15:30 pm from Monday to Friday.

The after-school clubs “**ActiviKids**” are available at an extra cost for primary school pupils from 15.30 to 16.30 in the afternoon.



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1.1.1. – Admissions

All pupils are under supervision from 8:00 am.

1.1.1.1. – Primary school (Years 1 and 2)

The school starts at 8:00 and finish at 15.30. Parents are required to leave the school entrance in order not to disturb the class schedule.

Parents are expected to be on time in the morning and respect the schedule for the good functioning of the pedagogy implemented.

1.1.2. – Exit

1.1.2.1. – Primary school

A legal representative or specifically designated person should be present at the school gate for the exit of the children at the end of the school day between 15.00 and 15:15 unless, at the family's request, they are taken in charge.

1.1.3. – Break Times

Various supervised breaks during the day

Morning break	9.20 am – 9.40 am
Morning break:	11.00 am – 11.10 am
Lunch break:	12.30 pm – 1.00 pm
Afternoon break:	2.20 pm – 2.30 pm
Home time:	3.20 pm – 3.30 pm

For lunch a varied menu is provided by the school and is sent to parents at the beginning of each month. Our school has a **no added sugar policy** in order to promote healthy living amongst children. Our **food is cooked daily with fresh** ingredients. Early years are a crucial time to intervene to reduce health inequalities. Good nutrition is important for children to ensure that they get the right amount of **energy (calories) and nutrients** needed while they are growing rapidly. This **balance also promotes their educational capacity**.





1.2. – School Attendance

Diligence is essential for the children's educational success.

The school calendar is disclosed at the beginning of the academic year and shall be strictly respected. Pupils can only be excused from PE with a medical certificate.

1.3. – Absences – Lateness

Any absences should be notified to the school's secretary **by electronic mail** or through **Class Dojo** application as soon as possible. A note will be transmitted to the teachers concerned.

Diligence is important; lateness is tolerated only on an exceptional basis. In case of regular lateness, a letter from the Head of School will be sent to the parents to remind them about the schedule.

Part 2: HYGIENE AND SAFETY

2.1. – Hygiene

2.1.1. – Body Hygiene

Pupils are expected to have a good body hygiene and to come to school with clean clothes/uniform.

2.1.2. – Vaccination

Parents should make sure that their child(ren)'s vaccination card is up to date.

2.1.3. – Contagious illnesses

Pupils with a contagious illness must stay at home. Parents should provide a medical certificate stating the illness and the expected return date. The school should be notified as soon as possible.



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2.1.1. – Head Lice

Any children detected with lice will be sent home immediately. Parents should check their children's head regularly and notify the school in case of infestation. Only the parents are allowed to apply treatments.

2.1.2. – Emergency situations

In case of an accident or a medical emergency, the family will be immediately notified by the secretary. The child will receive first aid and will be transported to the general hospital unless stated otherwise by the parents in the personal information document completed on the day of registration. The parents are responsible for their child(ren)'s insurance document completed on the day of registration.

2.1.3. – Prescription drugs

No prescription drugs will be administrated to the children unless stated on a specific document signed by a doctor.

2.2. Safety

Safety within the premises is incumbent upon the members of the educational community.

2.2.1. – Safety drills

One safety drill is organized each term.

2.3. – Jewellery, dangerous items, and games

Wearing jewellery (earrings, bracelets, necklaces, crowns...), bringing dangerous items (cutters, knives, etc.) are forbidden at school, and engaging in unsafe or dangerous games is not allowed, as the safety and well-being of all children is our highest priority.



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Part 3: SCHOOL LIFE

3.1. – Discipline

Only members of the educational community are granted access to the premises (pupils, teachers, and administrative staff). No parents or other adults are permitted to enter the school gates. Children will be collected from and brought to the gates at the beginning and end of the school day to ensure the safeguarding of all students.

Personal discipline creates the best conditions for success: **politeness, respect of others, cleanliness of the premises and respect of the equipment** are essential. Pupils should use the appropriate bins to sort their waste.

In case of voluntary degradation of the equipment or premises, the financial responsibility will be borne by the parents.

Any discriminating behaviour or words are subject to sanctions.

3.2. – Mobile Phones

The use of mobile phones is strictly forbidden within the premises unless communication with parents is required or evidence of learning is being recorded.

3.3. – Valuable objects

In order to avoid any problems, valuable objects (jewellery, videogames, mp3 players, tablets, phones, smart watches) as well as large sums of money should not be brought to school.

The school cannot be held responsible for any exchange, damage, loss or theft of the children's personal belongings.





Part 4: PARENT – TEACHER MEETINGS

4.1. – Information

Communication is essential for the great functioning of the school and for each child's follow-up.

4.1.1. – Parent-teacher meetings

Good dialogue between parents and teachers is essential; appointments can be arranged at a convenient time for both parties upon request. An information session is organized at the beginning of the academic year in September and parents' meetings will be scheduled twice a year (*at the end of December and June*) to discuss progression.

4.1.2. – Reports

Reports are delivered twice a year at the IFS at the end of January and June.

4.1.3. – Online Communication

Online communication via **Class Dojo application or electronic mail** are decisive communication tools for both parents and teachers.

4.2. – Personal data

Parents must notify the school in case of change of address, phone number or e-mail contact.

Part 5: FINAL PROVISIONS

The parents are responsible for the health and safety insurance for their child (ren).

The school rules are implemented from the beginning of the academic year. An electronic copy is distributed to each pupil and staff and is available online on the school website.

Enrolment at the school means understanding and respect of the school rules and regulations.



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2025-26 School Materials/Fournitures Scolaires/Okul Malzemeleri

For Primary Years 1 and 2

1. Shoes for indoors
İç mekan için ayakkabı/terlik
2. Water bottle
Su termosu
3. Pencil case with crayons, pencils, rubber, felt pens
Kalem cüzdanı ve kalem, silgi, felt boya, boya kalemi
4. Tissue packet and wet wipes each term
Her dönem ıslak mendil ve normal kağıt mendil
5. A 4 white paper and colored paper every term
Her dönem A4 beyaz ve renkli kağıt
6. 1 school bag
1 okul çantası
7. 6 A4 notebooks, 2 maths exercise books, 1 art book
6 tane A4 büyüklüğünde defter, 2 tane matematik defteri, 1 tane resim defteri

Please make sure every item is named.

Tüm okul malzemelerin üzerinde çocuğunuzun açık ismi yazmalıdır



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FRENCH



SCHOOL

SEPTEMBRE 2026

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OCTOBRE 2026

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NOVEMBRE 2026

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JANVIER 2027

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FEVRIER 2027

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MARS 2027

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AVRIL 2027

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MAI 2027

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JUIN 2027

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JUILLET 2027

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**ANNEE ACADEMIQUE
ACADEMIC YEAR
2026-2027**

Autumn Term:

Autumn Term Starts: Half Day
Full Day

Half Term:

Republic Day TR
Republic Day TRNC
Parents Meetings
Winter Break

7 – 11 September 2026 *half days*
14 September 2026
26 October – 2 November 2026
29 October
15 November 2026
18 – 19 December 2026
2 December 2026 – 1 January 2027

Spring Term:

Term Starts:
Report Day:
Half Term:
Ramazan Bayram
Mid-Term Break

6 January 2027
5 February 2027
8 – 12 February 2027
8 – 11 March 2027
5 – 9 April 2027

Summer Term

Children's Day
Kurban Bayram
Youth and Sports Day:

23 April 2027
17 – 18 May 2026
19 May 2025

Fête de la Musique
Parent meetings/ Reports

18 June 2026
21 – 25 June 2026

Summer School:

Monday 28 June 2027 – Friday 23 July 2027



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