



Welcome by the Founder

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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 accommodates students from the age of 2.5 years (Toute Petite Section TPS) up to 6 years (Petite Section **PS**, Moyenne Section **MS** and Grande Section **GS**) in the Academic Year 2026-2027 as well as Primary Level students.

IFS is an international institution that is based on the national curriculum in the TRNC in parallel with native English and French language programmes. The education provided is based on values of humanity, spiritual growth, equal opportunities, promotion of critical thinking, mutual understanding, diversity, multilingualism 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 school 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.

Multilingualism 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 personnel 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)?

- First ever of its kind and unique on the island of Cyprus.
- Highly qualified native speakers of French and English teachers to help children to acquire sounds and spoken language which will be beneficial for their cultural awareness and use of native language as they continue their education.
- Unique team of educators led by Dr. Ferdiye Ersoy.
- Boutique format that is unique.
- Eco-friendly school approach that keeps the children in touch with nature and its preservation allowing them to explore science at an early age.
- Art and culture curated program that prepares children to become fully multilingual.

The International French School

IFS is a French and English immersion boutique pre-school and primary school with its' location in, Bellapais, Kyrenia. Our nature, culture and arts-curated program prepares children to become fully multilingual (Turkish, French and English) and multicultural.

An Early Immersion into Languages & Culture

At IFS, the school day is conducted in French, English and Turkish by native speaking educators, activating children's receptive and expressive language skills - understanding and communicating in all three languages.

The curriculum is structured sequentially, going from sounds to words to phrases, and taught with differentiated instruction, based on each child's ability and progress.

The earlier a child is immersed in the languages, the greater his or her ability to become proficient. Other benefits of early childhood language immersion include enhanced cognitive and social development, openness to other cultures and improved skills in the child's native language through targeted creative play.



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Our goal is for children to become tri-lingual and to develop their knowledge of and a real "taste" for local as well international cultures and for a child to fulfill his /her own potential.

The IFS pre-school morning programme for children ages 2.5-6 years old combines an arts and nature integrated curriculum and language and culture for developing children's **verbal, motor, social/emotional, and critical thinking abilities.**

Individual and collaborative activities based on children's interests are designed to build confidence and engage students in obtaining **early language literacy, mathematics, and science objectives.** These include skills in **conversation, writing, counting, hypothesizing, measuring, identifying, taking initiative and expanding their knowledge of their own and others' cultures.**

We welcome monolingual as well as bilingual or plurilingual students who speak Turkish, English and French or any other language. Focus and attention are given to develop strategies for easy transition into our educational environment.

Imaginative, hands-on projects are facilitated by native speaking educators, incorporating the artworks of contemporary artists from different countries.

IFS is a nurturing environment with an educational philosophy that fosters **self-expression, creativity, initiative, and collaboration** with peers.

Every day (Monday - Friday) between 8:00 - 15:15

After school ActiviKids/clubs are offered between 15:30 -16:30 *(not included in the yearly fees)*

The Preschool Programme is available for children ages 2.5– 6 years old.

Children should be at least **3 years on the first day of Petite Section and potty - trained.**

We offer a specific, age -adapted pre-school programme for the Toute Petite Section (children between 2.5 and 3 years old.)



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Objectives:

Activities with our teachers, artists and works of art are the inspiration for child-directed projects, serving as a foundation for children to develop multiple skills and the following objectives: Activities with our teachers, artists and works of art are the inspiration for child-directed projects, serving as a foundation for children to develop multiple skills and the following objectives: Cognitive development, Early language and communication skills, Social and emotional development, Physical development (fine and gross motor skills), Creativity and self-expression, Independence and confidence, Critical thinking and problem-solving skills, and a lifelong love of learning.

Science:

Obtain awareness of spatial relations
Make hypotheses and verify them
Understand measurements such as length, weight and temperature
Identify colors

Language:

Conversational skills
Narrate and explain
Phonemic awareness
Recognize print/sound connections
Learn the alphabet
Write their names and symbols
Listen to and comprehend a story

Social and Emotional Development:

Take initiative and gain self-confidence
Work independently and within a group
Interact with peers in a positive manner
Communicate their thoughts verbally and physically
Formulate opinions and be open to the opinions of others
Expand their knowledge of their community
Evaluate their physical limitations through unstructured play
Acquire awareness of their own and others cultures
Demonstrate respect for the organization of the classroom

Mathematics:

Count and gain a sense of numbers
Identify shapes and patterns
Estimate and compare quantities
Comprehend times of the day, days of the week and seasons



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Preschool Admission:

1. Call to book an appointment with the School Coordinator.
2. Register by filling out the application form.
3. Preschool Student Interview.
 - After your information session, please contact the school to arrange a visit for your child. This will be in the form of a playdate.
4. Acceptance and start of school term
5. Complete payment



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We follow the TRNC adapted academic calendar in order to allow our parents to arrange their holidays accordingly. Preschool classes are available for the full academic year, 2026-2027 with the following weekly schedules:

Daily Routine:

8:00-09.00 -

- Welcome
- Mini Breakfast
- Exploration Activity

9:00-10.00

First Session

Teacher-Led Activity

10:00-10:15

Healthy Snack

10:15-11:30

Second

Teacher-Led Activity

Integrated

Outdoor play time

11:30-12.30

Lunch

12:30-13:30

Quiet

Time/Free Flow Activity

13:30-14:30

- Discover
- Autonomous play
- STEAM activities
- Expressive Arts

14:30-14:45

Self-Care Time

14:45-15:00

Ending Circle Time

15:00-15.15

Home Time



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INTERNATIONAL FRENCH SCHOOL RULES

Presentation

IFS preschool welcomes pupils of all nationalities and provides full education to children from 2.5 to 6 years old. The school works in accordance with the French and English language 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 15:15 pm from Monday to Friday.

The after school clubs “**ActiviKids**” are available at an extra cost for pre- 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. – Pre-school (Toute Petite Section- TPS, Petite Section-PS, Moyenne Section – MS, Grande Section - GS)

Reception takes place in the classroom between 8:00 and 9.00 am. After 9.00 am, 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. - Preschool

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

Snack Time: 10.00 am - 10.15am

Lunch break: 11: 30 am – 12:30pm

Quiet/ Free-Flow Activity Time: 12:30 pm - 13:30 pm *(Exact lunch and quiet time breaks vary according to the class and the needs of the children)*

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.**



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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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2.1.4. – 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.

2.1.5. - Emergency situations

In case of an accident or a medical emergency, the family will be immediately notified by the school 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.

2.1.6. - 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...), dangerous items (cutters, knives...) and dangerous games are forbidden at school.



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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.



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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 (*in February and June*) to discuss progression. (Please see the academic calendar for dates)

4.1.2. - Reports

Reports are delivered twice a year at the IFS in February and June.

4.1.3. - Online Communication

The **parent-teacher contact book** (*where necessary*), 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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Classes: Toute Petite Section (TPS)/Petite Section (PS)/Moyenne Section/(MS)/Grande Section (GS)

2026-27 School Materials/Fournitures Scolaires/Okul Malzemeleri

For all Groups (TPS, PS, MS, GS)

1. Shoes for indoors *İç mekan için ayakkabı/terlik*
2. Water bottle *Su termosu*
3. Pencil case with crayons, pencils, rubber, felt pens, gluesticks
Kalem cüzdanı ve kalem, silgi, felt boya, boya kalemi, yapıştırıcı
4. Tissue packet and wet wipes each term
Her dönem ıslak mendil ve normal kağıt mendil
5. Painting apron *Boyama önlüğü*
6. 1 complete change of clothes (named)
1 set ekstra giysi (isimli)
7. A 4 white paper and colored paper every term
Her dönem A4 beyaz ve renkli kağıt
8. 1 small school bag *1 küçük okul çantası*
9. 1 small whiteboard and markers
1 küçük beyaz tahta ve beyaz tahta kalemleri

Only for TPS and PS:

10. Pillow, sheet, blanket (children's size and individually named)
Yastık, çarşaf, küçük battaniye (çocuk için ve isimli)
11. 2 complete change of clothes
2 set ekstra giysi
12. Plastic box big enough for sheets and pillow
Yastık ve çarşafı sığacak boyutta şeffaf plastic kutu

Please make sure every item is named.

Tüm okul malzemelerin üzerinde çocuğunuzun açık ismi yazmalıdır.



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