

Primary School

Primary School at ISS

The Primary School caters for children in grade 1 through grade 5 (6 to 10 year olds). The maximum class size is 22 and teachers in grade 1 and grade 2 are supported by full time classroom learning assistants. Grades 3, 4, and 5 have a shared learning assistant.

An ethos of team teaching, together with the integration of English as an Additional Language (EAL), home language support and German results in a highly favorable teacher/student ratio. Each child receives the appropriate and differentiated attention necessary for personal growth and academic development.

Learning in the Primary School champions the welfare of students, promotes the caring responsibility that supports an international community, and develops the understanding and skills necessary for life-long learning.

ISS is the only internationally accredited school in the greater Stuttgart area with an authorized curriculum from the world-renowned International Baccalaureate Organization.

The Principal is Mr. Paul Morris and the Assistant Principal/PYP Coordinator is Mr. Alex Whitaker.

Placing learning at the core of all we do

The foundation of the International Baccalaureate (IB) programmes offered at ISS is the Primary Years Programme (PYP). The PYP is a teaching programme based upon the understanding of key concepts, trans-disciplinary skills and the necessary research tools that support inquiry. The curriculum is taught through six organizing themes (Units of Inquiry) that span one year and cover the traditional subjects from multiple perspectives. The teachers are experienced facilitators, enabling all students to utilize their talents and skills to ensure enduring understanding and meaningful learning.

Specialist teaching of Art, Music, Physical Education, German, EAL and essential library skills are also taught and may be integrated within the six Units of Inquiry the children experience at each grade level. Information Technology is integrated within the learning process through the use of iPod touches, iPads and clusters of learning stations in each classroom.

The main language of instruction is English. The host country language of German is given special emphasis and taught through and alongside the six units of inquiry in differentiated classes. Our Home and Family Language programme currently supports the continued development of our students' home language in a variety of languages, as well as deepening our cultural understanding across the ISS community.

Partnership with parents

We understand your needs as a family. We also respect the knowledge and experience that you bring to your child's education. We encourage a transparent and reflective partnership between students, teachers and family because it is fundamental to our mission.

- Early drop off at 7:30 is available for all students.
- We have implemented a state of the art, fully transparent assessment and curricular student information system accessible to parents via our website.
- Extended day care until 17:00 available for grade 1 and 2 children for an additional fee.



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