



Bangalore International School
A Caring, Connected Community



Welcome to the Learning Centre

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Our Learning Centre (LC) is our pride and joy! It is a unique and a very distinctive feature of BIS! We are proud to be one of the most inclusive schools in the country with a robust Special Education Needs section. The Learning Centre was established in 2003. We offer an inclusive education along a continuum of partial to full general classroom placement depending on the needs of each student. The school values each learner and provides opportunities for him/her to learn and grow. In all our endeavors, the focus is on the individual student and we provide the services that would benefit him/her. We aim to offer the students of the LC as inclusive a learning experience as possible. We believe that each student is different and therefore learns in a way that suits him/her the best. We are strongly committed to sensitizing the BIS community about accepting and celebrating differences.

Some of the services we offer include:

- 1 Accommodations during school assessments and external examinations
- 2 Support from a special educator in the mainstream classroom (Grades 1 to 8)
- 3 Subject specific remedial help
- 4 An individualized academic program at the LC
- 5 Secondary (Grade 10) and Senior Secondary (Grade 12) NIOS program
- 6 Speech/Language therapy
- 7 Occupational Therapy
- 8 Physiotherapy



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This booklet is designed to help you start the year with a clear picture of what the school day and year will be like for your child/ward who follows a pull-out program at the LC.

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Class teacher, LC Head of Department (HOD) & LC Coordinator

Every student belongs to a grade. Your child's/ward's class teacher is responsible for maintaining his/her attendance and for his/her participation in class assemblies. All academic, therapy and other areas are monitored by the respective LC HOD. Matters relevant to the LC as a section are handled by the LC Section Coordinator.

School timings

Your child/ward is expected to comply with the regular school timings.

Any request for late arrival or early departure on a consistent basis, owing to health conditions etc. can be made to the LC Coordinator.

Daily schedule

Most mornings begin with an Assembly that your child/ward will attend along with his/her grade peers, and then he/she will report for attendance in class. On days when there is no assembly, we will have Circle Time at the LC. Your child/ward will follow an individualized time table, comprising academic, therapy and extracurricular activity classes.



“BIS epitomises an intimate community where special children find unconditional acceptance”

Academic & Therapy intervention

At the LC, students will be offered English, Mathematics, Environmental Studies and Computers as academic subjects, and the curriculum will be individualized according to his/her level of functioning. The students who are enrolled in the NIOS program will be offered the NIOS subjects and they will follow the prescribed syllabus. Some students follow a functional academic program. All students are eligible for the services of our physiotherapist, speech/ language and occupational therapists.

Prevocational skills training

An outsourced Prevocational Skills Training program is conducted once a week at the LC.

Extracurricular activities & All-school events

All students attend extracurricular activities with their mainstream peers. These activities could be adapted to suit the needs of your child/ward. Students are encouraged to participate in class assemblies and all-school events to the maximum extent possible, thus enabling meaningful inclusion.

Individualized Education Plan (IEP)

An IEP will be formulated at the beginning of each term for your child/ward and shared with you; this will include his/her academic goals/curriculum and therapy goals.

Parent Teacher Meeting (PTM)

Meetings are organized every term, during which you can meet the special educators, therapists and activity teachers etc. who work with your child/ward.

Assessments

Continuous assessments will be conducted over the course of each term. End of term assessments/exams will be conducted as well at the LC.

Report cards

Report cards will be generated for your child/ward at the end of each term to give you quantitative scores, detailed feedback on his/her performance and suggestions for improvement in academic, therapy and extracurricular areas.

Chaperone

Some students may need to be accompanied by a chaperone employed by the parents/guardian. This is mainly for those who require assistance in following the day's schedule & moving from one area to another. However, our goal is to encourage independent functioning of your child/ward.

Personal belongings

Please label all your child's/ward's belongings clearly, with his/her first name and initial. This goes especially for bags, bottles, jackets and shoes. Your child/ward will be assigned a designated shelf/locker in the LC to keep his/her belongings. Students who require assistive technology devices can bring them to school.

Handbook/Diary

Your child/ward will have a handbook/diary. This will be used for daily communication between the teacher and parent/guardian. Students can make a note of their homework and other reminders in their handbook/diary.

Weekly Schedule of Activities & Events

Each week, you will receive an email with the weekly schedule from the school. This contains school-wide information for the week ahead, with regard to timings, activities planned, important announcements, etc. Please pay specific attention to the acronyms LC (Learning Centre) and AS (All School).

Nurse and Medication

Our school nurses are stationed on campus at all times. If your child needs to be administered medication during school hours, please let the respective LC HOD know via email. The nurse will be the person in charge of administering the medicine. Please check your child's hair for lice and nits regularly and ensure that if he/she has a problem, it is addressed promptly.



Food

Breakfast, lunch and evening snack are provided by the school. Students with dietary regulations will be permitted to bring food from home.



Birthday celebrations

Please coordinate with the class teacher for birthday celebrations in the mainstream class. Please coordinate with the respective LC HOD for birthday celebrations in the LC.

LC initiatives

Swimming classes, Gross Motor sessions and Equine Therapy are organized for students from the LC. Arts Based Therapy intervention is offered by a trained practitioner in the LC. Educational trips/field visits are conducted to reinforce concepts that are included in the students' IEP goals. Recreational day trips and overnight trips are also organized every year.



We look forward to collaborating with you and making this journey memorable, exciting and successful for your child/ward!





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Here is a school where learning is valued, where the cultivation of wisdom and reflection is encouraged, where questioning and curiosity rule the day and above all where laughter and mistakes go hand in hand.

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