



WELCOME TO OUR NURSERY



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YOUR FIRST STEP TOWARDS AN IB-THROUGH EDUCATION



Thank you for being part of the Uptown International School Nursery (UISN) community. Whether you are joining us for the first time or continuing your child's journey with us, we are delighted to have you as part of our family. As part of an established IB World School with over 20 years of educational excellence, UISN provides the perfect foundation for lifelong learning. Through a nurturing, play-based environment, we inspire curiosity, creativity, and confidence while supporting every child's individual growth and development. Our personalised approach ensures each child feels valued, supported, and encouraged to explore, discover, and thrive at their own pace.

This welcome pack includes key information about UISN. If you have any questions or need further assistance, our Admissions Office is always happy to help. Please don't hesitate to get in touch at:

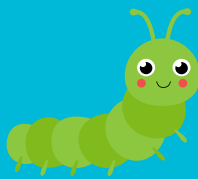
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Facilities at UISN

Our purpose-built, state of the art facility has been thoughtfully designed by Early Childhood educators, with your child at the heart of every decision. Blending elements of the natural environment with both indoor and outdoor learning opportunities, UISN offers:



Caterpillars
(up to 16 months)



Butterflies
(up to 24 months)



Rising 3s
(2 -3 years old)



Baby
sleep room



Toddler & Rising 3s
sleep rooms



Indoor hub
spaces



Unique soft
play room



Enriched role play
areas



Expressive arts
and design area



Outdoor
play spaces

AGE GROUPS

UISN caters to children from 4 months – 3 years of age. We welcome new registrations throughout the academic year. However, most students join at the beginning of the academic year in September.

Caterpillars (4 months - 16 months)

7:15 am - 2:00 pm (additional hours till 5:00pm)

Butterflies (16 months - 24 months)

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Rising 3s (2 - 3 years old)

7:15 am - 2:00 pm (additional hours till 5:00pm)



OUR APPROACH & CURRICULUM

At UISN, our approach to learning is rooted in purposeful, inquiry, and play-based experiences; aligned with the IB curriculum and informed by the Birth to Five Matters framework. Together, these approaches support the development of the whole child, recognizing that every child learns and grows at their own pace. We foster curiosity, independence, and confidence by creating an environment where children are encouraged to explore, question, and discover through meaningful, play-based experiences.



PARTNERING WITH FAMILIES

We believe that strong partnerships between home and nursery are essential to every child's success. We value children's voices and play-based learning, and we encourage open communication with families throughout the year.

- **Toddle:** Toddle is our parent communication platform, available on both mobile and tablet devices. Your child's homeroom teacher will regularly share photos, observations, and updates, allowing you to follow and celebrate your child's learning journey.
- **Bi-weekly Newsletter:** Every two weeks, you will receive a newsletter sharing upcoming events, curriculum highlights, important reminders, and a glimpse into the exciting learning taking place across the nursery.
- **Photography & Social Media:** We love sharing special moments from nursery life on our website, social media, and other school publications. If you do not wish for your child's photographs or videos to be used, please complete the Social Media Consent Form.



SCHOOL LIFE

Settling in:

Starting nursery is a big milestone for both children and their families. At UISN, we are committed to making this transition as smooth and positive as possible through settling-in sessions, flexible start times, and regular communication. Our goal is for every child to feel safe, happy, and at home from the very beginning.



Uniform:

While wearing the UIS uniform is optional for nursery children, we encourage families to dress their child in the UIS polo shirt with comfortable, flexible bottoms. As our children engage in active, play-based learning throughout the day, clothing that allows for easy movement and independence is ideal.

The UIS polo shirt can be purchased from Magrudy's at Mirdif City Centre or online via: [UIS Uniform from Magrudy's](#)



UIS Navy Polo
Shirt



UIS Navy Polo
Dress

Snack and Lunch:

- All children should bring a healthy packed snack and lunch each day in clearly labelled containers. Please include cutlery if your child requires it.
- To help keep our community safe, UISN is a nut-free and seed-free school. Sesame seeds are permitted.
- Please avoid sending foods that present a choking hazard. Grapes, cherry tomatoes, cherries, and olives must be cut in half lengthways, and cherries and olives must have their pits removed before being packed.

SCHOOL LIFE

When your child is unwell:

If your child is unwell and unable to attend nursery, please notify both your child's homeroom teacher.

If your child has a fever or any other contagious symptoms, they should remain at home until they have been symptom-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication. This helps protect the health and wellbeing of all children and staff within our nursery community.

For further information on illness, medication, and when your child is ready to return to nursery, please refer to the [UIS Infection Control Letter](#), provided by our Medical Team.

What to bring:

Each child will have their own cubby space to store their personal belongings. Please provide the following items, and ensure that all belongings are clearly labelled .

- Two complete changes of clothes
- Nappies and/or pull-ups
- Baby wipes and nappy cream (if required)
- A sleep blanket and pillow (if your child naps)
- A labelled water bottle
- A painting apron for messy play
- Crocs/water shoes

For babies:

- Clean feeding bottles (as many as your child would need)
- An insulated flask containing warm water
- Formula milk (pre-measured in formula milk dispenser)
- If providing expressed breast milk, please ensure each bottle is clearly labelled with your child's name and the date of expression.



RISING 3S AND TRANSITIONING TO PRE-KG

At UISN, we gently guide Rising 3s as they prepare for Pre-KG, by fostering greater independence in routines like using the toilet independently - an important step to build their confidence and autonomy. To support their social and emotional well-being, most children move up alongside their peers, ensuring a familiar environment. In Term 3, we also host transition sessions where children meet their new teacher and classmates, helping them feel comfortable and excited about the next stage of their learning journey.



THANK YOU!

Thank you for taking the time to read through our Parent Handbook. We hope it has provided you with the information you need as you begin your journey with the UISN community.

By working together, we can create a safe, happy, and nurturing environment where every child feels valued, supported, and inspired to learn. We value your partnership and welcome your feedback, ideas, and suggestions as we continue to provide the very best experience for our children and families.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to UISN and sharing many wonderful learning experiences together.