

Pre-School Parent Information Evening

Tandem IMS - Zollikon
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Our Team

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Pre-School Curriculum & Information

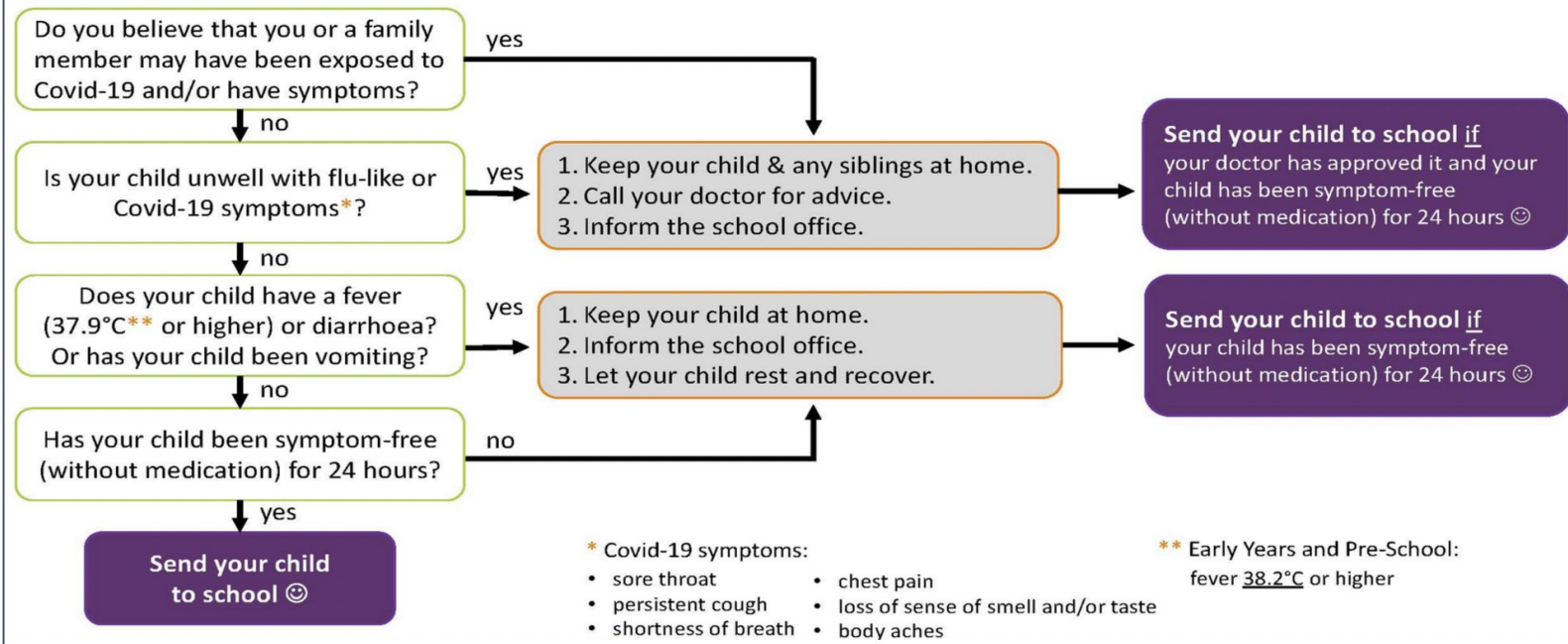
	Me and My School (August-Autumn Break)	My Language Perspective (Autumn Break-Winter Break)	My Family and My Community (Winter Break-Spring Break)	My World (Spring Break-July)
Pre-School Yellow Groups	<p>All About Me</p> <p>Central Idea- Young children discover and explore who they are, how they feel and what they can do.</p> <p>Enquiry Into-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Our physical characteristics and abilities -How we express our emotions and feelings -Being safe and healthy at school -How names are pronounced in different languages -How I am growing and changing. 	<p>Rhymes and Songs</p> <p>Central Idea- We explore and compare rhymes and songs in different languages and from different cultures.</p> <p>Enquiry Into-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The rhythms and rhymes in different nursery rhymes -Retelling nursery rhymes and songs in different ways -Comparing songs in different languages -Playing with words and sounds. 	<p>You Are What You Eat</p> <p>Central Idea- The food we eat reflects our family's ideas about nutrition and also about where we come from.</p> <p>Enquiry Into-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Which foods come from plants and animals -The steps taken to get food to our house -Healthy vs. unhealthy foods -The foods we eat at home and at school -Foods from different cultures. 	<p>Living Things</p> <p>Central Idea- We share our world with plants and animals.</p> <p>Enquiry Into-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -What plants and animals need in order to survive -Stages of growth in plants and animals -Where plants and animals live -How animals sound in different languages.

Circle Time	Yoga / Music / Gym / Outside	Forest Days and Excursions	Communication
<p>Circle Time begins promptly at 9 am and lasts until about 9:30 am.</p> <p>This half hour is an especially important time for your child's learning and it allows our group to start the day together and to learn about the day's activities, expectations, and events.</p> <p>As this is such a vital part of the day, we would greatly appreciate it if the children could arrive on the Yellow Floor by 9:00 am.</p> <p>Thank you for supporting our learning!</p> <p>☺</p>	<p>Yoga with our yoga teacher Viola will be every Tuesday morning.</p> <p>Music will be on Thursday mornings with the pre-school teachers. We will have lots of fun learning new songs in both English and German and experimenting with different instruments.</p> <p>Gym will be on Wednesday mornings with our pre-school teacher Dom. We will be exploring different kinds of movements, playing games, and developing our motor skills. Children should be dressed comfortably and have spare clothes in their boxes if needed.</p> <p>The pre-school group goes outside daily, rain or shine. Please ensure your children have weather appropriate clothing and footwear (rain, snow, etc.) at Tandem and that their items are clearly marked.</p>	<p>Children need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a small backpack • closed shoes • weather & location appropriate clothing <p>Tandem provides sunhats, sunscreen, and tick/mosquito repellent.</p> <p>Fall, Spring, and Summer Forest Days will run from approximately 10:00 -15:00* We will have our planned activity(ies), lunch, and some play time in the forest.</p> <p>August - November March - July</p> <p>Winter Forest Days will run from approximately 10:00 - 12:00* We will have our planned activity and return to Tandem for lunch.</p> <p>December - February</p> <p>* depending on the weather and activities - these times may vary slightly.</p>	<p>Monica Mourao, Hedgehogs Nancy Bergner, Hedgehogs mmourao@tandem-ims.ch nbergner@tandem-ims.ch</p> <p>Dom Baran, Ducks dbaran@tandem-ims.ch</p> <p>Yellow Floor Phone: 043 500 10 23</p> <p>*For any important/urgent information, please contact us directly via telephone or email.</p>
<p>Parent Teacher Conferences:</p> <p>Tuesday, November, 9th 2021 Thursday, November 18th 2021</p> <p>Thursday, March 17th 2022 Tuesday, March 22nd 2022</p>			<p></p> <p>Family APP</p> <p>Teachers will create posts daily and they will be a combination of pictures and information about our day in English and/or German.</p> <p>We will also use the APP to send information and reminders (forest days, excursions, events, etc.) to parents, please check it regularly.</p>

Covid-19 Sickness Policy



Can my child go to school?



Covid-19 Measures

- Please wear a mask and disinfect hands upon entering the school building.
- Please bring in only one sleep/comfort item for your child and no other toys.
- Do not bring in any snacks from home, except for packaged food from the bakery or shop.
- Please make sure to keep a distance of 1.5m between adults.
- Only one parent per child is allowed in the entrance area during pick-up and drop-off times.
- Parents are not yet permitted to enter the classrooms during drop-off and pick up times.

Absence and Sickness Policy

- **Absences due to illness:** If your child cannot attend school because of illness, please send an email to your child's class teacher. Please do not use the Family App to report absences.
- **Illness during the school:** If your child becomes ill during the day, we will contact you and ask you to pick him/her up (e.g. fever, vomiting, diarrhoea)
- **24 hour policy:** In order to protect the children and our staff, we kindly ask all parents to respect our 24 hour policy "free of fever and symptoms for 24 hours before returning".
- **No Medication:** To protect the children and the staff, we do not administer any medication, including homeopathic remedies. If your child needs medication due to an allergy or medical condition, please complete a Health Plan with your child's class teacher.
- **Holidays:** If you are planning to go on holiday, please inform the school office about your dates as soon as possible.

Security Measures

Pick up - New Person

If someone unknown to the school is collecting your child, the name must be sent to the office and the child's teacher. Photographic ID will be asked for before letting the person leave with your child.

Late Pick Up Policy

Late Pick-up after 16:00

Children without Late Care must be collected no later than **16:00**. We must insist on this point, due to the legal numbers of children enrolled in the Day Care programme and the ratio of staff-children.

Any child who is not picked up by 16:00 will be sent to Late Care and the parents will be invoiced for this session. This is a flat rate fee of CHF 35 - irrespective of the late arrival time of the parent.

Late Pick-up following Late Care after 18:30 – CHF 50 per 15-minute period

Between 18:30 and 18:45 – CHF 50

Between 18:45 and 19:00 – CHF 100

A late pick up of even 15 minutes may have caused the teacher in care to miss his/her train, which can result in a 30 minute to 1 hour delay in returning home, or indeed be late for another private, professional or medical appointment. This therefore justifies the charged fee and it is non-negotiable.

TEACH for Parents



- We encourage parents to become members of TEACH and in this way to support the children in one of our African partner schools.
- You will be involved in a wonderful charity programme and be given the opportunity to participate regularly in fundraising activities and/or you will receive regular information.
- Your children will learn the joy of giving and have the opportunity to learn more about various tribal teachings such as community, leadership and respect. They will be made aware of the needs of children on the other side of the globe.
- Creating lasting memories of Tandem IMS as an alumni to support TEACH is being set-up.

PTA Role

- We support activities and events to enhance our children's school life.
- We represent the parents of our child's class with our ideas and decide how to invest PTA funds.
- We nurture the communication with the teachers and the school



Our PTA Team

- Mums, Dads & couples
- Working & stay-at home parents
- 1-3 parents of each class
- Multiple nationalities
- Committed for 1 school year
- Volunteers – Parents welcome to help at certain events without joining PTA full time

PTA Benefits

- You'll make a huge difference – for the children, the other parents and the school as a whole.
- You'll be better connected to your child's, or children's, school experience – you show your dedication.
- It's fun and rewarding.
- You'll make new friends and help make the school a great place to learn and grow.



PTA Activities

What we do and what we need from you:

- PTA meetings of 1.5 h every 4- 6 weeks, Monday and Wednesday alternating
- Commitment: for 1 school year, coming to the meetings as often as possible, helping with tasks such as organising events, supporting activities etc.

Parent Meet and Greet	Halloween Party
Christmas Performance	Christmas and Spring Markets
World Book / World Maths Day	Graduation

- If you would just like to support an event – a sign-up list will be sent via newsletter.

The End

Thank you for coming and enjoy your evening.

