

SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ HALONG

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Message from the Principal - Susan Christiansen

Dear Parents, Extended Family and Friends, I would like to extend a very warm Welcome Back to School for all families both new and old!

The school looks very different now and we have a good deal of space and new facilities to be enjoyed.

Along with the addition of a large new Primary and Secondary building and expansive school grounds, comes some new security upgrades which are being planned and implemented for the purpose of keeping our students safe.

I understand that the upgrade to security which include changes to our student pickup and drop off procedures may at first be seen as an inconvenience. Please allow some time to get used to the new arrangements in traffic flow and parking. Our goal is for all students to be safe.

As with all change there will be reviews and more change until we get things right! In the meantime, our school is looking wonderful and our students are expressing delight with their new classrooms and facilities.

Term 1 is always a very busy term and sometimes in the beginning there are tears and frustration when settling in. This is all very normal for children across the globe, and parents can help their child to develop those good habits that support their learning by;

- Ensuring bedtime routines are smooth with limited screen time
- Healthy breakfasts
- Adequate physical activity after school and on the weekends

We will endeavor to keep you updated on any further changes and news through our newsletters, emails, student Handbooks and school website.

The Handbooks are the best way to make regular contact with your child's teacher so we ask that you regularly check for messages and feedback. Our teachers are always willing to speak with parents about their child's progress and appointments can be made through the main office via phone call or email.

Message from Ms. Yen - HOV

An exciting summer vacation has ended, and a new school year has arrived. We are very happy to welcome the students in the new school year 2018 - 2019. The students are very eager studying in new building, new classroom, new library, new soccer field. The new building is equipped with full modern facilities, physical training area, play



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area to ensure children have the best learning environment, along with comprehensive teaching and learning methods. The students are cared for, and engaged in, practical learning experiences to gain knowledge, improve their independence, creativity, and teambuilding. All the subjects under curriculum by Ministry of Education and Training of Vietnam are taught via active teaching methods, including the KinderWorld teaching model. This school year, STEM- one of the most popular education approaches will be integrated into lessons and other after school activities.

We value the trust of our parents in our school and our teachers. We appreciate the coordination between parents and the school in helping students to achieve good educational outcomes.

<u>Parent Notifications</u> Public Holiday 3rd September- School Closed

A reminder to check your child's Handbook book **regularly** for messages and feedback from your child's teacher.

In KIK we encourage **only non-sweetened milk** to be brought to school. https://novakdjokovicfoundation.org/importance-nutrition-early-childhood-development/

In the Primary and Secondary School, students are not permitted to bring food or drink to school unless it is authorized by the Teacher or Doctor.

Students are required to wear correct SIS@Halong school uniform including covered shoes. Sports shoes are to be worn for PE.

Please make sure your child arrives on time for school and is picked up when classes or clubs end. Please note the security procedures at the front gate for your child's safety.

Our school gates open for students at 8am and lessons finish at 3.30 (KIK) and 3.55 pm for Primary and Secondary students.

The School will not be held responsible for students who are in school before and/or after school hours on their own.

HALONG ROCKS AND ROLLS!



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Back to school



ICT lesson in new building



Playing in soccer field at recess time



Exciting PE lesson in new building



Learning playing together



Happy time at new canteen