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# Hi, parents!

Here at HoneyKids, we know finding the right international school for your family dynamic is tough. Whether you're a newbie to Singapore and looking for a school to enrol your child in or you're a seasoned local who's thinking of changing your child's current school, it's never easy. So many choices, so many decisions to factor in, are we right?

That's why our amazing HoneyKids School Selector is definitely a resource you want to be bookmarking like, now – it's the perfect one-stop shop for everything school-related. Our International School Fairs are also the perfect opportunity to meet many of the top leading schools on one day in one place. You get to chat with the experts, scout out your top contenders and get all your burning questions answered. What's not to love? In the meantime, we hope you find this guide helpful. We'd love to hear your feedback.

### Good luck in your search – the perfect school awaits!



Amy Potter HoneyKids editor

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Whilst there have been many challenges for teachers, students and parents in 2020, we have all come through this phase stronger and with a better understanding of the power of our AIS community. As always, we are stronger together."



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## What we **W** about raising kids in Singapore

The HoneyKids team reflects on all the amazing opportunities that make bringing up a family in Singapore so awesome.

[ PART ONE ]



### Jana Mum to Alonso and Luis

"I love that I'm able to open all my windows and doors and let my kids breathe fresh air. I also love that it is very safe here – I'm not worried about them crossing the street or taking public transport. But most of all, I LOVE all the fun, free things you can do with kids in Singapore, like having picnics and water play... Majulahhh Singapuraaaaa!"



### Amy Mum to Ruby and Teddy

"There is just sooooo much to do here with kids – Singapore has it all. And I have a huge love for the buses. I've worked and lived in both London and Sydney and the public transport systems there are nowhere near as stroller-friendly (the thought of taking my double pram on the Tube actually makes me shudder)."



### Dawn Mum to Tessa and Gemma

"We love how Singapore is so multicultural, and with that comes fantastic food from around the world. We're also very lucky to enjoy condo living: the kids are never short of good friends. Extra happiness: the parents have all become great friends of ours, too!"



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# What we **W** about raising kids in Singapore

More thoughts from HoneyKids HQ about why we love bringing up our families here on the Little Red Dot.

[ PART TWO ]



### Winnie Mum to Juliana

"I love how safe it is in Singapore. Back home in NYC, I wouldn't even be able to let my child roam around the supermarket while grocery shopping. Also, the consistent warm weather here allows for outdoor activities all year round. While it's not doable right now, the travelling options are a huge plus and definitely the favourite part for our family."



### Angela Mum to Xavier and Marcel

"I love the preschool options that are available here. When we lived back home in Australia, the only drop-off care option available for us for little ones from 18 months was daycare, a long and exhausting day for little people. In Singapore, we had the opportunity for our boys to attend a fantastic local Montessori school, initially just for three hours a day, where they could learn, play and interact with peers who live within the surrounding area. I'm really grateful that they have been provided with such a wonderful introduction to learning."



### **Dimple Mum to Soham**

"Singapore is full of outdoor activities... when we're not dealing with a circuit breaker, of course! My son loves cycling and skating – there are so many cycling parks here where he can ride. Not only that, but I love the clean and safe environment, as well as the cultural diversity."





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# **DECISIONS**

Picking the perfect school can be challenging. So, where do you start?

We'll be honest: choosing between all the great international schools in Singapore is one of the hardest decisions to make. From how close campuses are to your home to what languages are taught, there are so many factors to consider.





### Curriculum

Whether you're looking at early years, primary or secondary education, there is a wealth of different curricula out there to choose from. Read up on the key takeaways for the stage your child is at to see what's important to you.

### Location

Is the school within walking distance? Do you have a car? Will it be the opposite direction to where you work? Is there a bus service from where you live and how much is it? Working out the essential day-to-day route will give you an idea on practicality. Check out our <u>handy map</u> <u>feature</u> to help with your search!

### Cost

This one's a biggie: how much will school cost? Check to see what fees are involved, what's included and what would be extra. Factor in things like uniform, trips, technology, exams and insurance, then tot it all up.

### Language

Consider questions such as what languages are taught and how – for instance, is the teaching style immersion or integrated? Also think about your own personal circumstances. If your family's eventual plan is to move overseas, it would make sense to choose a school that teaches the language of your destination country.

### **Class or school size**

The teacher-student ratio, or number of pupils in a class or school, is worth considering. Do you want that personalised, focused attention on your child or will they flourish in a bigger school environment and a bigger social group?

### **Extracurricular activities**

Giving your child the chance to try different things and see what they're passionate about can help inspire and drive them in all areas of their lives. Look at what sports are on offer and what other extra learning opportunities take place after hours.



### **Parent support**

Also look at what's available for you, too. Many schools have measures in place to support parents, such as teacher meet-ups, social events, on-site cafes and online portals, to name but a few.



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# 3 reasons families are already choosing Brighton College (Singapore)

### **A Culture of Kindness**

"We want our daughters to be supported to reach their full potential, but we want them to do so in an environment which is caring and nurturing. The ethos of the school and quality of the teaching were the deciding factors for us."

### **An Outstanding Reputation**

"Brighton College is a great school because the fantastic teaching and support team care about each individual child and their holistic development. The UK branch has a phenomenal reputation and the group has successfully rolled out this model in other countries already which, in our opinion, makes them experts."

### **A Small and Nurturing Community**

"So far we have felt very much part of the Brighton College community and communication throughout the process has been excellent. We felt a real passion and dedication from the staff at the school and that has influenced our choice.

We felt that our daughter would be more than just a number on a wait list, and we think she will thrive in the learning environment.....enjoying being part of the small school feel but being able to take advantage of the larger campus facilities."

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# Let's talk curricula!

Our one-stop guide to some of the more recognised curricula on offer in Singapore will help you understand what they're all about.

Whether you are choosing an international school in Singapore for the first time or looking to move your child to a new school, one thing's for sure – the variety of curricula out there can be confusing. Here's a handy guide to get you started...

### Montessori

Montessori is a method of education developed by Italian physician and educator Dr Maria Montessori. It is based on independence, hands-on play and learning through experience. Students are allowed freedom to choose activities based on their natural interests, thereby learning free from strict instruction.

### **Reggio Emilia**

The Reggio Emilia approach is a preschool and primary educational philosophy whose ethos is that young people form lifelong personalities during the early years. The program is very hands-on and aims to inspire students to use symbolic languages (such as painting and sculpture) in their day-to-day learning. It focuses on values of community, responsibility and respect.

# National curriculums

Many schools also offer nationally recognised curricula, such as the British, American, Australian, German and French learning systems, to name a few. This is a great choice if you are already familiar with a particular country's curriculum, if you know your family will be moving to that country or if you're aiming for your child to go into further education in that country.





### International Baccalaureate (IB)

The IB aims to provide a truly international education by developing academic, personal, emotional and social skills students require for success in today's world. The IB is the most widely offered curriculum in international schools in Singapore and receives high recognition among higher education institutions. It also has a focus on producing caring world citizens who are able to think independently.

### International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE)

IGCSE are internationally adapted certificate courses for students of highschool age. Originally based on the UK GCE O-Level examinations, the content of the course has been adapted to suit the needs of international students who are not studying in the UK, or will be taking a different course in their final years of school. IGCSEs are considered to be excellent preparation for A Levels and IBDP (IB Diploma Program) subject courses.

# NUMBER CRUNCHING

Planning to send your kids to an international school in Singapore? From application fees and lunch at the canteen each day to building maintenance and insurance, we take a look at how much it really costs to get started.

It goes without saying that cost is a huge factor in your decision-making process when choosing an international school for your child. And, while annual tuition fees for international schools can vary considerably, what about all the other costs involved? Getting your kid to their first day at school may have you coughing up for application fees, enrolment or registration fees, building maintenance costs, contributions to the parents' association, extracurricular activities, exams, insurance... and that's before your little person has even made it to morning snack break. Here are a few factors you may want to consider.

### Calculators at the ready!

### **Tuition fees**

This is the biggest cost you need to consider and can vary a lot from school to school. Ask as well about when you'd have to pay: is it in instalments or is full payment required upfront? School fees tend to increase as your child moves up an age group, so do bear that in mind if you plan to send your child to school in Singapore for an extended period of time.

### **Application** fees

Submitting an application is free at some schools, while others add this charge to the list. However, some application fees are partially refundable. Keep an eye out for open days that have offers of discounted or waived registration fees to help you save some pennies.

### Transport

Waving goodbye to your child on the school bus is another cost to include in your sums.

### Uniforms

It could be a small fee, it could be another hundred dollars or so. Either way, it's good to find out the cost and add it to your list.

### **School lunches**

Rocking up to the school canteen every day may eat another chunk out of your wallet per year. It's worth factoring in!

### And then there's...

Other costs that might crop up include fees for extracurricular activities, technology, books, field trips, resources, exams, insurance, learning support, and charges for studying English as a Second Language.

# SAVINGS ALERT!

Sibling discounts are sometimes offered to families who have more than one child attending the school. If you've got more than one child and you plan on sending them to the same school, be sure to ask your shortlisted schools if they have any discounts in place. Also, it's worth noting that some fees are a one-off, such as your registration or application fee. That means while you have to factor in to your firstyear costs, it won't be applicable from the second year onwards.



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# Bilingual kids? No problem!

Don't speak the lingo? Even if you don't speak the language your children are learning at school, parents can still be a huge support at home.

Singapore is a melting pot of different cultures, each with their own language. And that's a huge benefit to our kids – they're exposed to and given the opportunity to learn more than just their mother tongue. But what if you don't speak the language they're learning? Worry not: even if you don't know the lingo, you can still be a huge support to your child's studies. The secret is keeping them excited and engaged, rather than bored. Here's how...

**Set up 'dates':** Arranging meet-ups with friends, relatives and neighbours who speak the language your child is learning can help with their new communication skills.

### Workshops and performances:

Keep your eyes peeled for helpful workshops or theatre productions in their second language to keep things fresh.

**Books, books, books:** Fun children's books in their second language – even translated versions of their usual faves – can help generate excitement. **Use TV and apps:** Screen time just got positive! TV shows and apps in their second language may encourage engagement.

**Keep tabs on homework:** Helping your children stay on top of the learning can keep them on track.

**Learn, too!** You might even want to take adult classes so you can learn the same language!

## Ever thought about scholarships?

International school fees can certainly make a dent on your bank account. The good news? Your child might qualify for a scholarship...

Sending your kids to international school in Singapore can cost a pretty penny. One way to get around some of the fees and enjoy all the perks of attending a world-class international school? A scholarship! Here's how it works in Singapore...



# What kind of scholarships are out there?

It depends on the school. Some offer full and partial tuition scholarships and some offer scholarships that last for two or three years. Some schools only offer scholarships to students who are in secondary school or higher.

# What is the application process like?

Different schools have different prerequisites for potential scholars. Typically, there'll be a rigorous selection process that involves several interviews, and, in some cases, aptitude tests and personal statements. These requirements are reviewed by a scholarship committee who will review all cases.



# What do international schools look for in potential scholars?

Apart from a strong academic record, scholarship committees also look at a student's ability, dedication, leadership skills and aptitude across a range of disciplines. Some even consider a student's background, and favour those who would benefit most from financial assistance or a scholarship.

### What are the benefits of applying for a scholarship?

Apart from financial assistance, students can capitalise on the prestige of having the achievement of a scholarship on their records. This helps when they apply to universities in the future. Usually, scholarship recipients tend to do well in their university applications and thrive in well-known institutions.

Interested to know more? Reach out to your shortlisted schools and ask them for further information.



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# Starting school

Once you've found the right school that suits your child to a tee, the next step is getting them adjusted and settled in. Yep, it's first day time! Enter our handy tips...

Starting or switching school, or moving up a grade, is a huge milestone. There could be a brand new campus to get used to, new friends to make, different teachers to get to know and heavier workloads. It's no wonder our young 'uns can feel stressed at this turning point in their lives! To give your child the best possible start, we've pulled together the following survival tips...



### Get into a routine

Kids thrive on routines, so get them into a schedule that suits your family at the tail-end of the school holidays. It will help them adjust once school starts. And of course, once the actual day arrives, set the alarm clock nice and early so you have lots of (hopefully stress-free) time to get ready.

# Give them all the attention

It'll help your school-starter if you can focus your attention purely on them come the big day itself. If possible, leave younger siblings with another caregiver for the first drop-offs to give them as much solo support as possible.



### Don't hang around

We know you'll want to hang around and make sure they're ok... but don't! They WILL stop crying. Honestly.

# Smile and ask questions

At the end of the school day, slap on a smile and radiate all the positivity you can muster. Encourage them with open-ended questions to get them talking, focus on the good things and give them heaps of praise.



### **Keep talking**

It's so important to keep communicating with your little one, letting them know that you're there to listen to any concerns, no matter how small they might seem. Something as seemingly minor as not being able to open their lunchbox can develop into something bigger. Encourage them to talk through their problems, and come up with solutions together.

# Work with the teachers

Your child's teacher spends a lot of time with your little one, so they'll be able to help you spot and deal with any issues that might crop up. Treat your relationship with them as a partnership and work together to support your child as best as you can.

### **Stay prepared**

Small things like getting their uniform ready the night before or packing bags before bed can really help ease the stress come morning time. Chances are your household will be a hive of activity, so keeping things as organised and as calm as possible can only be a good thing!

### Go easy on them

Much like starting a new job, transitioning into school life is a challenge. Don't expect them to be settled in overnight – these things take time. All you can do is be the support they need. You got this!



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# Let's get planning!

We've got all the public holiday dates for 2021 so you can make the most of your weekends with the fam.

As much as we want the kids to love school, there's one thing the whole family loves more: holiday time! And living in Singapore means lots of public holidays throughout the year to look forward to. All those long weekends mean we can really make the most of our time together to make happy memories.

Luckily for you, we've done the digging to find out the public holiday dates for 2021, whoop! Don't forget as well that we've pulled together a super-handy chart depicting many of the <u>international school holidays</u> on our site, so be sure to take a look. Now all that's left to do is to get planning!



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### 5 things to do during the holidays

# Go on a bike ride

We love exploring the great outdoors with the kids and getting a healthy dose of exercise, too! Check out our guide to our fave routes for a <u>family bike ride</u>.

### 2. Enjoy a picnic

With so many great green spaces on our doorsteps, you're never far away from a top picnic spot. Take your pick from one of our <u>favourite</u> <u>parks</u>... then get making those sarnies!

### **3.** Head to Pulau Ubin

This rustic escape gives serious holiday vibes... and it's only a 15-minute boat ride away! Read up on what to see and do there with our complete guide to Pulau Ubin.

# **Curl up with** some books

Singapore has some fabulous <u>public</u> <u>libraries</u> for kids with amazing children's sections and heaps of pageturners to get lost in. Why not enjoy an afternoon readathon?

### **5**. Splash out

There are some awesome <u>public</u> <u>pools</u> in Singapore to cool off in. And some even have amazing slides for thrill seekers! Don your cozzie and take a dip, we say!



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New Year's Day	1 Jan 2021	Friday	
Chinese New Year	12 Feb 2021	Friday	
Chinese New Year	13 Feb 2021	Saturday	
Good Friday	Good Friday 2 Apr 2021		
Labour Day 1 May 2021		Saturday	
Hari Raya Puasa	13 May 2021	Thursday	
Vesak Day	26 May 2021	Wednesday	
Hari Raya Haji	20 July 2021	Tuesday	
National Day	9 Aug 2021	Monday	
Deepavali	4 Nov 2021	Thursday	
Christmas Day	25 Dec 2021	Saturday	

# **Culture club**

### We list the cultural sights across the Little Red Dot we're crushing on.

One of the best parts about raising kids in Singapore is its multiculturalism – we always jump at the opportunity to teach our children about diverse cultures, languages and traditions. With that in mind, we've pulled together our all-time fave cultural hotspots in town, ready for you to visit once the world has healed up.

### **Little India**

The lively and colourful district of Little India is home to several cultural hotspots, trade shops and restaurants with delicious regional Indian food. Take your camera!



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### Sri Veeramakaliamman Temple

One of Singapore's oldest Hindu temples, the Sri Veeramakaliamman Temple was once a place of worship for early migrant workers and a refuge for Japanese air raids during World War II. We have serious heart eyes over its ornately decorated, colourful and intricate structures.

### Kampong Glam

Home to Singapore's oldest urban quarter, the district of Kampong Glam is now a vibrant lifestyle enclave with great food and cultural sights. Pop in to the Malay Heritage Centre to learn about the history and culture of the Malay community.

### Katong Antique House

If you've wanted to experience life in a Peranakan home, be sure to explore this traditional shophouse. Plus, hop on a tour to learn more about the unique cultural practices through its treasure trove of artefacts that line its walls.

### Chinatown

This 'hood is full of stalls and stores selling knick knacks, street eats and traditional wear. We've often swung by the Chinatown Heritage Centre to learn more about the local Chinese culture, too.



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### St. Andrew's Cathedral

Located in the Civic District, this Neo-Gothic building was built in the 1850s and is the oldest Anglican church in Singapore. You can't miss its imposing tower and spire, and its stained-glass windows and murals are pretty impressive, too.

### Sultan Mosque

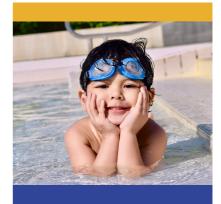
Built in 1824 for Sultan Hussain Shah, the Sultan Mosque is Kampong Glam's gleaming jewel and a national monument. Be sure to admire its architectural beauty and impressive golden dome from outside.



# After-school fun

Let the kids play and learn a new skill with our round-up of the most popular after-school activities.

It's important for our kids to get a healthy mix of school, playtime and personal development, which is why we love an after-school activity. Not only do they offer our children the chance to build soft skills and make new friends, but they also encourage learning outside of the classroom. Don't know where to start? Take a peek at these popular after-school activities and get inspired...



### Swimming

Beat the heat! Living in the tropics means it's always a great time to go swimming, and you can bet this is a popular activity for kids of all ages. Sign them up for <u>lessons with a popular</u> <u>swimming school</u>, or with a private coach in the comfort of your own condo.

### Football

Got a Messi or Ronaldo in the making? Enrol your wannabe football star in one of the many <u>soccer academies</u> in town. It'll help foster teamwork, coordination and communication – always a bonus!

### Rugby

This contact team sport is increasing in popularity in Singapore – and it's not just for boys! With more than half a dozen <u>rugby clubs</u> in town, it's perfect for the kiddos who love to run around and muck about with their friends.

### **Martial arts**

Unleash your little warrior's inner karate kid by signing them up for a <u>martial arts</u> class. Not only does it build your kid's discipline, resilience and self-confidence, but it'll also keep them fit. Plus, it gives them a safe space to let off some steam – we all know they need it!





### Music

Got a little maestro at home? Sign them up for a music class! Singapore has plenty of schools for your music makers to learn a new instrument. The best part? It's a great way for parents to pick up a new skill, too!



### Dance

If you've got <u>tiny dancers</u> with restless feet, let them work off their energy by grooving or tapping their feet to the beat. From jazz and ballet classes to hip hop and tap, get loose and get dancing!





### Coding

Embrace technology and equip your tech-savvy kids in today's globalised society by signing them up for some coding workshops. It's a great way to get them excited in science and technology, and complements their lessons in school as well.

### Performing Arts

Set your thespian on the path to stardom with classes from reputable <u>theatre companies</u> around town. It'll encourage them to channel and express their creativity into acting, singing or in other forms of performing arts, like set production and design, sound effects and more.



# Let's shop!

### Here's our handy guide to some of the back-toschool supplies you'll need on your radar.

So you've picked your school, you've filled out all the paperwork and you've got the uniform. Now it's time to tick off the must-buys before the first day of term rolls around! Our handy back-to-school guide will take the pain out of your shopping for school experience, and steer you to some of our top picks for school supplies in Singapore. From stationery and shoes to bags and lunchboxes, our lowdown will have your kids striding through those school gates totally prepped!

### Lunchboxes

Keep those tummies full and their brains fuelled for all that learning by packing a yumtastic lunchbox. Here are our fave places to hit up:

- <u>Yumbox</u>
- <u>Redmart</u>
- <u>Bumwear</u>

### **School shoes**

School age kiddos best stick to the uniform code, so black shoes and white runners it is! Try these kicks on for size:

- <u>Ten Feet Tall</u>
- <u>Stride Rite</u>
- <u>Clarks</u>
- <u>Takashimaya</u>



### Stationery

Us HoneyKids parents are still massive stationery geeks – nothing quite beats shopping for new pens, pencils and notebooks! Get your kids on the same page with these fab suppliers:

- <u>Smiggle</u>
- <u>Typo</u>
- <u>Tango Mango</u>
- Stationery World
- Art Friend

### **Name stickers**

Get a head start on the back-to-school rush and help avoid the lost property box by labelling everything they own...

- <u>Stickerkid</u>
- <u>Tiny Me</u>
- Stuck on You
- Bright Star Kids
- Label of Love Studio

### **School bags**

If you don't have to go with the standard-issue bookbag, try these suppliers on for size. They've got a great range of bag options for even the littlest of school starters...

- <u>lkea</u>
- Le Petit Society
- Ergokid
- Herschel Supply Co.
- Pupsik Studio



# Have you visited School Selector yet?

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# SCHOOL TOUR CHECKLIST

Going on a school tour? Not sure what to ask? No worries! We've created this handy dandy checklist for you to run through. Print off a copy of this form for each tour you go on, then compare at the end when making your final decision. Good luck!

| School:        | Date of Tour:  |  |
|----------------|----------------|--|
| Admin Contact: | Name of Child: |  |

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| CHECKLIST                                                                                                             | $\odot$ | NOTES |       |
| Curriculum (Montessori, Reggio Emilia,<br>IB Diploma, Australian, American or UK ),<br>languages offered, class sizes |         |       |       |
| School's mission, vision, and culture                                                                                 |         |       |       |
| School facilities (academic, sports and arts)                                                                         |         |       |       |
| School's location and available transportation                                                                        |         |       |       |
| Teachers, teaching methods<br>and approach to learning                                                                |         |       |       |
| Fees                                                                                                                  |         |       |       |
| Admission process                                                                                                     |         |       |       |
| Sibling discounts/financial incentives                                                                                |         |       |       |
| Sports/extracurricular activities on offer                                                                            |         |       |       |

### OTHER TIPS & QUESTIONS

- See if you can visit both inside and outside school hours so you get a fuller picture.
- Find out a thorough cost breakdown and what extras will be needed
- Enquire about teacher expertise
- "Why should I choose your school?"
- "Are scholarships on offer?"
- "What is the school transport timetable?"
- "What parent support is available?"
- Above all: can you picture your child enjoying this school?

|                          | NOTES | <br> |      |
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# Your admissions checklist

Things you might need when applying to an international school.

While every school has its own application process, here are some of the documents required you might want to start compiling...



COMPLETED SCHOOL APPLICATION FORM

PHOTOCOPIES OF CHILD'S PASSPORT

PHOTOCOPIES OF CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE

PHOTOCOPIES OF PARENTS' PASSPORTS

PHOTOCOPIES OF BOTH YOURS AND YOUR CHILD'S IMMIGRATION STATUS (DEPENDANT'S PASS, FOR EXAMPLE)

PASSPORT-SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS OF YOUR CHILD

VACCINATION HISTORY CERTIFICATE

**REPORT CARDS** (OFFICIALLY TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH IF NECESSARY)

BAPTISM CERTIFICATE OR SIMILAR IF YOUR CHILD IS APPLYING TO A FAITH-BASED SCHOOL

LETTER OF GUARANTEE IF YOUR COMPANY IS PAYING THE SCHOOL FEES

AND OF COURSE, ALL YOUR RELEVANT FEES



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