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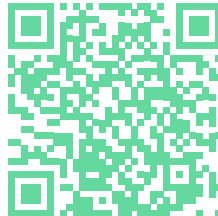
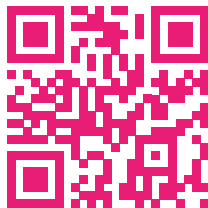




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Hey, parents!

If you're new to Singapore and need an all-inclusive guide to education in the Little Red Dot, we're here to help! Singapore is renowned for its world-class education system, offering a wide variety of schooling options, extracurricular activities and much more.

Whether you're choosing your child's first school, on the lookout for the right curriculum, exploring options for early intervention or learning support, or figuring out your kiddo's future university options, this Education Guide is designed to equip you with all the information you need to make confident decisions.

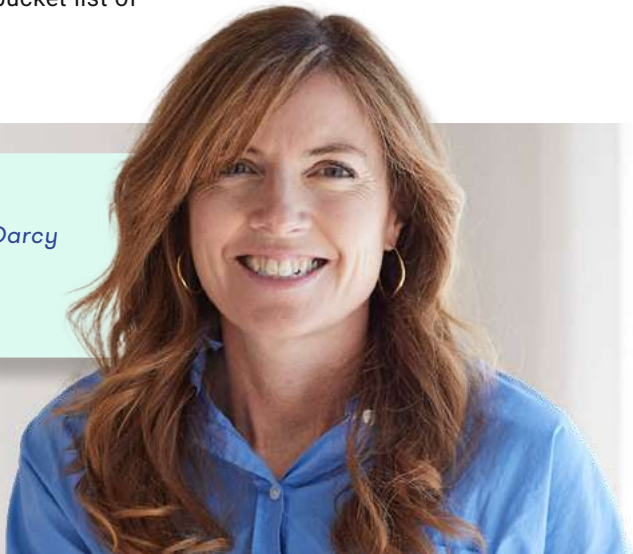
We've also included plenty of fun ideas for things to do with kids when they're not in school! From a bucket list of

must-visit attractions to the lowdown on Singapore's cultural celebrations, we've got you covered! Plus, we've included some essential details about family doctors and dentists you might want to have on speed dial.

Want more great info IRL? Join us at the HoneyKids Asia International School Fair! Now in its 16th edition, it's the longest-running (and best!) school fair in town. It's a fantastic chance to meet top international schools from across Singapore, get your questions answered by experts, and attend a range of informative education talks. If you can't make it, don't worry — this guide is here to help you along the way. All the best!

Chris Edwards,

*Mum to Evie, Louis & Darcy
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for your child?

Our guide to international school curricula is here to help!



Making your choice for an international school but feeling overwhelmed by the various curricula? Choosing the right curriculum means looking at what best supports your child's learning style – and keeping potential future relocations in mind.

To help you navigate the options, we've put together a clear, easy-to-understand overview of the curricula offered by international schools in Singapore.

American

Schools that offer the [American curriculum](#) are supported by the AERO standards, which is issued by the US State Department's Office of Overseas Schools. Known for its flexibility and academic rigour, this curriculum is inquiry-based and student-centred. At the high school level, students can make their own course choices.





British

Students following the [national curriculum of UK](#) go through five key stages, with the GCSE happening in the fourth key stage (Years 10-11) and A Levels in the final stage (Years 12-13). Core subjects include English literacy, mathematics and numeracy, science, art, music, drama, physical education, and religious education.

International Baccalaureate (IB)

IB is an international curriculum that's considered to be the gold standard by many educational institutions. It aims to develop students academically, emotionally, and socially; and is said to result in better chances of admission into top universities. Watch our [video](#) on how you can tell if the IB is the right choice for your child!



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Essential Information

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Location
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Age taught
3-18 years

School hours
8:30am - 3:35pm

Website
ifs.edu.sg

Admissions
Call +65 6805 0000; or email
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Age taught
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School hours
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8:15am - 3:20pm
(Primary and Secondary)

Website
nexus.edu.sg

Admissions
Call +65 6536 6566; or email
admissions@nexus.edu.sg

What HONEYKIDS loves about this school

- ★ Nexus offers IB and IGCSE, building strong academic foundations while encouraging independent learning. 43% of its 2025 IB graduates scored over 35 points, with an average score of 35.1.
- ★ Learners are encouraged to pursue interests alongside studies, such as performing arts, sports, entrepreneurship, or leadership opportunities.
- ★ The school has over 60 nationalities represented, providing learners with a globally minded education supported by purposeful digital learning.



"We chose Nexus for its 'can do' mentality, outstanding sports programmes, and excellent teachers. Our daughters love going to school: Diana excels in sports while pursuing leadership and theatre; Flora is always happy to see her teachers and friends."
– The Feketes, parents of Nexus learner Diana (Year 6) and Flora (Year 2)

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Age taught

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School hours

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(operational hours)

9am - 5pm

(programme hours)

Website

sji-internationalpreschool.com.sg

Admissions

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or email [admin@sji-](mailto:admin@sji-internationalpreschool.com.sg)

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Essential Information

Year established
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Location
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Age taught
18 months - 18 years

School hours
8:30am - 3:30pm

Website
xwa.edu.sg

Admissions
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admissions@xwa.edu.sg

What HONEYKIDS loves about this school

- ★ XWA offers XCLerate Future Skills programme, the first international school to integrate critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and resilience through AI and tech into everyday learning.
- ★ Its immersive bilingual programme that uses dual-language learning in English and Chinese, led by native-speaking educators.
- ★ The school's students have been proven to perform above average in numeracy and literacy (benchmarked against MAP norms over two million students worldwide).



"XCL World Academy is a school that truly listens. The teachers' care, concern, and respect for each child's individuality have helped my children grow confident, expressive, and excited to learn every day." - Marie Shirasaka, mother of Ryu (Grade 3) and Marin (Grade 8)



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A little help goes a long way; and lucky for us, there are many places in Singapore that offer extra support for children of different abilities.

Formal education may not be for everyone. Here's a guide on what you need to know about the support options available in Singapore.

Early intervention centres

[Early intervention centres](#) often offer targeted support (therapy, after-school academic support, etc.); some may even have learning and childcare programmes. Most centres are privately-run, but children who are citizens and permanent residents have the option to join the subsidised [Early Intervention Programme for Infants & Children](#).



Local and special education (SPED) schools

Children with mild learning needs can receive support at local mainstream schools, where teachers work closely with a Special Needs Education Officer and relevant social agencies to support them.

There are also local SPED schools that cater to children with moderate to severe special education needs, where they follow a tailored form of the national curriculum.



International schools

On top of learning support, some international schools even provide [special pathways for children with diverse learning needs](#). A select few have in-house therapists and facilities too.

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Top spots in Singapore to visit with babies



Pack your nappy bags, load up the stroller, and get bub in their cutest outfit – we're going for a day out around the Little Red Dot.

We're not exaggerating when we say that Singapore is one of the most kid-friendly cities in the world. Here are our top picks of best spots around the island to hang out with your mini-me.

Indoor playgrounds

This takes top spot, especially the ones with [soft play areas](#) that are great for crawling, ballpits, pretend play, and more.



Public libraries

Singapore has really [kid-friendly libraries](#). We especially love the ocean-themed children's area at Central Library, with comfy seats and immersive games for the little ones.



Mandai Wildlife Reserve

All kiddos love a day out at the [zoo](#), and Mandai Wildlife Reserve is great because it has not just one but five zoos and the biggest (and newest) indoor play area on the island – Curiosity Cove!



Babies and toddler classes

From sensory-rich [playgroups](#) to multisport [classes](#) designed just for babies, these are a great way to spend some quality time while helping bub meet their developmental milestones.



Check out our [website](#) for more inspo.



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How much does it really cost to send kids to international school?

International school fees go way beyond the cost of tuition. Here's a real, no-filter guide to the bucket load of costs to consider so you're more well prepared!



The biggest piece of the pie is the actual cost of **tuition**. The range of fees is extremely broad, anywhere from around \$17,000 up to around \$50,000.



While applying is free at some schools, the one-off **application fees** at others can be up to \$5,350, and this fee is usually non-refundable.



Signing your kid up for the **school bus** could set you back as little as \$1,100 yearly or as much as \$8,500. If your kids are confident riding on Singapore's stellar public transport system, it's a much cheaper alternative!



Uniforms are essential to the school kit, with blazers that can cost upwards of \$100. Just one set of uniform for one child including formal and sports gear can cost close to \$300.



Going to the **school canteen** daily can cost anywhere from \$900 to \$1,800 per year. Get creative with lunch box ideas to save money!



Kids can excel in sports, dance and drama, technology studies and languages as **extra-curricular activities**, for additional fees which vary widely. Other costs that might crop up include fees for **technology**, **books**, stationery, resources and **exams**. Then there's insurance and **learning support** too.



Top tips for saving money:

- Ask for sibling discounts if all kids can attend the same school
- Check if you can pay in instalments
- Take public transport
- Pack lunch from home
- Label uniforms clearly to avoid losing items

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Got a child who's planning for university?

We got some tips from the pros on how you can help your child stand out in their university applications right here.

These days, it takes more than just good grades to secure a spot in top universities around the world. Factors like [extracurricular activities \(ECAs\)](#),

character, and interests matter as well. Here's what a university and careers guidance counsellor and top student have to share.

Take university and careers guidance seriously

Many international schools provide excellent [university and careers guidance counselling](#), starting as early as when a student is 13 years old. This usually covers pathway planning, course and university selection, and application support.

Choose ECAs that align with their interests

ECAs should reflect your child's interests and strengths, demonstrating their knowledge and enthusiasm in their chosen field of study.

Start early

Depending on where your child plans to attend university, they should look at planning their applications and ECAs in Year 9 (US universities) or Grade 11 (UK, Australia, etc.).

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A scholar and a golfer

Felicity Hustler excels academically and flourishes across diverse fields, notably demonstrating her knowledge with outstanding grades in English, Topic and Mandarin. Inspired by the remarkable enrichment opportunities at NLCS (Singapore), she became the Junior School House Captain (Cengal) and was part of the FOBISIA U11 Sports Team representing four disciplines (Swimming, T-ball, Athletics and Football) across two consecutive years.

But embodying the NLCS ethos means more than just achieving exceptional academic outcomes. Felicity embodies sportsmanship with her love for golf. She regularly competes with some of Asia's top junior golfers in the Singapore Junior Development Tour and the U.S. Kids Golf Tour. In 2023, she won one of the Junior Medals at Sentosa Golf Club and placed fifth in the U11 Calloway World Championships Qualifier. In the Northern Junior Golf Tour held in the summer of 2024, she won best net (score of 63) at Newcastle City Golf Club, UK. Felicity is now looking forward to her next challenge - being part of the NLCS (Singapore) Golf Team competing in the ACSIS league.



Scan here to find out how our ethos shapes confident, well-rounded students at NLCS (Singapore).

For enquiries, call Admissions at **+65 6989 3000** or email **admissions@nlcssingapore.sg**.

Must-do things to do with kids in Singapore

New to Singapore or looking to enjoy the best Singapore has to offer? We've got you covered with some of the best things to do with the fam.



Tourist attractions, outdoor activities, indoor fun, cultural experiences – Singapore is full of activities for families. We've got you covered with some of the best things to do so you can maximise time with the fam!



Outdoor Fun

Universal Studios Singapore

South East Asia's only Hollywood theme park, which recently added Minion Land to its array of awesome zones.



Singapore Zoo, Bird Paradise and more

So much wildlife to explore and admire at Singapore Zoo and the various Mandai wildlife parks, including the recently opened Rainforest Wild Asia.



Singapore Botanic Gardens

Singapore Botanic Gardens is Singapore's first UNESCO World Heritage Site – kids will love Swan Lake and the Jacob Ballas Children's Garden!



Indoor activities

Indoor playgrounds



Pouring rain doesn't mean the fun ends – take shelter at over 60 incredible indoor playgrounds with options from toddlers to older kids (we've got them listed in our guide!)

Trampoline parks



Bounce around and break a serious sweat with the kiddos at the various trampoline parks in Singapore.

Singapore Oceanarium



Formerly S.E.A Aquarium, the Oceanarium has returned three times bigger and now offers an immersive oceanic experience, complete with bouncing nets!



Cultural experiences

Little India, Chinatown, Kampong Glam

Lots of cultural experiences here to explore, from temples to mosques and of course lots of yummy eats!



Visit a wet market

Wet markets are where the freshest produce can be found. Be prepared for some strong smells and beware of slippery floors!



Hawker centres

This one is a must – hawker centres are where you'll find all the good local food. There are so many stalls to choose from, so take your time and explore them all before deciding!

Ask a psychotherapist:

“What if my child’s the bully?”

We’re often worried about our kids getting bullied in school. But what’s a parent to do if we find out our child is being the bully? Psychotherapist Tulika Sahai shares how to navigate this.

A client once walked into my office overwhelmed. “My child is the bully,” she admitted after learning her son had targeted another student. It’s one thing to fear your child might be bullied, but discovering they’re the one doing the bullying is a different kind of heartbreak.

Bullying is a behaviour, not an identity. Labeling a child a “bully” can trap them

in that role, while focusing on “bullying behaviour” leaves room for change. And rather than panic or blame, it’s important to recognise that children who bully are often struggling too. Their actions may signal deeper issues like anxiety, low self-worth, or emotional distress.

Here are a few reasons this behaviour might occur:

1. Low self-esteem

They may use bullying to feel powerful or noticed.

What to do: Ask reflective questions like “What do you like about yourself?”

2. Wanting to fit in

They may act out to gain approval from a peer group.

What to do: Learn more about their friends and social dynamics.

3. Not understanding their impact

Some kids don’t realise their actions hurt others.

What to do: Teach empathy through conversations, stories, and community involvement.

Bullying behaviour needs clear consequences, but also compassion. Keep communication open, ask about their world, and truly listen – it helps them build healthier relationships ahead.

You can read the [full list of tips on our website!](#)





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Gentle parenting in Singapore

Parents have polarising views on gentle parenting, especially in Singapore. Does this parenting style really work? Here's what these mums have to say.



What is gentle parenting?

Some parents have mistaken it for permissive parenting, where they rarely punish their child and have barely any guidelines for behaviour. On the contrary, gentle parenting is all about setting boundaries but in a calm, warm, and loving manner while still being firm.

How effective is it?

There's no one-size-fits-all parenting style; it all depends on how your child responds to it. Getting your child to understand boundaries can be a bit challenging, but with enough patience, they'll be able to understand. In the Singapore context,

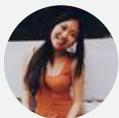
where tiger mums and using the rotan are commonplace, newer parents will have to make sure to unlearn some of these things. How well parents can do this step also plays a big role in how effective their gentle parenting will be.



"Gentle parenting is not about being nice to the kids; it's about being kind. The most common thing that people don't do in gentle parenting is set firm boundaries and stick to them. Or they have too many 'rules.' Personally, I have three rules: my child is safe, they're in a safe environment, and what they're doing isn't against the law." - **Andrina, mum of a teenager**



"Gentle parenting centres around respect. By showing respect to your child and being mindful of their feelings, they learn to respect you in return, and you can set boundaries around when they are not showing you that mutual respect." - **Amanda, mum of three**



"I think gentle parenting got a bad rep from people misunderstanding it – like those who think they're doing gentle parenting when instead they're doing permissive parenting. Gentle parenting isn't about not saying no; it's about treating the child with as much respect as any individual your age." - **Esther, mum of two**



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Cultural events and festivals in Singapore to know

What's Pongal? Who celebrates Ramadan? And what should you know about Hungry Ghost Festival? Singapore is a melting pot of cultures, so here's the lowdown on all the different cultural celebrations in the Little Red Dot!

Pongal

The harvest festival celebrated by the Tamil community.

13-17
JAN 2026

Thaipusam

Hindu devotees embark on this annual procession to declare their faith and offer thanks in honour of Lord Subrahmanya, who represents virtue, youth, and power.

1
FEB 2026

Chinese New Year

Also known as the Lunar New Year or Spring Festival, it begins on the first day of the first month in the lunar calendar.

17-18
FEB 2026

Ramadan and Hari Raya Aidilfitri

Muslims fast for a whole month in Ramadan, which is seen as a commitment to the purification of the soul. They then celebrate Eid aka Hari Raya Aidilfitri!

19 FEB - 20 MAR
&
21 MAR 2026

Holi

This lively and colourful festival is celebrated by lighting a bonfire to burn away all the bad, and participants throw powdered dye in the air, representing a vibrant new life.

4
MAR 2026

Good Friday and Easter

Good Friday and Easter are celebrated with lots of themed kid-friendly brunches around the island.

3-5
APR 2026

Hari Raya Haji

An important Muslim festival where followers reflect on the story of God commanding Ibrahim to sacrifice his son, Ismail.

27
MAY 2026

Vesak Day

This is an important celebration for Buddhists as it commemorates the birth, enlightenment and death of the Buddha.

31
MAY 2026

Dragon Boat Festival

This festival is celebrated in honour of Qu Yuan, a poet who drowned himself as an act of protest against corruption. Dragon boat races are held to symbolise the “search” for his body.

19
JUN 2026

National Day

Our nation's birthday, where we celebrate our independence.

9
AUG 2026

Hungry Ghost Festival

Taoists believe that in August, the “Gates of Hell” are opened, and the souls of the dead are free to roam the earth. Incense sticks and joss paper are also burnt as a form of prayer.

27
AUG 2026

Mid-Autumn Festival

Known as the Lantern or Mooncake Festival, children tote around paper lanterns in cute shapes and sizes once the sun goes down and feast on a whole heap of mooncakes.

25
SEPT 2026

Deepavali

Also known as Diwali, the Festival of Lights is celebrated by Hindus all around the world, including in Singapore.

8
NOV 2026

Hanukkah

There is a sizeable Jewish community in Singapore who celebrate The Festival of Lights, typically between late November and late December!

4-12
DEC 2026

Christmas

This one needs no introduction – Christmas is a big deal in Singapore and celebrations often start as soon as Deepavali ends!

25
DEC 2026

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WHAT IS NDP?

Guide to Singapore's annual National Day Parade

Singapore's birthday, National Day, falls on 9 August – and celebrations often begin from June every year!



What is National Day?

It's a day to commemorate Singapore's independence from Malaysia in 1965. The main event of the holiday is the much-loved National Day Parade which comes and a fireworks celebration.



The National Day theme

Each year, we have a different theme that reinforces what makes Singapore, Singapore! For the most recent National Day, the theme was "Majulah Singapura". Its aim was to make us reflect on our journey as one people, and to look ahead with hope, courage, and unity.

The National Day song

We also have a National Day song every year, usually performed by homegrown artists! Iconic NDP songs of the past include 'Home' by Kit Chan, 'Where I Belong' by Tanya Chua and 'Not Alone' by Benjamin Kheng. Each song highlights how Singaporeans embrace their differences, celebrate the nation's achievements and stay grounded in their roots.



This year's National Day: What to expect

While we don't have the exact details at the moment, there's always lots taking place during the celebrations. The NDP that takes place at both the Padang and Marina Bay with an aerial flypast of the Singapore flag, fireworks, and fun performances from local artists and talents.



Keeping teeth healthy in Singapore: Guide to family & kids' dentists



A trip to the dentist can feel overwhelming for young children – the unfamiliar noises, tools, and prodding can all seem intimidating. That's why choosing a kid-friendly dentist is key to helping them feel safe and at ease. Good news: we've rounded up the top paediatric dental clinics, plus helpful tips to make your little one's first visit to the dentist go as smoothly as possible!

It's recommended to bring the kiddos to the dentist at least once every six months – as soon as their first tooth sprouts or when they turn one. Make sure you talk them through it before heading over and book a time slot when they'll be well-rested. Ensuring they have a good routine will make visits less painful as well!

Some kids' dentists in Singapore to take note of:

Family Dental Clinic

📍 Several locations in Singapore

🌐 www.toofdoctor.com.sg

Kids Dental World

📍 #08-33, Mount Elizabeth Novena Hospital, 38 Irrawaddy Road, Singapore 329563

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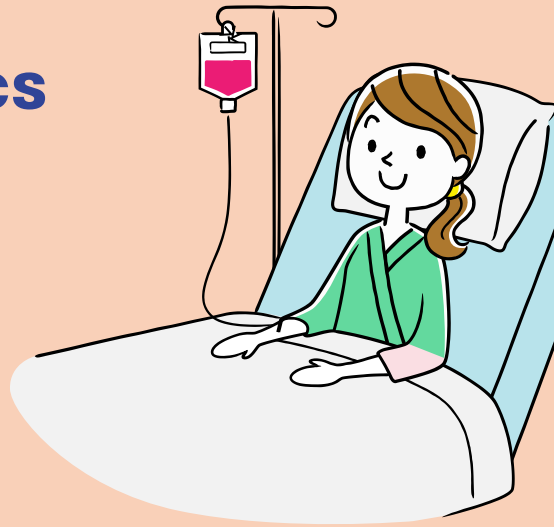
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24-hour clinics to have on speed dial

Dealing with a health concern in the middle of the night? For non-urgent issues, you can skip the ER and head to a 24-hour clinic or after-hours doctor instead – it's quicker and helps keep emergency rooms available for true emergencies.



24-hour medical centres to bookmark:

Thompson Medical Centre (A&E and a 24-hour family clinic)

339 Thomson Road, Singapore 307677
Tel: 6250 2222
www.thomsonmedical.com

Unihealth 24-Hour Clinic Group (Toa Payoh)

#01-218, 178 Toa Payoh Central,
Singapore 310178
Tel: 6203 1639
www.unihealthclinic.sg

Mount Elizabeth Novena (A&E and a 24-hour on-call paediatrician)

38 Irrawaddy Road, Singapore 329563
Tel: 6898 6898
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Raffles Medical Airport 24-Hour Clinic

#B2-01, Changi Airport Terminal 3, 65
Airport Boulevard, Singapore 819663
Tel: 6241 8818

Central 24-HR Clinic Group

Various locations across Singapore

Some handy tips to remember:

- Babies and toddlers bleed a lot, even from tiny cuts, especially on the head and hands.
- Bring your child's passport, ID, and credit card to the hospital or clinic.
- Panic can cloud judgement – keep an emergency plan on the fridge and review it with family.
- A first aid course for minor injuries is always helpful.
- Keep a well-organised first aid kit handy.

We've compiled a full [list of 24-hour family clinics across Singapore](#) so you can keep them on hand if an emergency strikes!



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of School Acronyms every parent needs to know

Don't know your IB from your IGCSE? Past the point where it's acceptable to ask? Our trusty guide to school acronyms should sort you out. Yup, it's time to drop that sheepish grin — we're here to educate!



AP:

Advanced Placement
an American program which offers college-level curricula and examinations to high school students.

CBSE:

Central Board of Secondary Education
a Board of Education for schools, under the Union Government of India.

DP:

Diploma Programme
an educational program managed by the IB for students aged 17 to 18 years old.

EAL:

English as an
Additional Language



GCE A Level:

**General Certificate
of Education
Advanced Level**

pre-university course
taken in the last two years
of secondary school
culminating in exams
taken in three to five
subjects chosen on what
university course
a student intends
to pursue.

IPC:

**International Primary
Curriculum** curriculum
for children aged five to
11 with specific learning
goals for every subject
and taught in over 1,000
schools worldwide.

ILP:

Individual Learning
Program

IGCSE:

**International General
Certificate of
Secondary Education**

an English language
curriculum based on
GCE O levels.

IB:

**International
Baccalaureate**

a non-profit educational
institution that offers
educational programs
for children aged three
to 18 years-old.



PYP:

**Primary Years
Programme**

an educational program
managed by the IB for
students aged three to
12 years.

MYP:

**Middle Years
Programme**

an educational program
managed by the IB for
students aged 11 to
16 years old.

HSC:

**Higher School
Certificate** a secondary
school credential awarded
by New South Wales,
Australia.

IBDB:

**International
Baccalaureate Diploma
Programme** a two-year
educational programme
for 16- to 18 year-olds.

STEAM:

Programs that include
Science, Technology,
Engineering/
Entrepreneurship, Arts
and Mathematics.



STEM

Programs that include
Science, Technology,
Engineering and
Mathematics.

UNI:

University

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:

CHECKLIST	😊	☹️	NOTES
Curriculum (Montessori, Reggio Emilia, IB Diploma, Australian, American or UK), 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 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?

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Chatsworth International School
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Dover Court International School
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Dulwich College (Singapore)
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