



## ANTARCTICA CLASS ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Antarctica Class Parents,

As described in our [South Horizons Campus Update](#), we have made the difficult decision to reduce the number of Casa dei Bambini classes at the South Horizons Campus and “retire” the Antarctica Class for the time being. We are grateful to Ms Jolly and Deng Lao Shi (Monica) for their commitment and care of the Antarctica Class children. We wish Ms Jolly the best as she plans to spend more time back in Canada and are pleased that Deng Lao Shi will continue with IMS next year, initially taking on the role of a full-time support teacher.

For all of our returning families from Antarctica Class, our top priority is to ensure that there is a smooth transition for your children into existing classroom environments where they can flourish. Our decisions for class placements considered maintaining the friendships and connections that the children have already established, while creating a positive mix of ages in the existing classes. I will contact each of our returning Antarctica Class families in the coming days to discuss the transition for your child.

For returning families, your child’s new teachers will have access to your child’s records and past progress, and will be able to meet with Ms Jolly and Deng Lao Shi before the end of the year to get to know your child academically and socially, to provide a seamless progression in their classroom work and development. The new teachers will continue to liaise with Ms Jolly, Deng Lao Shi, and I, and work closely with you to ensure each child is happy and challenged in their new classroom, where they will remain for the rest of their time in the Casa dei Bambini programme.

In preparation for this transition, we would like to invite you to come with your child to meet your new classroom teachers on the afternoon of Friday 10th June. We will send a communication with specific details following our discussion and confirmation of your child’s class placement. Please join us so that your child can acquaint themselves with their new classroom environment. If you cannot make it, please feel free to contact me and we will schedule another time with the teachers.

We know that a change like this can cause some anxiety, often more for the parent than the child, but please rest assured that we are following up on every aspect for your child. We are looking forward to welcoming your child back to school in the new academic year! If I can be of help in answering questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warmest regards,

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