



LILY CLASS ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Lily Class Parents,

As we move forward into the 2022-23 school year, we have made the difficult decision to reduce the number of Casa dei Bambini classes at the Stanley Campus from 6 to 5. This move is to better ensure each class has a strong cohort of each year level, which is so vital in the Montessori multi-age environment. This reduction is necessary for the coming year to ensure a healthy mix of children with a balance of ages in each class.

With the above in mind, we have taken several factors into consideration and have ultimately decided that the best arrangement is to “retire” the Lily Class for the time being, and have the children join other classes. As part of this decision, we considered re-enrollment numbers and classroom location, among other factors. In addition, after five years at IMS, Ms Vanessa recently informed us that she has decided not to return, so that she can continue to focus on caring for her son. We are grateful to Ms Mary and Liu Lao Shi 劉老師 (Lily) for their commitment and care of the Lily Class children this year. Both Ms Mary and Liu Lao Shi will continue with IMS next year, with Ms Mary taking over from Ms Nance in Jasmine Class and Liu Lao Shi initially taking on the role of a full-time cover teacher.

For all of our returning families from Lily 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 consider maintaining the friendships and connections that the children have already established, while creating a positive mix of ages in the existing classes. Ms Dafne will be in contact with each of our returning Lily Class families to discuss the transition for your child.

Your child’s new teachers will have access to your child’s records and past progress, and will be able to meet with Ms Mary and Liu Lao Shi to get to know your child academically and socially in order to provide a seamless progression in their classroom work and development. The new teachers will continue to liaise with Liu Lao Shi, Ms Mary and Ms Dafne 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 your discussion with Ms Dafne 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 us and Ms Dafne will schedule another time with the teachers.

As a Montessori school, we do our utmost to provide a consistent experience for our children during each 3-year cycle. Though the impact of the pandemic and other events has made these efforts more challenging in recent times, please know that we will continue to do our very best to provide stability for your child and furnish them with an exemplary learning environment throughout their time in our care.

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 we can be of help in answering questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Warmest Regards,

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Head of Stanley Campus

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