

PRIMARY

| OSLO INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL





Ours is a supportive learning environment where every individual is cared for and respected...

At Oslo International School, we are committed to providing a nurturing and stimulating environment where every child can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Our Primary programme offers a rich blend of academic excellence, creative exploration, and holistic support to cultivate well-rounded individuals poised for future success.

We understand that every child has unique needs and learning styles, which is why we prioritise small class sizes and personalised attention. With a student-teacher ratio of 8 to 1 and dedicated teaching assistants in Years 1 and 2, we ensure that every student receives the individualised support they need to thrive. In our Upper Primary, the student-teacher ratio is typically 15 to 1.





At the core of our educational approach lies a robust and globally recognised curriculum designed to inspire curiosity, foster critical thinking, and ignite a passion for lifelong learning.

International Primary Curriculum (IPC)

- A globally recognised research-driven framework that encourages inquiry-based learning and promotes international-mindedness. Through the IPC, students explore a diverse range of subjects, developing essential skills and knowledge while cultivating a deep understanding of the world around them. This programme seamlessly integrates with our IB learner profile attributes, ensuring a cohesive educational experience throughout the school.

Stepping Stones Mathematics Programme

- Through our specialised maths curriculum, students build a solid foundation by utilising visual models for conceptual understanding. We encourage classroom discussions for language growth, nurture critical thinking to aid procedural fluency, facilitate the application of concepts to real-world problems, and employ diverse assessment methods for comprehensive evaluation.



Comprehensive Literacy Programme

Our literacy programme encompasses a range of approaches, including:

- **Heggerty**, an American curriculum taught in Lower Primary, that teaches phonemic awareness and builds a solid literacy foundation.
- **Jolly Phonics**, a British evidence-based phonics programme that is used worldwide to help children become confident readers and writers using multisensory resources.
- **Writer's Workshop**, an American programme that teaches the importance of writing across genres, and addresses all aspects of the writing process from brainstorming ideas to editing work.
- **Hamilton Trust**, a British curriculum that emphasises investigation, enquiry, and practical activity. Children are stimulated to learn through high interest, inspirational texts and hands-on experiences, which draw on their existing knowledge and skills.

Language Learning

As part of our commitment to global citizenship, students at OIS learn Norwegian as an integral part of their education. Students are placed in classes based on their proficiency: Beginner, Intermediate, or Mother Tongue.

- **Norwegian C** focuses on learning basic words and phrases relevant to Norwegian life and customs.
- **Norwegian B** has a deeper focus on language acquisition and is tailored for students who have a good grasp of the Norwegian Language.
- **Norwegian A** is for native Norwegian speakers. We adapt the Norwegian National Curriculum to fit our students' needs.



Specialist Lessons

In addition to our rigorous academic programme, students at OIS benefit from a variety of enriching specialist activities designed to foster creativity, collaboration, and personal growth:

- **Art:** Students explore their creativity and express themselves through various artistic mediums.
- **Music:** From singing to playing instruments, students discover the joy of music and develop their musical talents.
- **Digital Skills:** Through hands-on activities, students learn to navigate the digital world responsibly and develop essential technological skills.
- **Physical Education (PE):** Our PE programme promotes physical fitness, teamwork, and sportsmanship in a supportive and inclusive environment.
- **Jigsaw PSHE Programme:** Our comprehensive PSHE (Personal, Social, Health, and Economic Education) programme helps students develop essential life skills, resilience, and emotional intelligence.

Additional Support Services

- **Support for Learning (SfL):** We offer additional assistance and resources for students who may require extra support in their academic journey.
- **English as an Additional Language (EAL):** Our specialised EAL programme helps students develop proficiency in English, ensuring a smooth transition for non-native speakers.
- **Full-Time Counsellor:** Our dedicated counsellor is available to provide social-emotional support, helping children navigate challenges and develop essential life skills. With the support of our counsellor, we organise inclusive break time activities and mixed year group lunches to promote friendships across different year levels.



Co-Curricular Activities

In addition to the core Primary curriculum, students participate in a variety of activities during their school day that add to a well-rounded education beyond the classroom.

- Immerse in **Nature School** activities during Lower Primary years.
- Engage in **Winter Activities** like cross-country skiing (includes Ski School for Years 1-5, and a week-long retreat for Year 6 at an outdoor activity centre in the mountains of Norway).
- Participate in **Swimming Lessons**.
- Take part in friendly competition during **Sports Days**.
- Interact across Primary and even Secondary through the **Book Buddies** reading programme.
- Develop leadership skills and make a difference in the school community through participation in the **Student Council**.
- Collaborate with dedicated **Class Coordinators** to enhance parent involvement in school activities.
- Embrace and celebrate the richness of our cultural diversity through events such as **UN Day**.

Join Our Community

At OIS, we are committed to nurturing a community of learners who are empowered, inspired, and prepared to make a positive impact on the world. We hope you will join us on this exciting journey of discovery and growth!



Lesson Overview

Years 1 - 2

Subject	Lessons / Week
Literacy	8
Mathematics	8
International Primary Curriculum	8
Physical Education	2
Music	1
Norwegian	3*
Art / Digital Skills / Mindfulness	1**
PSHE	1
Creative & Physical Activity	3

Years 3 - 6

Subject	Lessons / Week
Literacy	8
Mathematics	8
International Primary Curriculum	8
Physical Education	2
Music	2
Norwegian	3*
Art	2
Digital Skills	1
PSHE	1

* Norwegian A (mother tongue) students have 4 lessons per week; other students have 3 lessons per week

** each subject is studied in blocks of 12 weeks (with 1 lesson per week)



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