



Early Childhood Orientation & First Days

PreK1 • PreK2 • Kindergarten • Grade 1 | 2026–27 School Year

International School Bangkok
Elementary School — Early Childhood

First, watch your inbox — Wednesday, August 5. Parents will receive an email in the afternoon, introducing your child's teacher, with links to sign up for your Meet the Teacher appointment (and Come & Play session for PreK families).

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7 — WELCOME & ORIENTATION DAY (ALL PREK–GRADE 12 FAMILIES)

Admissions support (enrollment, uniforms, ID cards, transportation) is available all morning in the Rajendra Gym.

7:15 – 7:50	Welcome Reception hosted by the ISB Parent Community — Panther statue, front of campus
8:00 – 9:00	Welcome Opening for all ISB families — ISB Theater
9:15 – 10:00	Optional Meet the Early Childhood Admin & Counselors — ES Vice Principal: Early Childhood Specialist and the Early Childhood Counselors welcome PreK1–Grade 1 parents in the Pre-K Piazza
10:15 – 10:30	Optional Open Q&A (PreK–Grade 5 families) — ES Cafeteria.

Early Childhood students do not need to attend this day unless you are sizing uniforms. EC Overview below.

KEY DATES BY GRADE LEVEL

Grade	Meet the Teacher <i>By appointment</i>	Come & Play <i>Child + 1 adult — meet teachers & classmates</i>	Parents in Partnership (PiP) Days <i>Child + 1 caregiver</i>	First Day of School
PreK1	Mon, Aug 10 (7:30–3:30) or Tue, Aug 11 (7:30–10:00) — Parents only <i>(can be via Google Meet if needed)</i> 30 minutes with the Teacher & IA	Tue, Aug 11 10:30–11:30 or 1:00–2:00	Thu, Aug 13 (first half of class) or Fri, Aug 14 (second half), 7:40–10:50	Mon, Aug 17 <i>1 adult may stay with their child until 8:35 during the 1st full week.</i>
PreK2	Mon, Aug 10 (7:30–3:30) or Tue, Aug 11 (until 10:00) — Parents only <i>(can be via Google Meet if needed)</i> 30 minutes with the Teacher & IA	Tue, Aug 11 10:30–11:30 or 1:00–2:00	—	Thu, Aug 13 (7:40–1:15)
Kindergarten	Mon, Aug 10 or Tue, Aug 11 (7:30–3:30) Parents & Student	—	—	Thu, Aug 13 (7:40–2:30)
Grade 1	Mon, Aug 10 (7:30–3:30) Parents & Student	—	—	Tue, Aug 11 (7:40–2:30)

Wednesday, August 12 is a public holiday — school is closed.

PREK1 FAMILIES: SUPPORTING A SMOOTH SEPARATION

This guidance applies to PreK1. PreK2, Kindergarten, and Grade 1 begin with regular drop-off routines.

- **One consistent caregiver** supports drop-off and gradual separation during the first week.
- Arrive by **7:40 a.m.**; caregivers staying for extra reassurance depart by **8:35 a.m.**, when classes move to the playground.
- Take a **quiet observer role** — find a spot at the edges of the room and let your child explore and connect independently. Phones should be put away at this time. No photos or videos
- Practice a **quick goodbye routine** at home: one hug or handshake, a clear statement (“I’m leaving now and will see you at the end of the day”), then a direct exit. Never sneak out or re-enter after goodbye.
- Teachers will share reassuring moments through **Seesaw** during the day.
- If your child needs a plan beyond the first week, our **counseling team** (see below) will partner with you and the teachers to design one.

FIRST DAYS: THE ESSENTIALS

Arrival

- Gates open at **7:15 a.m.**; parents may enter campus with their child each morning.
- Morning play, 7:15–7:35 — PreK & KG at **Panther Park**, Grade 1 at **Sky Park**.
- Morning Library (**HUB**), 7:15–7:35 — PreK - Grade 5 families
- The bell rings at **7:35** and instruction begins at **7:40**; students need a late slip after 7:45.

Dismissal

- **PreK: 1:15 p.m.** from the external classroom doors; adults wait at the Early Childhood turnstiles until 1:10.
- **KG & Grade 1: 2:30 p.m.** — KG from the Early Childhood turnstiles, Grade 1 from the Elementary turnstiles. Adults wait outside the turnstiles; teachers release each child directly to you.

SAVE THE DATES — PARENT SESSIONS

Fri, Aug 14	8:00 a.m. — First ES Parent Engage, MPB1 (<i>PreK1–Grade 5 families</i>)
Fri, Aug 21	8:00 a.m. — <i>Starting Well in Early Childhood</i> Parent Workshop, MPB3 (<i>PreK1–Grade 1 families</i>)
Thu, Aug 27	5:00 p.m. — ES Back to School Night (<i>PreK–Grade 5 families</i>)
Tue, Sep 8	7:45 a.m. — Meet the Counseling Team (<i>PreK–Grade 5 families</i>)

WHY WE BEGIN THIS WAY

Families are children's first and most enduring teachers. These first days are designed in our Reggio-inspired spirit of partnership — time to share what you know about your child, build trust with the teaching team, and give our youngest learners a gentle, relationship-centered start. ISB is a busy campus, and when everyone returns at once it can feel overwhelming for young children — so we create a bespoke welcome and orientation for Early Childhood families, and welcome our youngest students when the campus is calm and ready for them.

Good to Know

- **ID cards:** parents wear theirs at all times on campus; student cards attach to backpacks; PreK cards open the PreK building.
- **Supplies, snacks, and lunch are all provided.** Weekly menus are on the parent portal.
- **Small-sized backpack:** Children should carry their own bag each day to build confidence and independence.
- **Water bottles each day:** Send a full water bottle each day marked with your child's name.
- **Uniforms:** PreK wears the ISB uniform daily. KG & Grade 1 wear the school uniform daily with the PE uniform worn on PE days. Hats recommended; no Crocs.
- **Absent or late?** Email esattendance@isb.ac.th and your child's teacher by 8:00 a.m.

Questions? We are happy to help.

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