

Fulfilling every child's Potential

For over 38 years Woodland has set the
standard in Hong Kong for quality
early years education.



Welcome to Woodland



About us

The Woodland Group currently runs international pre-schools in Hong Kong, and more than 100,000 children have successfully passed through our schools since we opened our doors in 1978.

Each pre-school provides a UK-based curriculum for children aged up to 6 years, and we're dedicated to giving children everything they need, educationally, culturally and socially, to successfully transfer to primary school. We are the only pre-schools in the Greater China region to be fully accredited by the Montessori Evaluation and Accreditation Board.



and sensorial, with an emphasis on establishing and extending a strong understanding of oral English.

All our teachers are qualified and care deeply about the development and welfare of the children. We employ native-speaking linguists to teach Mandarin, and run classes which are English only, bi-lingual (English and Mandarin), and pure Mandarin. The school also has computers so that the children can develop a fundamental appreciation of information and communications technology.



Philosophy

We welcome children of all nationalities and backgrounds. Our aim is to provide a secure, loving and relaxed environment in which every child will feel happy and valued. We want all children to feel that their school is a second home to them, a place full of new and exciting things to learn and friends to meet, and we work to make sure your child's education is enjoyable, stimulating and rewarding.



Programme

We recognise that every child is unique, each having their own strengths, weaknesses and interests. We celebrate and acknowledge these differences through careful observations and assessments; because of this, children may not all achieve specific developmental milestones at the same time. Our programme is open-ended, child-initiated and creative-play based, with fun and interactive age and developmentally-appropriate experiences taught through bi-monthly themes. We offer differentiated activities to meet the needs of the individual child, and learning is primarily hands on



Admission Procedure

1

After making an appointment, you can visit the school with or without your child, for a tour and a discussion with the Head of School.

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Register your child by submitting a completed registration form. The Head of School will let you know if a place is immediately available. Otherwise, your child will be placed on our waiting list, and we'll give you an estimated waiting time.

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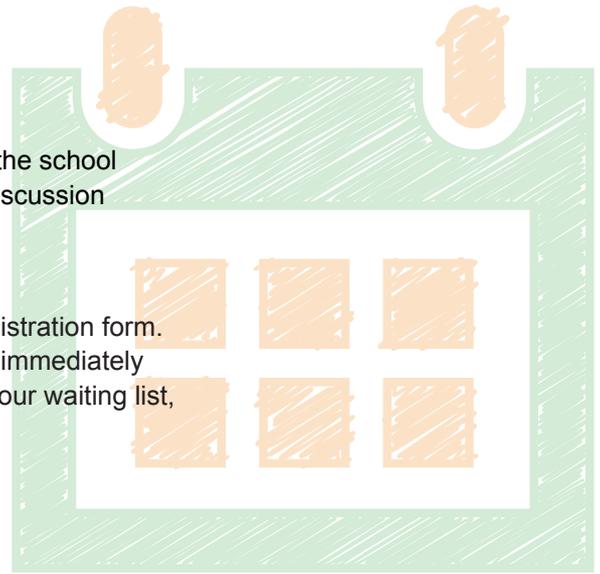
Once we have confirmed a start date, you submit a completed Enrolment Contract and pay the school fees.

4

You then finalise any administrative details such as school bus arrangements.

5

Your child starts school, provided we have received full payment.



We understand there are sometimes circumstances where you won't be able to follow all of the five steps, and we try to be as flexible as we can to meet your and your child's needs.

Getting involved

We encourage you to be closely involved in your child's education, to have close and open communication with the school so that you know everything about your child's progress and development. There are plenty of opportunities to play an active role in school activities, and you can make an appointment to meet with the Head of School or your child's teacher at any time. You can discuss your child's progress or development, or ways to contribute to their education at home.

Each child has a School Diary, which is sent to and from the school in their backpack every day. You can use it to correspond with us about anything from your child's behaviour to upcoming events.

We hold formal parent/teacher meetings twice a year, and run informal events such as 'Meet the teacher' evenings and class celebrations throughout the year.



Useful Information

Bus Service

We offer bus services to selected areas of Hong Kong and Kowloon. All buses are air-conditioned, fully insured and have an adult bus escort. Please contact the Head of School for more information.

Holidays

The school operates twelve months a year. It is closed for all government-listed public holidays and school holidays. Please ask at the office for detailed holiday dates.

Refreshments

During each session we offer the children refreshments – healthy snacks and water. Please make sure you let the school know if your child has any allergies or food intolerances.

Celebrations

We hold birthday celebrations for each child during school hours, and you are very welcome to send in a birthday treat or come and celebrate with us. We also like to celebrate traditional or religious festivals which you may have in your home country, and we would be very happy to arrange for you to talk to the children about them and share samples of food and festivities.

Primary Schools

There are many primary schools in Hong Kong, and we can help you apply by providing an up-to-date progress report on your child. We are happy to give you further information and advice about primary schools and their admission procedures so that you can make the right choice for your child.

Extra-Curricular Activities

We offer a variety of extra-curricular activities at selected Woodland Pre-Schools. To find out which activities are available at each pre-school, please contact the Head of School.

Extra-Curricular Activities

- Playgroup (Saturdays)
- Wrigglers and Rollers (Saturdays)
- English Club (also on Saturdays)
- Mandarin Made Easy (also on Saturdays)
- Soccer Club (also on Saturdays)
- Art & Sculpt (also in Mandarin)
- Messy Play (also in Mandarin)
- Book Buddies
- Computer Club
- Discover Science
- Drama Club
- Gymnastics
- Interview Skills
- Construction Club
- Let's Dance!
- Little Chefs
- Maths Club
- Musical Movers
- Phonics Fun
- Sensory Storytelling
- Social Skills
- French Club
- Tennis Club
- Martial Arts
- Yoga Club
- *Mandarin for Grown Ups*

Come
and
Join us!



Woodland Pre-School Class Structure



Ages are for guidance only. When your child reaches the minimum age for each class, we move them up only if they are ready. We can be flexible if your child needs more time in a particular class.

Classes

All classes follow the UK National Curriculum Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

Rollers

Rollers classes are for children aged 6 to 12 months, accompanied by an adult who is encouraged to take part in our activities where appropriate. We offer a stimulating environment where your child will have the opportunity to interact in a group and enhance their natural skills of balancing, rolling, rocking, pulling and pushing. Over time your child will learn to be in contact with other babies and explore their surroundings. At the same time, you or his/her carer will learn new and constructive ways to interact with your child at home. We cover all areas of child development in this play-based programme.

Wrigglers

Wrigglers classes are for children aged 12 months to 18 months – crawlers to beginner walkers. We encourage you to attend with your child and take part in our activities where appropriate. As with our Rollers classes, your child will have the opportunity to interact with a group and enhance their natural skills of balancing, rolling, rocking, pulling, pushing, climbing and supporting their own body weight. Over time your child will learn to integrate and socialise with other children of the same age. We cover all areas of child development in this play-based programme.



Playgroup

Playgroup classes are for children aged 18 months to approximately 2 years 4 months, accompanied by an adult so that we can maximise the child's confidence and participation levels. The Playgroup is a stimulating introduction to pre-school life and is an invaluable experience for both the child and the adult.

Our Playgroup curriculum is theme-based and involves activities such as painting, modelling and water/sand play, maximising your child's independence and self-management skills, developing appropriate social interaction skills and language.



Stepping Stones

Stepping Stones classes are for children aged 2 years 4 months to approximately 2 years 8 months who are ready for a structured and independent environment. Our aim is for the children to confidently attend school alone, follow classroom routines, learn to positively interact with classmates and to develop their concentration skills.

The Stepping Stones curriculum is theme-based, with an emphasis on developing personal, social and emotional skills, communication and language skills, physical, fine motor and gross motor skills, and a general awareness of and respect for their surroundings in a play-based environment. Mandarin is introduced to Stepping Stones children at least twice a week.

Pre-School

Pre-School classes are for children aged from 2 years 6 months to 6 years who are ready for the challenges of pre-school.

The aim of the class is to provide a secure, relaxed and inviting atmosphere in which your child can develop confidence, self-esteem and establish effective relationships with other children and adults. Mandarin is introduced to Pre-School children three times a week in the English classes, 50% of the time in the bilingual classes and is solely spoken in the Pure Mandarin classes.

Preparation for Primary

Preparation for Primary classes are for children aged from 5 years and is an ideal solution for these common scenarios:

- children who may have missed application deadlines and interviews for the primary school of their choice;
- children who have secured their primary school place for the following year;
- those who have just arrived; those who are about to leave Hong Kong and do not want to sign up to Primary Schools.

Throughout the year, each child is assessed against the Key Stage One National Curriculum levels. We record their progress, conduct parent/teacher consultations and provide detailed reports.

Assessments and Reports

At every Woodland pre-school, your child will receive an annual written academic report. Formal assessments and reports not only inform you of your child's progress and development, they also help teachers to tailor subject content and presentation to suit the needs and interests of individual children.

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For full details about our pre-schools, classes, curriculum and the Montessori method, plus testimonials from parents, visit our website: www.woodlandschools.com

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