



Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

How many years has PIPS (KLN) been open?

PIPS KLN has been open since 2007; we are now approaching our 10th year of operation.

We know that PIPS has 3 schools, are they the same? Do we need to submit different applications if we are interested in 2 locations of PIPS?

PIPS has 3 branches and they are all under the same organisation. PIPS (KLN) and PIPS (HK) are both authorised IB-PYP schools and most children are aiming to get into an International Primary school. PIPS (RG) has a more local based curriculum and most children are aiming to get into a local primary school. For information regarding languages of instruction, available classes and admission details please visit the website of the school you wish to apply for.

My child has applied for Playgroup. Do I need to submit another application for Pre-Nursery?

Yes, our Playgroup and Pre-Nursery applications are separate. Please submit a separate application form for Pre-Nursery and Kindergarten level. Once you get into the Pre-Nursery, you don't need to submit another application for Kindergarten. For further details please refer to the admission guidelines available on our website.

Do you interview children as part of the admissions process at PIPS?

No, PIPS has an open and inclusive policy and welcomes children and families from diverse backgrounds. If your child has any additional needs and you would like to find out whether our school can support your child's learning please state this on your child's application. We will schedule a time for you and your child to meet our School Principal.

What age groups does PIPS serve?

PIPS offers 5 year levels from 1 to 6 years old.

- Playgroup is for 1 to 2 year olds
- Pre-Nursery is for 2 to 3 year olds

For 2016-2017 admissions into our Nursery (K1), LKG (K2) and UKG (K3), your child should be born in

- 2013 for Nursery Level
- 2012 for LKG level
- 2011 for UKG level

What curriculum does your school use?

As a fully authorised IB World School we use the IB-PYP framework, which is an inquiry play-based approach. To find out more about our school curriculum, please go to our website and visit the 'Teaching and Learning' section.

How many nationalities are represented at PIPS (KLN)?

Over 18 nationalities are represented and approximately 65% are non-local families.

What languages of instruction does your school use?

Our playgroup is taught in English. If your child joins the 2 hours playgroup, there will be two 15-minute sessions of Putonghua per week.

Two language streams are offered from Pre-Nursery to Upper Kindergarten – bilingual or trilingual classes. Bilingual classes are taught in English and Putonghua. Trilingual classes are taught in English and Cantonese supplemented with 20 minutes of Putonghua each day.

Do PIPS students need to wear uniform? Where can I purchase it?

Playgroup students do not need to wear uniform, however they are required to wear indoor shoes for hygiene reasons during class time. Pre-Nursery to Upper Kindergarten students are required to wear PIPS uniform to school except for some special school events and parties. Uniform can be purchased at the school office.

Whilst we try to stock all colours of the uniform, we are unable to guarantee your first choice.

Where do children go when they have graduated from UKG or LKG?

The majority of children move on to International Primary Schools after LKG. Some children stay at PIPS to complete UKG and then go on to Local Primary Schools. Please refer to the following table to see where the 2015-2016 UKG and LKG graduates are moving to.

Upper and Lower Kindergarten Students Graduating to Primary Schools

Total number of graduates: 56

International Primary Schools / Local Primary Schools	No. of Students
English Schools Foundation (ESF)	9
American School Hong Kong (ASHK)	6
Nord Anglia International School	5
Singapore International School	4
Harrow International Hong Kong	2
Delia School of Canada	2
Island Christian Academy (ICA)	2
Independent Schools Foundation (ISF)	2
Chinese International School (CIS)	1
Hong Kong International School (HKIS)	1
German Swiss International School (GSIS)	1
Canadian International School	1
Kingston International School	1
Yew Chung International School	1
Methodist School	1
International Christian Quality Music Secondary and Primary School	1
Marymount Primary School	1
Staying at PIPS KLN	13
Relocating	2

What is the class size and teacher / child ratio?

Year Level	Class Size	Teacher and Child Ratio
Playgroup	12 per class	1:12
Pre-Nursery and Kindergarten	18 per class	1:9

How do I redeem the debenture?

Once you purchase a debenture, you will get a debenture certificate within a month. When you need to redeem the debenture, please fill in a withdrawal form and return it, together with your debenture certificate, to our school office. It will take about a month to process and our school will notify you once the refund cheque is ready to collect.

Can we visit your school?

You are welcome to visit our school. Please call 2812 6801 to make an appointment.

We hold regular tours for parents and recommend that you come and see our school in-session so that you can fully appreciate our play-based learning approach.