

# OAKWOOD PRE-SCHOOL GRADE 000-R



Book a tour to view the school - group bookings welcome.

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## THE OAKWOOD EXPERIENCE

Our pre-school is a friendly, happy one where children can enjoy a beautiful environment and the attention of teachers who regard each child as a unique individual.

Somerset House offers relevant and high-quality schooling to children from Grade 000 to Grade 7.

The fact that this is all offered on one campus enhances communication and cooperation between teachers of the pre-school and primary school, allowing for a smooth transition between the two.

We aim to begin educating your child for life - encouraging independence, self-sufficiency and a curiosity for learning.

We believe that, in building a child's self-confidence, allowing a child to make their own decisions and teaching him or her to solve problems independently and creatively, this will be achieved.

Oakwood provides a carefully researched and well-planned curriculum that provides opportunities for all children to succeed in a caring atmosphere.

Our programme is based on learning through play as the teachers provide intentional play activities as well as allowing for spontaneous play.

We encourage self-discipline within the framework of loving, but firm, adult guidance.

We look to build on children's independence and self-confidence while creating opportunities to grow them into problem solvers and critical thinkers.

## INFORMATION

2 English classes per grade

Max pupils per class:

Grade 000: 16

Grade 00: 22

Grade R: 24

Teacher and Teaching Assistant per Class

Morning care available from 07:00 - 7:30

Arrival time from 07:30 - 07:45 and finishes at 12:30 for Grade 000, 12:45 for Grade 00 and 13h00 for Grade R

Four School Terms

Closed during School Holidays

Holiday Care during part of School Holidays

## NUTRITION

The Catering Department at Somerset House provides the children and staff of the school with a morning snack of sandwiches and fruit, as well as a cooked lunch.

We provide a healthy, balanced meal with options to choose from.

There is always protein, starch, vegetables or salads as well as yoghurt or fruit.

All this is included in the school fees.

# CURRICULUM

Somerset House follows the ISASA /IEB curriculum and this includes Grade 000, Grade 00 & Grade R.

We follow a Singapore Maths-inspired approach to our mathematics and our Phonics Literacy Programme ensures that the children are prepared for Junior Primary.

## The purpose of our curriculum is to:

- Allow a child to develop emotionally in order that they might regulate their emotions and consider the feelings of others
- Assist a child in their social adaptation in order that they might play and work in group situations
  - Facilitate the children to develop muscle co-ordination in order to control their movements - the larger movements of walking, running and jumping, climbing, and the smaller movements which pertain to the handling of objects and writing tools
  - To provide a multi-sensory learning environment
- Develop a child's cognitive ability - language use, understanding of number, perceptive ability, memory, understanding and spatial relativity and ability to learn, think and solve problems
- Accommodation of each child's individual approach to learning, enthusiasm, curiosity, temperament, culture and values.

# LEARNING SUPPORT

Our Mission Statement recognises differences in children's individuality and potential.

The Learning Support Centre enables children's individual needs to be addressed so that they are able to achieve according to their unique potential.

The Learning Support team works closely with the parents and teachers to help support and guide each child in their learning. Teachers or therapists could recommend therapy.

Currently, the following services are provided:

**Speech and Language Therapy (SALT)**

**Occupational Therapy (OT)**

**Learning Support Specialist**

**Counsellor**

**Educational Psychologist**

Where it is deemed necessary, and at the discretion of the parents, children can be referred to other professionals in the community.

# INCLUDED IN THE SCHOOL FEES

Class Music - Presented by one of the Music Teachers from the Prep School (Grade 000 – R)

Phys Ed - Presented by Coach Kim from Kinder Kinetics (Grade 000 - R)

Afrikaans - Presented by Ms Abrahams (Grade 00) and Ms Adendorff (Grade R)

Ball Skills - Introduction to hockey, netball, cricket and rugby (Grade R)

Swimming (Grade R)

Specialist Art Lessons (Grade R)

Outings (Grade R)

Innings (Grade 000 – R)

# AFTERCARE

The following Aftercare options are available for Pre-School children for a once-off Registration fee of R1000.

Aftercare until 18:00 (snack included)  
Casual Aftercare  
(pre-booked or emergency care)

Children experience time outside on the play equipment as well as being engaged in indoor activities.

# OPTIONAL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

## AVAILABLE PRIVATELY AT OWN COST

Playball (Grades 000, 00)

Dance Mouse (Grades 000, 00 and R)

Netball Go-Getters / Rugga Roots (Grade R)

Musical Munchkins (Grade 000)

Mini Musicians (Grades 00 - R)

Soccer (Grade 00 and R)

Stage School (Grade 00 and R)

There are three unpaid extra mural offerings in Term 2 & 3 that are offered by class teachers. These vary termly.