



NIS Playgroup Agreement Form 2020-2021

Parents: Please read through the following items carefully, sign on the last page, and return to the Kindergarten office before you start Playgroup.

1. **One Adult to Accompany Each Child at Playgroup**

NIS Playgroup sessions are required by law to have an adult accompaniment. Playgroup is designed as a means to facilitate interactions between the caregiver and child, and is not intended as a time for your child to be independent in the activity room. For reasons of space and social distancing, we ask that each child be accompanied by **ONE adult only**. Due to the current Covid19 restrictions, we ask that the one person accompanying be the same person throughout the entire Playgroup session. **Please note that additional adults will not be allowed to enter the Kindergarten campus.**

2. **Use of Mobile Phones, Cameras and other Electronic Devices**

We expect every parent/caregiver to put their phones and electronic devices away and use Playgroup time to concentrate on their child. During Playgroup activity, parents/caregivers are not allowed to take photos or videos, and also should have their mobile phones turned off.

3. **Parking at the Kindergarten (Bungalow) Campus:**

Parents should park at the nearby car-parks when attending Playgroup session. The driveway is not school property, and owners of cars parked there are liable to fines. You will not be allowed to leave your child unattended or ask the Playgroup facilitator or other parents/caregivers to look after your child during Playgroup while you park or check-on your car. To ensure the safety of all students and staff, under no circumstances may private cars or taxis be driven past the gate and up the hill to the Bungalow Campus.

4. **Encouraging Appropriate Behaviour**

If your child is unable to settle during Playgroup session, we recommend the best way to deal with this is to accompany your child outside the Playgroup activity room until he/she calms down. This will involve removing your child from the group activity until he/she is settled down and can re-join the activity happily and successfully. Parents/caregivers should be good role models to their children at all times, helping them to grow, develop and learn positively. In line with this, NIS cannot tolerate any inappropriate disciplining strategies (e.g. yelling, threatening, or using unkind words). Please speak with your Playgroup facilitator before or after the session if you need assistance with strategies to help your child settle and participate well. If behaviour continues to be disruptive, you may receive an email for further discussion on how best to address the problem. If at the end of the Playgroup term the disruptive behaviour has not yet been resolved, the school reserves the right to suspend re-enrolment for subsequent Playgroup terms.

5. **Playgroup Arrival and Departure Times**

Parent/caregiver should arrive 5 minutes before the scheduled Playgroup start-time and leave directly after the activity has concluded. This is necessary to allow time for classroom cleaning and preparation for the next Playgroup session. Unfortunately, we cannot allow children to play in other areas of the Kindergarten either before or at the conclusion of the Playgroup session, as these locations are reserved for children attending our Kindergarten classes. **Due to Covid19 restrictions, students are required to leave the school campus directly after the end of Playgroup.**



6. Illness—When to Stay Home

A child or parent/caregiver who feels unwell may not attend Playgroup. If during Playgroup your child is observed to be unwell/displaying symptoms of illness, your Playgroup facilitator will ask that you not stay for the rest of the activity. This is done for the sake of your child as well as for the sake of the other children.

Please notify the school if your child is absent for more than two Playgroup sessions or if your child has been diagnosed with any reportable contagious illness. Other conditions may apply depending of the type of infection and severity according to Health department advice.

Additional Procedures in place during Covid19 Pandemic

Please be aware that additional procedures are in place for Playgroup at this time, including: smaller numbers, limitation of accompanying adult to ONE consistent person, taking temperatures of child and adult before entering the Playgroup area, additional cleaning measures and mandatory mask wearing.

Your role in protecting and monitoring your child's health :

- **All Playgroup participants are required to wear a mask the entire time that they are on campus**
- Take your child's temperature before leaving home and coming to Playgroup
- If your child has fever or other COVID-19 symptoms you should seek medical advice immediately. If your doctor recommends a COVID test, you **must** get one and your child should not return to campus until they have received a negative result.
- Students should not return to campus until **48 hours** after NO fever (without aid of medication).

If a family member needs to self-quarantine at home:

- Prior to the quarantine beginning, **parents must contact the Kindergarten office.**
- After seeking advice from CHP and EdB, the Kindergarten will make the final decision on whether or not a student may return to school while there is a family member undergoing quarantine in the household. (This includes both the 14-day quarantine and any short-term quarantine in relation to permitted work travel that is exempt from the 14-day compulsory quarantine).

What will happen if there is a confirmed case in our school community, including families and siblings not directly connected to the Kindergarten campus?

- When we are notified of the confirmed case, we will immediately seek advice from the CHP and EdB regarding the next steps and will communicate this with all parents.
- Depending on the circumstances of the confirmed case, Online Learning may need to resume for a designated period of time while the campus is closed for additional deep cleaning/sterilization.
- If there is a confirmed case amongst a member of our *extended community*, or a member of our community is identified as being a close contact of a confirmed case, the school will seek advice from the CHP/EdB regarding the next steps, and the parents will be notified.

7. School Closures

The school will arrange make-up sessions for any part of Playgroup that is cancelled due to school's recommendation only, such as if your Playgroup facilitator is sick and we are unable to find a suitable substitute. We do not offer make up classes for lessons missed for any other reason, including government weather warnings or other government school cancellations.



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8. Before Playgroup Starts: submit Playgroup Agreement Form, Declaration of Travel History, Payment
Parents are required to submit the enrollment form with payment, signed *NIS Playgroup Agreement Form* and *Covid19 Declaration of Travel History/Health Status* to the NIS Kindergarten Office **before** your first Playgroup session.

9. Playgroup Re-enrollment and K1 Enrollment

Re-enrollment in subsequent Playgroup sessions is not guaranteed, but subject to factors including availability of spaces, class composition, and suitability. NIS Playgroup participants who wish to apply for NIS Kindergarten (K1) will need to submit a separate Kindergarten application form. Please contact the Kindergarten office for upcoming K1 Interview dates.

I agree to abide by NIS Playgroup guidelines, as outlined in the above *NIS Playgroup Agreement Form*.

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's signature: _____ Date: _____

Your child's Playgoup start date: _____

Please circle which class your child is in:

Butterflies Ladybugs Caterpillars Sunflowers Bluebells Violets