THE PRE-SCHOOL GROUP 2020 (Term 1)

Date: 13 March 2020

Dear Parents,

This coming term we are very excited to offer another **`Pre-School Group`** to children who fulfill our school Qualification Requirements shown below. The children need to be between 2 years old and 3 years old (birthdays between 2 April 2017 ~ 1 April 2018). This Pre-School Group will run twice a week, Mondays and Thursdays starting from **Monday 11 May 2020.** This group will run for one hour each time from 2pm-3pm. Two of our Kindergarten K1 Teachers will be teaching this group each time.

◆Qualification Requirements 応募資格

The following requirements will be used to ascertain which children can be admitted to the Pre-School. <u>Please</u> note that if your child does not fulfill the qualification requirements below, he/she is not eligible to apply to the Pre-School.

プリスクール参加への応募資格は、以下の通りです。

本基準に該当しない場合には、応募資格がございませんのでご注意下さい。

資格 Criteria

- Foreign nationality (Non-Japanese) children.
- > Dual nationality children.
- > Japanese returnee children (having lived abroad for more than six months continuously).
- 外国籍の園児・児童。
- ▶ 二重国籍の園児・児童。
- ▶ 日本人の帰国生(海外滞在期間が継続して6カ月以上)。

二重国籍の園児・児童について About 'Dual Nationality' Children

Makuhari International School's understanding of the wording 'dual nationality' is as follows.

A dual nationality child is a child having biological parents of different ethnic nationalities. Dual nationality does not refer to a Japanese child who was born abroad before returning to Japan.

当校の「二重国籍」の考え方は次の通りです。

二重国籍の園児・児童とは、両親それぞれの国籍が異なる子供です。日本人の両親のもとに海外で出生し、日本に帰国した子供は該当しません。

他の条件 The Other Requirements

Even if a child is meeting the criteria, the child's English proficiency and ability to access the MIS curriculum will be taken into consideration.

園児・児童が出願資格を満たしている場合でも、園児・児童が学校のカリキュラムについていくための英語習熟度と能力を考慮します。

In all cases, it is the expectation that at least one of the child's parents will speak and understand English well enough to take part in their child's education fully.

園児・児童の教育に積極的に参加していただくために、少なくとも両親のお一人が英語を話し、理解していただく必要があります。

♦ How To Apply

In order to apply for the Pre-School group, please complete the Application Form attached and send it with a copy of the passport of your child (page with face photo) by 10 April 2020. The school address is 3-2-9 Wakaba, Mihama-ku, Chiba-City, Chiba 261-0014 Japan (〒261-0014 千葉県千葉市美浜区若葉 3-2-9). Please mention on the envelope that the 'Pre-School group application enclosed'. We can accept Application Form by post only.

The school will have a document screening and let you know the result <u>after 15 April 2020</u>. Please note that joining this pre-school group does not guarantee that your child will automatically be accepted to MIS and they will need to go through any later screening process.

◆ Class Size

Please be aware that the limit for the pre-school group is 20 children.

♦ The main aims of this group will be...

- To provide exciting and fun activities
- To allow the children to be comfortable within the school environment.
- To help support their English development.

♦ Some of the types of activities that the children will undertake in this group will be...

- Painting with different things such as; paintbrushes, shapes and sponges.
- Drawing with crayons, pencils and charcoals.
- Building with blocks, lego and shapes.
- Making objects with collage material, empty boxes, containers, play dough and paper bags.
- Playing inside with toys such as; dolls, blocks, cars and airplanes and playing outside with; bikes, balls and hoops.
- Singing and dancing to children's music from around the world.

We have been running this program for some time and the positive benefits have been greatly noticed with all children, especially those who go on to enter K1 at MIS at the beginning of the academic year.

♦ Fees

There will be a charge for these Pre-School sessions. The charges are as follows:

• One term's fees – Term 1: (11 sessions available from 11 May 2020) 11,000 yen

♦ Payment

Payment should be made after the invoice is issued. Please note that the school is unable to return the fees once they are paid to the school. If your child misses some pre-school lessons, the school is unable to return the fees. The school is not able to alter the scheduled pre-school days even if your child misses lessons under any condition.

We look forward to working with your child and yourselves.

Sincerely,

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