

Additional information for parents / information leaflet

1. Explanation on reception UK / kindergarten USA

- In many countries there are different regulations as to when a child has to attend compulsory education and/or may attend school. In some Anglophone countries, the first year of compulsory education is a pre-school year - reception in the UK, kindergarten in the USA.
- The last year in our International Kindergarten / Preschool in Seeheim-Jugenheim is equivalent to a year in reception/ kindergarten in other countries. This year is called School Kid's Club. Children attending the School Kid's Club are children who will have to start compulsory education according to the German education system, which means they will be six years old on 30th June of the following year and will then start to attend school. The Land Hesse supports these children (Bambinigeld) to promote preparation for school.
- Our School Kid's Club takes place three times a week and includes activities promoting social and school skills. Many different language exercises are offered, and the children take part in the research workshop. The aim is to develop the children's skills in preparation for school so that they will start school happily and with confidence.
- Children who will reach the age of 5 between 1st July and 31st December of the current calendar year are so-called "Kann-Kinder" [*children who may start school*]. These children may attend our "5 Year Olds' Club" which takes place twice a week. This club offers simple pre-school activities for children.
- We expressly point out that the International Kindergarten/ Preschool is not a language school with the aim of teaching the English language to children as quickly as possible.

2. Criteria for admission to International Kindergarten/Preschool in Schuldorf Bergstrasse, Seeheim-Jugenheim

The following acceptance criteria are defined in the current statutes:

As a basic principle, the International Kindergarten/Preschool is open to children who have reached the age of 3 until they attend school.

An English-speaking background is of advantage. If this is not the case, the following criteria must be observed:

1. Children raised bilingually should have been raised with the English language
2. International children living in Germany on account of their guardian's professional activity in Germany
3. Children having dual nationality with one guardian having English as language of origin/mother tongue
4. International children who already attended an international facility
5. German children whose guardians plan to live abroad and whose children are to attend school abroad. In such cases, a certificate issued by the employer is required.

3. There is no legal right to admission to the International Kindergarten/ Preschool.

4. Transfer to the International School in Schuldorf Bergstrasse, Seeheim-Jugenheim (SISS)

Admission to the International School in Schuldorf Bergstrasse, Seeheim-Jugenheim, is subject to an entrance examination. Admission is only possible following successful assessment. There is no legal right to admission.

Experience has shown that at the end of the preschool period and following attendance of the school preparation program children usually pass the entrance examination of the International School.