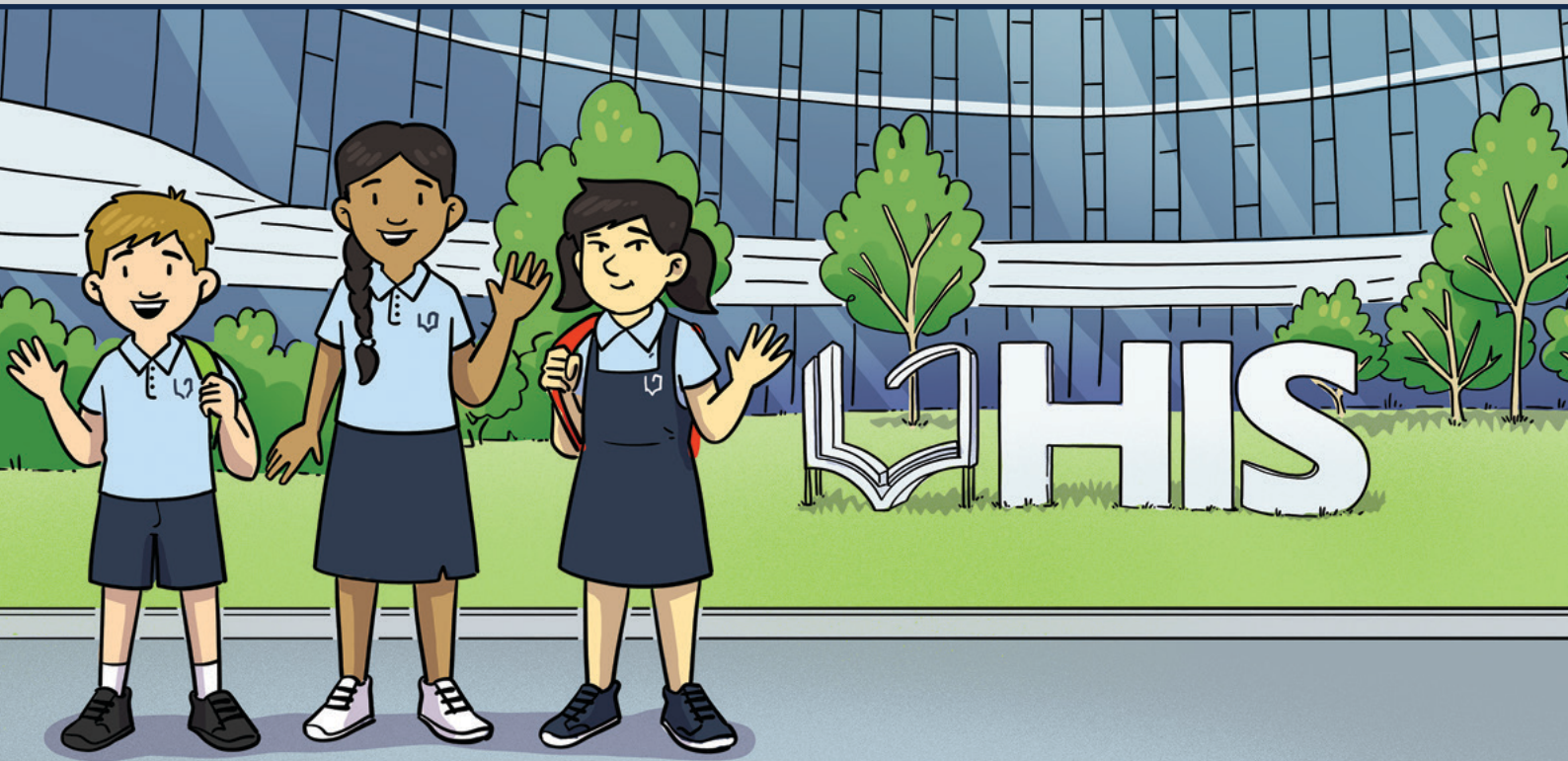


Justin, Laksmi and Lily are
coming to Lower School at
Hangzhou International School



Who will help me settle into Lower School?

Your teacher and classmates will be very kind and friendly and give you and your family a warm welcome to our school.

Lots of children join us from other schools around the world and may have varied levels of English. Our community welcomes new families with lots of brilliant activities to help you settle in and become part of our school family.

You will visit us before your first official day of school. On that day, we will give you a tour of the school and show you around your new classroom. You will also pick up your uniform.

What happens on my first day?

You may come by bus or your parents may bring you in.

We give your parents all the information about where you will be picked up by bus or where to bring you into school. If you come by bus, kind adults will look after you from the time you are picked up all the way to school.

You will bring a backpack with a healthy snack, a reusable water bottle, PE shoes, pens and pencils.

You can wear your uniform if you have already collected it, or wear home clothes and we will give you the uniform on that day.



On your first school day, you will get to know all your teachers and classmates and how our school works.

You will also have your first delicious school meal!

If you are new to HIS, you will be amazed by the brilliant facilities we have here.

We will show you where everything is and always give you help as you move around the school. In no time at all, you will know where everything is and feel at home!

We will also talk to you about the simple rules we have for behavior, which include walking in the hallways, collaborating with others, taking turns, and demonstrating the IB Learner Profiles.

These rules help keep our school a wonderful place for everyone!

What will I do in Lower School?



You will do lots of interesting classroom-based activities.

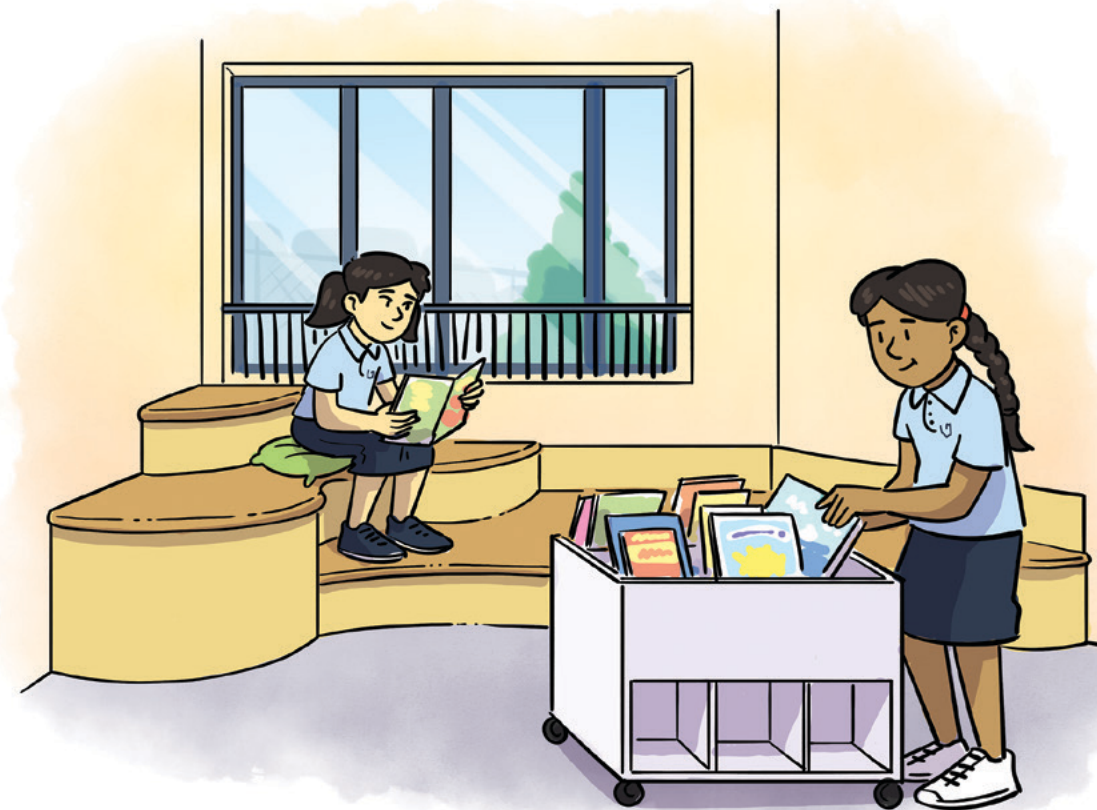
You will learn all subjects through the IB Primary Years Programme. Through Transdisciplinary Themes, you will study Mathematics, Literacy, Science, Mandarin, Music, Art, DT and lots more.

You will be encouraged to learn independently and in small groups. You will read at home every night and you may get homework tasks that can be handed in to your teacher.

You will visit the library at least once a week and can enjoy borrowing books to read at home with your family. You will also be able to enjoy co-curricular activities after school.

We currently offer over 60 clubs in different languages, including golf, drawing, cooking, gardening, junior scientists and many more.

We will also take you on field trips several times a year which relate to what you have been studying.



You will attend our Welcome Back BBQ with your family and have the opportunity to participate in many community events, such as the Mid-Autumn Festival, Halloween, the Winter Bazaar, Chinese New Year, International Day and the Dragon Run.

What if I am hungry or need to use the bathroom?

Our children tell us that they love lunchtime, where you eat with your classmates, other grades and some teachers.

We offer lots of delicious, healthy food in the cafeteria. You can have sandwiches or hot food. There is also a salad bar and fruit on offer every day.

If you prefer, you can bring a healthy lunch from home. We love it when you are kind and generous with your friends, but we ask that you do not share your food with them as some children will have food allergies.



Our school has bathrooms on every floor, making it easy to find one near your classrooms, playground or cafeteria.

When you need to use the bathroom, remember to ask your teachers before you go. Also, remember to always wash your hands before you eat and after you have used the bathroom.

What if I need help?

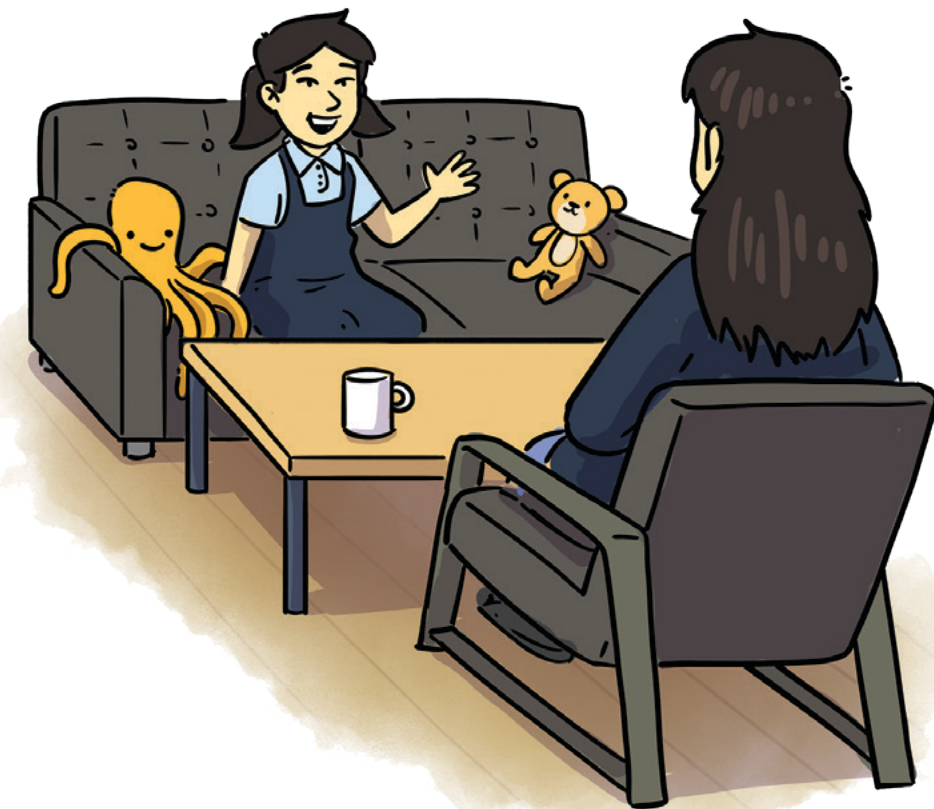
We know that sometimes you may feel ill or unhappy. If you do, there are lots of kind adults here who will help you.

If you feel ill, let your teacher know and they will send you to our lovely nurse.

If you feel unhappy or worried about anything, you can speak to your Homeroom Teacher, your Student Support Teacher, or one of our school counselors.

Your teachers will also check in with you if they think you are unhappy or worried. All of the adults at HIS work hard to make sure that you feel happy, safe and supported at school.

We want everyone to be kind to each other and we do not allow any bullying at HIS. If someone is being unkind to you or you see it happening to someone else, tell your teacher so that they can stop it from happening.



We will help you move up happily
and confidently.

When it is time to move to our Upper
School, there will be lots of new
and exciting things to look forward
to, including different teachers for
different subjects, and lots more sports,
music and social activities.

We look forward
to welcoming
you to Hangzhou
International School.



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This book
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