



WELCOME
to



**OPTIMIST
INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL**

**BRINGING
OUT YOUR
INNER MAGIC!**



2024 - 2025



**NUT-FREE
SCHOOL**



WELCOME OPTIMIST FAMILIES!

It's almost time to join our OIS family, and we can't wait to welcome you into our vibrant community! We've put together this handy guide to help you navigate the first weeks of school and provide useful information for the entire year. Let's get started!

Warm regards,

Anne-Marie

Director of OIS



SCHOOL HOURS

We open our doors at 08.00 each school morning, with classes starting at 8.15am and ending at 2.30pm. On the first day, please come to the main entrance, where a friendly team member will guide you to your classroom to meet the teacher and other students.

SWIMMING

Groups 3 and 4 (3A, 3B, 4A, 4B) will have swimming lessons during school. Ms. Kristal, our Swimming Coordinator, will provide more information. We take swimming seriously in the Netherlands, ensuring all children gain basic skills and work towards their Diploma A. Look out for a detailed letter from your class teacher and consider volunteering for our swimming program!

HEALTH & WELL-BEING

We eat healthily in school; we are a 'NO NUTS' school due to student and staff allergies, please kindly be considerate when making lunch and snack boxes. We have PE lessons twice a week and enjoy outdoor breaks in the morning and at lunchtime.

SCHOOL APP: PARRO

Parro is our main communication tool. You will soon receive an email with instructions on how to download the app. Stay up to date with messages, events, and more, all in one place.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our website is a treasure trove of information. From learning resources and policies to news articles and links to our school guide and social media, it's all there. Be sure to explore and get familiar with it!

What to bring to school:

- ☐ Water bottle
- ☐ Healthy snack for morning break
- ☐ Lunch in a lunchbox
- PE kit (physical education)*:
 - ☐ Group 1: gym/indoor shoes
 - ☐ Groups 2-8: shorts, t-shirt, gym shoes

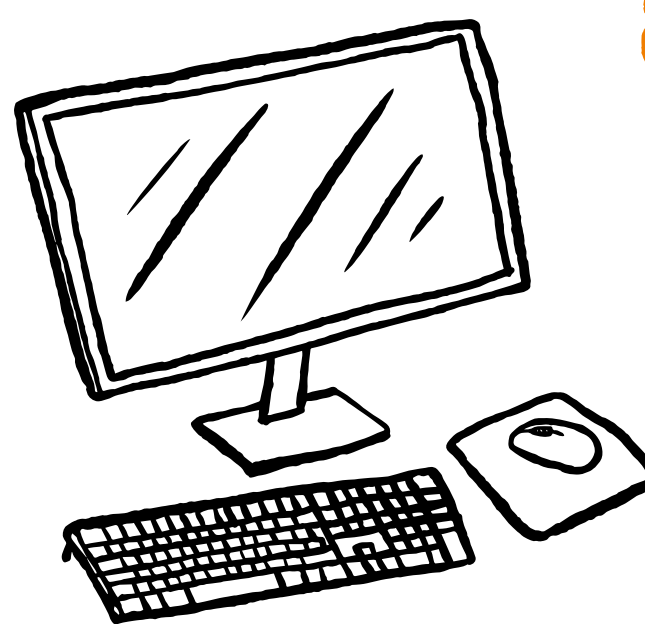
*Please label all items with your child's name. PE bags can stay at school and come home weekly for washing.

Got everything?)

LEARNING LADDERS & LEARNING CONFERENCES

We hold three parent-teacher meetings annually (September, January, June) to discuss student progress.

Our **Ladders at Home** portal provides real-time updates, and end-of-year reports are issued in June. For any concerns or questions, feel free to schedule an appointment with the classroom teacher.



Our Leadership team

OUR OIS TEAM

We're proud of our diverse team of over 50 staff members from more than **15 nationalities**. Our teachers, assistants, and support staff bring a wealth of educational knowledge and international experience to OIS. Find the complete staff list on our website.

SCHOOL DIRECTOR



Anne-Marie van Holst

HR & ADMISSIONS



Cheryl Embleton

LEARNING LEADER



Colleen Cropp

STARTING DATES FOR NEW STUDENTS

We welcome new students throughout the year on these dates:

2 or 16 September
14 October
4 or 18 November
2 December
6 or 20 January 2025
3 February
10 or 24 March
7 April
19 May
11 June

OIS LIBRARY

We're proud of our multilingual library! Each class visits weekly, and students can borrow books in an OIS library bag. Parents must sign an authorisation form before borrowing begins. Details will be communicated by the school librarian and class teacher.



ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE REPORTING

Regular attendance is compulsory for children aged 5-16. Notify us of any absences via the **Parro app**. We are required by law to record reasons for absences and report excessive or unauthorised absences to the Attendance Officer. Ms. Jules manages our strict absenteeism program. For more information you can visit our website.

Exceptional leave

In exceptional cases, we grant leave during term time. Use the Special Leave Form for family events, moving house, administrative appointments, etc. For more information and forms, visit our website.

CLASS PARENTS, WELCOME TEAM & PARENTAL VOLUNTEERS

Each class has a parent representative to liaise between teachers and parents on non-educational matters. We encourage you to join the class WhatsApp group (no photo sharing due to privacy). Our welcome team, made up of volunteer parents, is here to help new families settle in. We like parents involved in the school day and we have a wide-range of voluntary roles in school to suit most parental expertise. To volunteer, register or for support, contact Jules at julie.joly@floreer.nl.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Our school calendar is available via the [website](#) and on the Parro app.



AFTERSCHOOL CARE

UniKidz provides afterschool care from 2.30-6.30pm with activities like dance, cooking, sports, and swimming. Sign up at [Unikidz](#). UniKidz also offers summer camps during the first week of summer holidays.

There are additional extra-curricular sporting and language activities available for students, you can find out more on our [website](#).

OIS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow us on social media for a glimpse into our school life! We regularly post photos, videos and updates from all corners of the school. Click the links below to Like, Share, and join the conversation on our Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn pages.



TRANSPORT AND PARKING

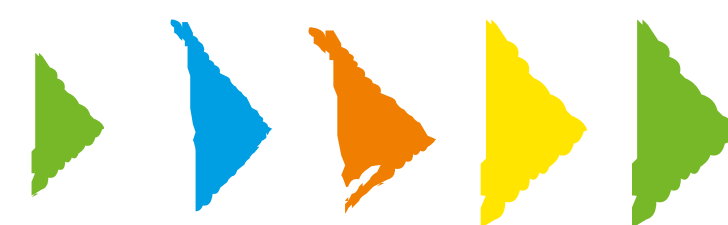
Our school is accessible by bike, public transport, and car. Free parking is available but can get congested. Bicycle paths are secure, and the Floriande Noord bus stop is a 5-minute walk away. Bus numbers 341 and 340 serve our area.

PERMISSION TO USE PHOTOGRAPHS

We request photo/video permissions at the start of the year for use on our website, social media, and app. You can opt in or out anytime. Privacy preferences can be updated as needed.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON ALL TOPICS MENTIONED IN THIS DOCUMENT CAN BE FOUND IN OUR SCHOOL GUIDE, [OUR WEBSITE HERE](#).

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to us, we are happy to help and receive feedback



We're excited to have you with us for a 'magical' school year!

OIS TEAM

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