



The Netherlands International School Lagos

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Important Dates

Friday 10th September
Monday 13th September
Saturday 25th September
Thursday 30th September
Friday 1st October

Drop-in Session for Parents
School Starts
Parent Information Morning
Independence Day Celebrations
School Closed

A warm welcome to our new families and of course a
welcome back “home” to those that have been with us
throughout this journey ...

A new site, a new beginning, a new school, a new year!

Our New Location

It is with great pleasure and excitement that we approach the long awaited for resumption date; Monday 13th September. Please be reminded that you can stop by (Parents only/no children) on Friday 10th September, between 12noon and 2.00pm.

The new school address is, 4 Onitana Road, off Mobolaji Johnson Avenue, Ikoyi.

COVID Protocol

Following COVID protocol seems to have become the new normal, but we feel it important to emphasise how strongly we opt to follow Government guidelines and continue with precautions until instructed to do otherwise. We will still abide by staggered drop off and pick up times and ask that all children in the Primary sector bring/wear masks. Temperature checks will continue to take place and children will play in what we now commonly refer to as “Bubbles”.

If you have travelled over the Summer and have landed in Lagos within the past 14 days, we ask that you please email your PCR results to our Covid Manager Mrs Emma (emma.elegbe@nislagos.org). Please be reminded that all students aged 10 years upward will need to have been tested upon return from travel as well. Kindly peruse through the attached flow chart which serves as a reminder of our policy to keep the NISL Family safe and ensure you re-read the Covid disclaimers you have signed.

School Timings

As mentioned above (despite adapting our school timings to make up for lost curriculum time) we do need to also bear in mind that staggered drop off and pick up remains essential. We are aware that synchronizing sibling pickups is a must and thank you all for efforts made last year when we had to shorten the EYFS day.

All Primary children to be dropped off between 7.20-7.45am.

All EYFS children to be dropped off at 8.00am.

Pickup times for week one will be as follows, although we will offer support from Monday 20th September in terms of Daycare/Pre-Reception After School Activities (as in years gone by at an additional cost). Our Reception Class will revert to a longer day closing at 2.15pm.

Class	Pickup Time	Additional Comment Mon-Thurs
Minimax/Maximax	12.30pm (Fri 12.15)	Unless opting for Daycare Provision (2.15pm finish)
Pre-Reception	12.30pm (Fri 12.15)	Unless opting for After School Activities (2.15pm finish)
Reception	2.15pm (Fri 12.15)	Unless leaving with a 2.30 or 2.45pm sibling
Years 1-4	2.30pm (Fri 12.30)	Unless waiting for an older sibling closing at 2.45pm
Year 5/6 and Groep 4/5	2.45pm (Fri 12.45)	Younger siblings should please wait until 2.45pm

Daycare/After School Activities (ASAs)

In the first week, commencing 13th September, all Minimax, Maximax and Pre-Reception children should be picked up at 12.30pm even if they have older siblings finishing later. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in giving us time to settle/adjust and appreciate that this may not be convenient. Please bear with us. By week two, commencing 20th September, Minimax and Maximax can opt for Daycare which involves lunch time, play time and nap time. Pre-Reception as of the 20th September will be offered French, Art, Zumba and Drama from Monday-Thursday respectively after lunch and play.

Details and costs of this will be outlined and emailed to you early next week by Mrs Kanchan.

Unfortunately, we will not be offering Reception and Primary ASAs until October, possibly even January, pending the Delta variant spread, Covid case numbers in general and advice from the Government.

Working in phases on our new school building also means that from 3.00pm onwards when children are off site we can work more effectively to complete construction and operational matters.

Class WhatsApp Groups for Parents

These will be set up by each Class Teachers on Friday evening. If you do not receive an invite to such a WhatsApp group, then it implies that we do not have the correct telephone number stored for you on our records. In this instance, please inform Mrs Dipa so that we can quickly amend our records. We have certain rules and etiquettes that MUST be adhered to. Having WhatsApp groups such as ours truly reflect the ethos of trust and community at NISL. Many schools find the concept rather bizarre and because if misused, such groups can become offensive or invasive. We will therefore make the groups informative and one asking that if you have follow up questions you message the Teacher personally. Please do not be offended if you do not get an immediate reply; we are all busy and sometimes need to process an answer or consult a colleague.

Gentle reminders and requests;

- Be mindful of time - after 7.00pm our teachers like to unwind and focus on family
- Do not pass on screenshot messages to people outside of the class or school
- Respect safeguarding and security matters and do not share photos of other people's children

Communication at NISL

As well as the above-mentioned Class WhatsApp groups we will be sending weekly Newsletters such as this one (every Friday, commencing Friday 17th September). Class Teachers may also email you IPC letters or curriculum related matters. Children from Year 1 upward (and our DS children) will now have communication books in which you can jot the odd note for or with them. Tapestry in the EYFS continues to be a home school link. Next week Monday, you will also receive a welcome pack and some hard copy letters. As Covid regulations keeps you at the gate 😞 we certainly understand that communication needs to be bumped up. All fingers are crossed that one day soon, we can go back to inviting Parents inside and having more face-to-face time. Please continue to feedback to us with your views on home school partnership and communication.

School Purchases

Purchases can be made for Library Bags and PE Uniforms over the course of next week. Please do indicate to the Class Teacher if you are sending money in (in a sealed/named envelope) so they can alert Mrs Naomi in the School Office. You can alternatively call (not WhatsApp) the School Office number which remains the same (+234 808 221 1745) or email Mrs Naomi on info@nislagos.org

Library Bags cost N3,000

PE Uniform SHORTS/T-SHIRT set cost N4,000

PE Uniform JOGGERS/T-SHIRT set cost N5,000

We appreciate that this start to the year is far from normal (and to be honest we still have lots packed in boxes) so if children need to wear their own PE/Sports clothes in the first week, we understand. We would advise please: navy or black bottoms and an orange t-shirt if possible.

Use of car stickers and ID tags for Parents/drivers/nannies will be explained to you next week.

Passport size photographs for new families should be sent in so as to arrange ID tags.

These are free of charge and should be arranged for via the School Office, Mr Salami ict@nislagos.org

Sports Provision

We are delighted to announce that an anonymous (and super) Family have sponsored the costs of Astro Soccer off 2nd Avenue for Term 1 which will be used for one PE lesson a week for the Primary classes. The second lesson will take place on site, as will all EYFS PE lessons. Coach Emike is full of creative ideas on how to make use of the facilities and resources we have and how to think BIG for the external PE lessons. Bus and NISL security (alongside MOPOL as per the suggestion in our recent Parent Zoom Meeting) are all arranged for. Please note that next week, all PE lessons will take place on site.

Staff Update

Mr Omon has been part of the NISL Team for seven years now and has been a valued asset to us all. Fun loving, competent, hardworking and charismatic he is a fixed part of our history and ethos; the impact he has made is unquestionable. Every path however takes detours, sometimes unexpected... Mr Omon will be moving on to new beginnings and has decided to take on new challenges. He confesses that NISL still feels like home and always will be. Many of you will know him even if your child has not been taught by him; through recycling for example or because of his contagious laugh. The boys idolise him and he undoubtedly, he has had a way, despite his humour, to earn their respect. The football, the DJ skills, the impeccable behaviour management style and of course his rapport with all Parents and not just the children will mean he is a tough act to follow. We ask that you not only wish him the very best for the future but also that you work hand in hand with the school to welcome in Mrs Adanna who has been appointed the new Class Teacher for Year 2. We were in such a fortunate position to have a qualified and experienced classroom practitioner, unwittingly in the wings and within the Team. Although we have heavy hearts bidding farewell to Mr Omon; the door of NISL remains open to him and he will forever hold a special place with us all.

**Enjoy scrolling through the new site (new school!) photos...
We can't wait to see all of the children, Monday 13th next week!**