



THE APPLE TREE

INTERNATIONAL KINDERGARTEN

*Preliminary information for candidates
2018-2019 Academic Year*



Welcome to The Apple Tree International Kindergarten

The Apple Tree International Kindergarten is an Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) school for those parents who are seeking the highest commitment to education for their loved ones. Since our opening in September 2017, we have experienced rapid growth due to our successful play-based, child centred teaching approaches and our dedicated and talented teaching and support staff.

The information outlined in this pack is designed to give you a brief overview of our school, our philosophy and some pre-employment considerations. I will be happy to discuss any of these points further with you at interview. Despite being a new International school, we are an incredibly ambitious school with a clear vision and commitment to providing unrivalled, world class educational excellence to our ever-growing student population. We are looking for energetic, passionate and creative Early Years teachers to join our friendly and hardworking team to help bring our evolving development plans into fruition.

I really look forward to meeting you for an interview.

Warm regards,
Gemma McCarron
Head of School



'To plant the seeds of learning in your child's heart to enable them to flourish into successful, lifelong learners.'

OUR MISSION

Our aim is to foster a positive, stimulating environment that inspires and enables the holistic development of all children under our care.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

We believe that each child is unique and, that by personalising instruction to meet each child's individual needs, we can enable them to thrive and unleash their full potential.

We believe that child-led inquiry and play-based learning opportunities are vital to encourage children's development and to help them to make sense of their world.

We believe in exploring children's passions and curiosities and enabling provisions to be made for active and heuristic learning experiences.

We believe in providing a safe, supportive and welcoming environment, where our classrooms are enriched with playful inquiry and the children have regular access to stimulating outdoor learning opportunities.

We believe in the importance of providing physical, social and emotional guidance to educate our children holistically.

We believe in open communication with parents and encourage close collaboration between home and school to inspire and expand our children's experiences and development.

We believe in nurturing the qualities of equality, diversity, inclusion and respect for all.

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

At The Apple Tree International Kindergarten, our curriculum is based on the UK Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework. The EYFS includes our Toddler Classes (18 months+), Nursery Classes (2years+), Kindergarten Classes (3 years +) and Reception Classes (4 years +).

We deliver the EYFS curriculum through a carefully planned balance of child and adult directed initiated play opportunities as well as engaging continuous learning provisions both indoors and outdoors. In our Toddler and Nursery classes, we strongly focus upon the three prime areas of learning:

- Communication and language.
- Physical development.
- Personal, social and emotional development.

As children grow in confidence and ability within the three prime areas, the balance in Kindergarten and Reception classes slowly starts to shift to include the four specific areas also.

- Literacy.
- Mathematics
- Understanding of the world.
- Expressive arts and design.



Learning Through Play



We have a very strong commitment to learning through play. Play teaches children life skills, enriches their development and helps them to make sense of the world around them. We take the children's interests, passions and curiosities as starting points and aim to provide motivating and enjoyable learning experiences to help develop our children into confident and independent learners. We regularly enjoy 'hands on' activities in our farming area, children's kitchen, mud kitchens, water play area, sensory garden and our mindfulness and yoga zone.

Our Location and facilities

The Apple Tree International Kindergarten's Campus has been carefully designed to ensure that our students have access to the best possible learning environment and that all aspects of the curriculum are well supported. We provide a safe and secure environment with first class facilities that support and enhance outstanding learning across a 2-rai (0.8 acre or 0.3 hectare) campus in the Central Business District of Bangkok, Thailand.

The children benefit from six large classrooms and shared spaces with direct access to the outdoor learning environment from both the front and back of their classrooms. There are specialist rooms for sleeping, Music and Cooking and a purpose built, child-friendly library for guided reading and group learning. There is a child-sized wading pool (40 cm in depth) and water play area, surrounded by soft surfaces for introducing students to water. There is also a dedicated indoor physical education room and an outdoor playground which includes dry/damp/wet areas, sand pits, mud kitchens, water play areas and imported European playground equipment.

Our school is a calm oasis located right in the heart of the city. Bangkok is an incredibly vibrant city that is full of life. It has a fascinating culture with friendly people, which makes living in the Thai capital a very enriching experience.



What are we looking for?

The successful candidate should:

- Hold a first degree plus a post-graduate qualification in education (i.e. PGCE/GTP) or a Bachelor's degree in education with QTS.
- Have a minimum of two years teaching experience in the UK or overseas in a British curriculum school.
- Have a thorough knowledge of the EYFS framework within the English National Curriculum.
- Be committed to a play-based, child centred teaching approach.
- Be able to engage, motivate and support children, staff and parents.
- Be a reflective practitioner with the ability to think creatively and innovate.
- Be a positive and enthusiastic member of the staff team.

To apply for this position, please provide a covering letter of application, our school application form with a minimum of two referees (*one of which must be your current Headteacher/Principal*) and a recent passport photograph directly to Ms. Gemma McCarron, Head of School, at hr@appletreekindergarten.com

The Apple Tree International School is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Appointment is subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check for regulated activity (if the candidate has lived in the UK) or the equivalent if living overseas, as well as independently written reference checks from previous employers. Any offer of appointment will be subject to successfully completing these checks.

The school offers a competitive international salary and benefits package, comparable to similar international schools in the region. For further details about the school and to get a flavour of who we are, please visit our website at www.appletreekindergarten.com