



# Candidate Information Pack

2025



We are an independent, international early years and primary school for students aged 3-11, rooted in Buddhist wisdom and relevant for all.



# Welcome from the Founders

Welcome to The Jataka School.

Children today are growing up faster than ever and surrounded by constant noise and pressure. When we began imagining what Jataka would be, it was less about building a school and more about asking what kind of humans our world most needs right now. Jataka is our response: a place that protects the wonder of childhood and where one learns about the wholeness of life. We are creating a school that allows them to develop a real sense of identity rooted in interdependence, responsibility, and dignity: a school that makes reflection and discernment as important as academic excellence.

With Jataka, we hope to provide opportunities for this and future generations of children in Bangkok to grow up rooted in Asia's wisdom traditions, yet equipped to navigate a global and uncertain future. We are not here to simply replicate a Western-centric model nor to enshrine Thai Buddhist culture, but to translate timeless values into a living practice that helps children and families exist better in the modern world.

We hope you join us as we redefine education for children in Asia.



Pema  
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Co-Founder



# Welcome from the Founding Principal



Firstly, I want to thank you for your interest in The Jataka School. We hope the information you find here will be useful as you consider us. The opportunity to join Jataka as a founding team member is unique and we hope you resonate with our vision.

Choosing an international school for the next step in your career is increasingly difficult, as the number and variety of schools continues to grow. Here at Jataka we offer something a little different. The chance to join us at the beginning of our journey, and the opportunity to share your ideas and contribute. Moreover, we are passionate about supporting our team and students to develop as people - to know their unique selves and reach their potential.

Finding the right leadership can also be a challenge. As a school leader I am committed to conscious leadership—creating a space where all stakeholders feel seen, where we work in collaboration, where you feel supported, and where you can grow and expand beyond your imagination.

As an educator, my background in Early Years means I am committed to creating spaces of play and exploration, whatever the age. I hope our students will flourish, find themselves, develop confidence and compassion, and take steps beyond what they thought possible.

If you share our vision of redefining education, we look forward to hearing from you.

With warm regards,

Rachael Stevens



# Our Vision

We envision a model of progressive education that is rooted in Buddhist wisdom and relevant for all. Through creative explorations into the matrix of universal truths, children will grow to mature into beings who possess the skills to navigate a fast-changing future with dignity and compassion, and who are able to be in the world but not get swayed by it.



# Our Mission

Our mission is to nurture children's natural curiosity so that they may mature into future leaders who value deep inquiry and are equipped with those qualities of mind, heart, and body to engage confidently and compassionately with the world, to remain ever-present and aware, and to hold a sense of ownership over their learning and their lives.





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# Our Values

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## Wisdom

Jataka's helps students see things in other ways.



## Reflection

Jataka's cares for students' inner wellbeing.



## Community

Jataka's helps make these truths and practices relevant for all.





# The Jataka Difference

What sets Jataka apart is our commitment to redefining education. This bold statement means that we believe we can go beyond the norm, think outside the box, inquire, reflect, and act with intention. We are open to discovering things beyond our imagination and also to course correction.



# The VIEW at Jataka

We have developed our own VIEW to help our children and community navigate life with dignity:

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## Vibrant Mind

We recognise our vibrant 'mind' as open and accommodating so that we can observe our emotions and guides us in understanding our unique selves.

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## Interdependence

We open our eyes to daily reminders of dependent arising helping us cultivate respect for others and inspiring responsibility for our actions.

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## Empathy

We remember to be kind, to care for oneself, and to generate the wish to help others, our community, and our environment.

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## Wholeness

We learn to trust our own experiences which gives us genuine confidence and authenticity, and allows us to be in the world, but not get swayed by it.



# Through our mission, we aim to:

## Graduate students

who are accomplished in the academic skills one would expect; value deep inquiry, are aware of the limits of perception and responsible for their intentions and their actions, who are present and aware, motivated by altruism, confident to engage with the world, emotionally resilient, truly fluent in a second language (and oftentimes a third), artists no matter their field, great leaders when they can be, good followers when they should be; and at ease beyond their borders.

## Provide our team and adult community

an educational home to pursue the science and art of teaching, and a special place to thrive because they choose to be a part of our sphere. With an emphasis on equity and inclusion, we want to align the rewards of teaching more closely with the value it brings to society, and provide our team with opportunities to connect, to grow, and to flourish.

## Revitalise the Dharma for our society

in order that each and every one of us can distinguish the timeless essence of the teachings from the transient cultures that have supported them, speak articulately about Buddhist history and practices from the perspective of various traditions, marvel at the ordinary and remain inspired by the extraordinary, understand the fundamental Buddhist view, and have a facility in meditation and contemplation, whether or not we choose to practice or to label ourselves as Buddhists.

## Set an example of global interdependency

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# Teaching and Learning

Immersive language | Collaborative Learning | Inquiry-Oriented | The Middle Way

# Learning at Jataka

As one of the few small, international schools in Bangkok, learning at Jataka is designed to be flexible, individualised, and to foster a strong sense of community and belonging.





# The Jataka Curriculum

At Jataka, we believe in the power of holistic learning, where students are immersed in an environment that develops their academic skills alongside supporting their personal growth, encourages service, and is rooted in our local community and school cultures. The Jataka approach centres the whole child and celebrates their uniqueness as an individual and a learner.

Our evidenced-based curriculum matrix interweaves the British curriculum, Buddhist education, service learning, and learning outside the classroom developing our children's natural curiosity through hands-on explorations into the concepts that define the human experience.

Our approach prepares students to navigate the future with confidence, compassion, and wisdom, emerging as capable leaders and compassionate global citizens.

## Grow with us

- We open in August 2026 with our founding Early Years 1 and 2 students. August 2027 sees the addition of Year 1 and 2. Each subsequent year we add one more year level until Year 6 in 2031.
- Our adult to child ratio takes into account our community focus: EY1 1:8, EY2 1:9, and Primary 1:10
- Our teaching team include classroom teachers, language specialists, atelieristas, and specialist staff for PE and music.



# Distinctively Jataka

## Integrated Meditation

We encourage students to practise pauses —a moment of inward reflection—regularly throughout the day. In building a habit of doing so, children generate awareness, and learn to appreciate, listen to, and understand their state of mind, their emotions, and the present moment.

## Explorations of Wisdom

Jataka immerses students in the richness of wisdom traditions from across Asia. Through an innovative framework and weekly philosophy sessions, we provide an opportunity for students to explore ideas and to ask those ‘big questions’ —with curiosity, dignity, and respect—from multiple perspectives.

## Mindful Nourishment

At Jataka, part of being an environmentally friendly school means offering nourishing foods and snacks that are grown locally, that bear in mind the interdependence of man and earth, and that celebrate a mindful way of life that minimizes harm in all aspects of existence.

## Eco– Sustainability

From our community recycling centre and our use of local and recycled materials in our architecture to our organic vegetable garden, we not only wish to reduce the footprint we leave on our environment, but also to empower our students, staff, and families, to make more sustainable choices at every stage.



# Our Grounds

Our natural grounds, along with our emphasis on environmental sustainability, offers a safe space for deep inquiry, affectionate communication, and openness.

The Jataka School grounds are located on Sukhumvit 97/1, within 5mins' walk of Bangchak BTS.

- Classrooms grouped two-by-two into mixed-age learning communities.
- Atelier spaces encourage children to explore, express, and engage in inquiry-based projects at their own pace.
- A multidisciplinary arts studio.
- A large, indoor, air-conditioned hall that houses the main shrine, and doubles as a sports hall and performance space.
- A well-resourced library.
- Language and EAL classrooms.
- An organic vegetable garden.
- An early years outdoor play and learning environment.
- A covered, 20-metre swimming pool.
- A fully-catered, vegetarian canteen.
- An futsal-sized, outdoor playing field.
- A teahouse for our community, stocked with a range of books... etc.
- A community recycling centre.

# THE JATAKA SCHOOL







**Safeguarding** is the measures Jataka takes to protect from harm, including physical, emotional, and sexual harm and neglect.

**Child Protection** is the measures undertaken to prevent and respond to harm against children.

**All community members are responsible for protecting our students and maintaining a safe environment for all. Our Safeguarding measures include:**

- Policies, Procedures, and Codes of Conduct
- Clear reporting structures
- Safeguarding team
- Safe recruitment procedures
- Annual staff training
- Volunteer vetting and training
- Age-appropriate lessons for students on safeguarding and child protection

**By our commitment to safeguarding, we expect all community members to:**

- Act in accordance with our values.
- Report any suspicions of abuse in accordance with the school's policies and procedures.
- Keep all information confidential outside of the Safeguarding Team.
- Abide by PDPA regulations by prohibiting posting photos and videos of other people's children on social media.



# Why work at Jataka



## Personal Development & Well-Being

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Jataka is committed to supporting all staff to develop both professionally and personally and our staff enrichment programme (EP) was created with this in mind.

## Staff Orientation

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Moving to a new country requires a transition periods. We provide all new staff with a comprehensive staff orientation experience. In our first year of operation this extended orientation will allow for community building and school set up.

Our orientation schedule includes: Community building; Getting to know the city—trips in the local area; Thai language, culture and etiquette; and over the school year this is followed by ongoing community social experiences.

## Community

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Community is at the heart of Jataka. We aim to provide a supportive, encouraging atmosphere. A range of community activities and experiences facilitate this.

As Jataka is part of a growing global network of Buddhist and Buddhist-inspired schools around the world our community extends beyond our walls. We are committed to sharing our experiences and what we learn.

## Professional Development

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At Jataka we see ur adult community as learners too. With this in mind we provide a healthy professional development programme that fosters lifelong learning. It combines in house professional learning with an annual PD budget for external training.

Our school calendar includes professional learning days each year. Gathering in this way without students on campus provides us with the chance to collaborate and develop our collective capacity as a teaching and learning community.



# What we're looking for

Joining a school as a founding team member is a wonderful opportunity, and one that will come with unique challenges. We are looking for educators who identify with the following to join us on our journey:

- Qualified, experienced learning assistants
- Playful, creative thinkers
- Innovators
- Passionate advocates for children's well-being
- Proactive
- Solutions-focussed
- Life-long learners
- Open to learning more about Buddhism and contemplative practices
- Committed to professional and personal development
- Engaging and inspiring classroom leaders
- Resilient and adaptable
- Willing to grow with us
- Proficiency in Thai, English, and Mandarin
- Dedicated to supporting the whole child



# Join us as we redefine education for children in Asia

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