

JIS GECKOS



WHAT IS IT?

JIS Geckos is an equal opportunities group that allows children and their parent/guardian* to socialise in an informal, friendly, clean and safe setting. There are no teaching sessions.

Parent/Guardian remain responsible for their child at all times while at JIS Geckos. Children will receive good quality play opportunities in a stimulating environment, where their social and emotional development is encouraged. Parents/guardians have the opportunity to meet other parents/guardians of children similar in age to develop friendship and support, while all engaging in activities in preparation for the children's transition into JIS Nursery.

JIS Geckos operates 3 times a week throughout JIS academic term. Sessions run on Monday, Wednesday and Friday 7.30am -11am.

ACTIVITIES

Pre organised JIS Geckos activities will allow the opportunity to visit other areas of the school, including the Library, Swimming pool and the Nursery area. This will enable the children to become familiar with their surroundings as they move up the years at JIS.

Other activities can include Messy Play, Arts and Crafts, Singing and Dancing, Outdoor Play, independent play and 'Tidy up Time' to name a few.

We have a birthday party every month to celebrate the birthdays of the children born in that month. Everyone brings a plate of food for all to share and the birthday children get a gift.

SNACK TIME

During each session there will be structured snack time. Under parent/guardian close supervision, the children are encouraged to feed themselves to further self-confidence and independence in preparation for JIS Nursery.

Cups, cutlery, tea, coffee, milk and sugar are provided by JIS Geckos. Your child's healthy snack will be provided by yourself. (No peanuts and tree nuts are allowed due to a severe allergy)

JIS Geckos promote healthy eating in children and operate a 'nut free' policy.

ELIGIBILITY

At Geckos we welcome children from Birth to Nursery age.

Children who will be 2 years old after 31st August can still attend JIS Geckos.

Children who will be 2 years old before 31st August are eligible to apply to JIS Nursery.

No child who is Nursery age will be given a place at JIS Geckos.

Please note, membership of Geckos does not grant an automatic place in the JIS Nursery.

You have already applied online for your child's place at JIS Geckos, submitted all required documentation and paid the relevant fees, including Nursery deposit fee.

ENROLMENT

Enrolment takes place at the start of each academic term and numbers are limited due to Health and Safety regulations. (You may enrol your child at any time but the full term fee will still be required.)

If there is no space available for your child, then you will be placed on a waiting list and notified once a space becomes available.

JIS Geckos cannot reserve or hold a space for a child in the event of the child leaving JIS Geckos and return at a later date.

FEES (non-refundable)

Admin fee - B\$10

Childs Nursery Assessment fee - B\$200

JIS Geckos term fee - B\$225 (3 days)

- B\$180 (2 days)

- B\$100 (1 day)

Fees are to be paid in full at the time of applying for a position for your child with JIS Geckos. If your child starts mid term, the full terms fee will still be required.

Payment can be made at the JIS School Shop Mon - Thu between 7.15am - 9.00am & 2.00pm - 3.30pm, or at the Accounts department. Fees are payable at the start of each academic term.

Each term has a different number of weeks but remains a set price.

- Term 1 is 16 weeks August - December
- Term 2 is 11 weeks January - March
- Term 3 is 13 weeks April - July

NOTICE PERIOD

If you are planning to leave JIS Geckos, please inform the JIS Coordinator in writing.

The minimum notice period required for JIS Geckos is 4 school weeks. (28 Days)

RULES & REGULATIONS

As a member of JIS Geckos, you will be required to comply with the Rules & Regulations and Terms & Conditions to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all who attend JIS Geckos.

- JIS Geckos is not a babysitting service.
- English must be spoken at all times by everyone.
- You must wear your ID pass at all times.
- You are not permitted anywhere else in the school during JIS Geckos operating hours.
- A parent/guardian must attend with the child.
- If you have multiple children attending JIS Geckos ie. Twins/Triplets then your Amah/Maid may come to help the parent.
- The child is the sole responsibility of the Parent/Guardian at all times and in all areas.
- The Parent/Guardian must manage the behaviour of their own child at all times.
- Reprimanding other children is not permitted within JIS Geckos.
- Parents/Guardians must remain in the same room/area as their child and supervise accordingly
- Respect for each other including cultural differences and religious beliefs is paramount.
- Threatening behaviour will not be tolerated.
- Any form of bullying will not be tolerated.
- You will be required to provide your child with a healthy snack at each session. (nut items are not permitted)
- Breastfeeding is only permitted in Geckos areas. Nowhere else in the school is permitted.
- You will be required to help clean and tidy up at the end of each session.
- Your child (if old enough) is expected to help with tidy up time.

- During Swimming, Parent/Guardian must remain in the water at all times with their child, and be within 'arms reach'.
- Appropriate clothing to be worn in the water by Parent/Guardian (Rash vest and board shorts are ideal)
- Children will be required to wear swim nappies whilst in the water.
- Swimming will only take place if there is a qualified life saver available.
- JIS Geckos Coordinator is not responsible for the children's behaviour, but may intervene if deemed necessary.
- JIS Geckos cannot hold, reserve or swap spaces on the waiting list.
- Only enrolled children are permitted to use the JIS Geckos facilities. Please refrain from bringing siblings and other children to the JIS Geckos session.
- If your child has had sickness and/or diarrhoea, then 48 hours need to have passed since the last episode before they can return.
- All buggies/pushchairs/prams must be stored in the correct room and not be left blocking the fire exits.

SCHEDULE

- Mondays - 8.00am - 8.25am, we visit the Library where the children are able to choose books which they can borrow provided they have a library bag.
- Mondays - 8.30am – 9.00am, we visit the swimming pool and have splash time. Please wear appropriate swimwear so that shoulders and knees are covered. (provided a qualified lifeguard is available).
- Wednesdays – 9:00 - 09:45 is Arts and Crafts and Sensory play.
- Fridays - 08.30am - 09.00am, we visit the Nursery area sand pit and Mud Kitchen.*
- There is an indoor and outdoor play area, Arts & Crafts and Messy play area which are available during operational hours.*
(* All activities are subject to change at any time)
- Geckos offer 1, 2, or 3 sessions per week. You can attend any day and change days each week should you wish.
- Session times are 7.30am-11am each day.

If you are interested, please complete the Application pack which is available from Mrs Maria Latif at the Visitors Centre, You will then need to pay the required fees at the Accounts Office or School Shop, within the first week of term starting to secure your child(rens) place (or within the first week if joining midterm).

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

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