



INTERNATIONAL KINDERGARTEN

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Admissions Policy and Procedures 2025/2026

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I. INTRODUCTION

- Happy Kids International Kindergarten and Nursery offers international English language child care and education, serving the international community of Budapest and the members of the local community who wish to take advantage of the unique nature of the kindergarten, and share its philosophy and objectives.
- Our Admissions Policy is designed to support our Mission Statement.

Mission Statement

Happy Kids International Kindergarten and Nursery aims to synthesise the best practices from a range of educational systems, balanced by its unique multicultural experience, to create a childcare and learning environment of excellence for children aged 18 months–7 years. To create this environment, our aims include the following:

- Our youngest students follow the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) until the end of Reception (4-5 years).
 - Our students also start an inquiry-based curriculum with an international approach from the age of 3, which is being continually developed and improved in harmony with the cultural beliefs of the host country and multinational community.
 - To develop motivated, well-rounded, and culturally rich students.
 - To focus individual care and attention on the stage of readiness of each child so that they can achieve personal success by learning through play.
 - To create an environment where qualified, experienced staff can develop themselves and continuously give their best performances in the classroom.
 - To encourage parent participation in the life of the kindergarten.
- The School Director and the Office Manager manage the admissions process.
 - The School Director of Happy Kids International Kindergarten and Nursery takes the final decision on all applications.
 - This policy sets out the overarching principles of admission to Happy Kids International Kindergarten and Nursery. Specific procedures are set out in documents, including the Terms and Conditions of Enrolment.



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II. TIMING OF APPLICATION

- Parents may apply for a place for their child at any time in the year.
- An application is considered to be submitted when all required documents have been received, and the registration fee has been paid.

III. OVERSUBSCRIPTION

- When Happy Kids International Kindergarten and Nursery is oversubscribed, or when further applications are in process, applicants may be placed on the Waiting Pool for future consideration.
- The School Director makes a judgment on placing an applicant on the Waiting Pool.

IV. PRIORITY LEVELS

Priority level 1

Siblings of children already enrolled at Happy Kids International Kindergarten and Nursery, and children of teaching staff.

Priority level 2

Children coming directly from outside Hungary.

Priority level 3

Children transferring from another international kindergarten or nursery in Hungary.

Priority level 4

Other qualifying children (who meet the Admissions Policy but do not fall into sections 1-3).

V. WAITING POOL - In-Year Applications

- Parents will be advised in which year groups there is a Waiting Pool.
- Prospective students will be invited to apply and, based on the school director's decision, may be offered a place on the Waiting Pool.
- When a current family gives notice of withdrawal with a confirmed date, the files of those on the Waiting Pool will be considered by the School Director. A decision will be made on which prospective student to offer a place.
- These subsequent offers could still be subject to further assessment.
- An acceptance e-mail will then be sent out to the student's family with details of when the place will be available and inviting the family to accept the place.



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- The invoice will then be issued and will be immediately payable. If the registration invoice is not paid, the place will be re-offered to another student on the Waiting Pool.
- While on the Waiting Pool, families will be contacted regularly to ensure that they are still able to take up a place if one becomes available.
- The School Director will regularly review the files on the Waiting Pool to assess the candidates.

VI. PREVIOUS INSTITUTION

- All institutions the child has attended previously must be listed on the Application Form.
- The Progress Report from previous schools must be submitted.
- Parents will also grant permission for Happy Kids International Kindergarten and Nursery to contact the previous schools or professionals involved with the child to obtain details relevant to the child's education, behaviour, and well-being.
- Please note that failure to disclose information to Happy Kids International Kindergarten and Nursery relating to the child's education, behaviour and well-being may result in immediate termination of your child's kindergarten place.

VII. SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS (SEN)

We aim to be as inclusive as possible. Happy Kids International Kindergarten and Nursery provides support for students with a range of Special Educational Needs (SEN). However, there are limitations to the support we can provide. The list below provides some indication of the profiles of students for whom we may be unable to provide adequate educational opportunities:

- Students with certain diagnosed memory problems
- Students with certain diagnosed learning development disorders
- Students who endanger their safety or others
- Students who exhibit extreme behaviours that have not responded to prior interventions
- Students who refuse to go to kindergarten
- Students who are not able to physically take care of themselves
- Students who need complex medical care

We recognise that each student is unique, and each case will be considered carefully by the guidance team, who will determine whether we can cater to the student's needs and therefore offer a place at Happy Kids International Kindergarten and Nursery.

For students with any educational or behavioural difficulty, parents will need to provide complete documentation of their child's academic history, psychological/educational evaluations, and details of any academic/specialist support they have received or are currently receiving. Parents will also authorise Happy Kids International Kindergarten and Nursery to contact the child's previous schools or professionals involved in the child's education and well-being to obtain information relevant to the



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child's education and well-being. Once the application is complete, we will evaluate it and determine whether Happy Kids International Kindergarten and Nursery can accommodate the student.

If a student joins the kindergarten and, after a period of no more than six weeks in school, we feel we cannot meet the academic, social/emotional or physical needs of your child, we reserve the right to recommend a transfer to an establishment that we (the school) believe can better accommodate these needs. Please note that failure to disclose information to Happy Kids International Kindergarten and Nursery relating to a child's existing learning or behavioural difficulties may result in immediate termination of your child's kindergarten place.