

THUMBELINA NURSERY & K.G. SCHOOL

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GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET - Scholastic Year 2022-23.

Your CHILD is the "focus" of everything that happens at Thumbelina ! As a *child-centric* institution, we are completely focused on providing children a *stress-free, safe, secure, loving, hygienic and a comfortable environment* as we truly believe it is only then, that children *will be encouraged and motivated to being proactive and confident to learn and interact well with each other and everyone around them.* In fact, this simplifies our task of laying in a firm academic foundation in them.

The Covid times : People don't "plan to fail". But, they fail because they "fail to plan" !

To stall the spread of Covid-19, when our government initially announced a 21-day countrywide lockdown from 22nd March, 2020, no one could ever imagine it continuing indefinitely for so many months! However, the extended school closure resulted in young children encountering a prolonged break in the continuity of their learning. ***It is indeed a matter of great pride for Thumbelina to be the very first preschool*** (amongst a handful of preschools) that realized it quite early on, that something had to be urgently done – ***firstly, to safeguard children against developing feeling of neglect and negativity while they remained cooped up indefinitely at home; and secondly, to quickly up-skill ourselves to offer an efficacious Blended Remote Learning alternative to "classroom-based" learning for our young children in the event of an extended lockdown to help them firmly stay on their developmental track !*** ***Our foresight & vision, our deep understanding of child psychology, our positive attitude of "doing whatever it takes" coupled with our sheer love for children,*** enabled us to display the courage and resilience to quickly adapt to the "new normal". Our initiatives helped our parents and children smoothly transition to "screen-based" learning. Observing how easily our highly experienced educators were able to keep their children happily engaged and learning despite all the challenges, made are parents feel greatly relieved. I'm sure you've heard of the saying, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going." Well, at Thumbelina, we "got going"! While 99% of the preschool failed to deliver online learning efficaciously, we did it and protected our children from suffering a '***significant loss of learning***'... No wonder why, ***Thumbelina has been the most trusted brand when it comes to preschool education since 5 decades !***

The HEADSTART Program : (Age Group : 2 to 3 years)

Longer working hours at the office, rise in dual-income-single child families, rise in nuclear living (no grand-parents around), smaller living spaces are the ground realities facing most young, ambitious and hard-working parents who aspire to provide a better quality of life. Quite unfortunately and unintentionally, the greatest victim of this rat-race, is today's child - who is virtually left alone to fend for himself while being in the care of an illiterate ayah/neighbour/crèche ! **The HEADSTART Program is aimed at supplementing the efforts of time challenged parents by sharing their responsibility in mentoring, nurturing and inculcating in their children, the basics of life and language skills and in creating a general awareness towards the world around them by channelizing their energies through a multitude of fun activities in the company of similar aged children in an organised, loving & safe environment.**

The KINDERGARTEN Program : "Nursery" and "Jr. K.G." (Age Group : 3 to 5 years)

The Kindergarten Program, offers an **age-appropriate curriculum** that aims to develop "school readiness" for elementary education. Fine-tuned to cater to children who mostly come from non-English speaking backgrounds, it aims at laying in a firm academic foundation and prepares the child to bear the more regimented elementary education. Admissions to the Kindergarten Program are granted in strict adherence to the government regulations that are in force. If however, a child is observed to be a slow learner, after due deliberation with the child's parents, he/she may be shifted to a Section which best matches with his/her learning abilities.

ADMISSION PROCEDURE AND CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION

- Admissions are granted on **FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED** basis. Admission Papers (**issued at a cost of Rs.100/-**) comprising of the Admission Form and this General Information Sheet can be obtained from the school office between **10.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. (Monday to Friday)**.
- To be eligible for admission to the Nursery/Jr. K.G. Section (i.e. the Kindergarten Program), **we do expect** the child to be **toilet-trained** and being **capable of expressing** himself/ herself in his mother tongue. Any bad habits, health disorders, food allergies/restrictions and medicinal allergies must be **clearly stated** in the application form.
- **Age Criteria** : "HEADSTART" (P.G.) : Children born between **01-06-2019** and **31-05-2020** are eligible.
"Nursery" Section : Children born between **01-06-2018** and **31-05-2019** are eligible.
"Jr. K.G." Section : Children born between **01-06-2017** and **31-05-2018** are eligible.
- While coming to secure admission, kindly bring along the following :
 - Duly filled in **Admission Form** with a **photo-copy of the child's birth certificate** stapled behind it. (Please bring the **ORIGINAL** Birth Certificate for verification.)
 - The child **must** be accompanied by **both the parents**.
 - **1st Term Fees of Rs. 30,000/-** are required to be **paid either in CASH/by CHQ/by Netbanking** favouring "**Thumbelina Nursery & K.G. School**" immediately upon confirmation of admission.

SCHOOL RE-OPENING DATE & SCHOOL HOURS

The academic year will commence on and from **13th of June, 2022 (Monday) at 10.00 a.m.** The school timings for the month of June are from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon and from mid-July onwards, they are from **10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.** The school follows a "**five-day-week**" format (from Monday to Friday). Saturdays and Sundays will be weekly holidays over and above all other public holidays.

FEE REGULATIONS

Particulars	1 st Term Fees (Jun'22 to Nov'22)	2 nd Term Fees (Dec'22 to May'23)
Tuition / Activity Fees (Six-Monthly)	Rs. 27,000/-	Rs. 27,000/-
Snacks Fees (Six-Monthly)	Rs. 3,000/-	Rs. 3,000/-
Total	Rs. 30,000/-	Rs. 30,000/-

(1) School Fees DO NOT INCLUDE the cost of books, bag, school uniform and transport charges.
(2) 2nd Term Fees are to be paid before 30-09-2022 failing which a late fee of Rs. 500/- will be payable.

FEE REFUND REGULATIONS

If for any reason(s) whatsoever, after securing admission and payment of either the 1st Term or the 2nd Term fees in full, parents desire to cancel the admission, they shall be eligible for a refund of Rs. 20,000/- provided the written intimation requesting for cancellation of the admission and refund of fees is submitted to the school on or before 31-05-2022 for 1st Term's Fees and on or before 30-11-2022 for 2nd Term's Fees. **NOTE : Parents will not be eligible for any refund of fees beyond the above mentioned dates.**

Further, in the event of cancellation of admission, fees paid are non-transferable in favour of any other student's admission. **Therefore, parents who have a transferable job or are likely to get re-located inside/outside Ahmedabad/India due to change of job/business/profession or any reason whatsoever, are advised and requested to seek admission to the school and pay the fees only after such uncertainties have been clearly dealt with at their end. Kindly also refer to the "Food/Medicinal Allergies, Habits & Health Disorders" paragraph mentioned below for further fee refund regulations.**

SCHOOL UNIFORM

BOYS : Red T-Shirt and blue denim shorts. **GIRLS** : Red T-Shirt and blue denim skirts.

Black coloured canvas shoes and white coloured socks are common for both. The school uniform as well as canvas shoes and socks will be available from PINTOO GARMENTS, Stadium Circle, C.G. Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad. Parents are advised to buy these not earlier than the month of May as otherwise the child may outgrow the measurements. The child's full name, address, telephone numbers, class and Van/Rickshaw-walla's name should be written on the reverse of the name-card and must be worn to school daily. Every child must carry a handkerchief to school daily. The child's name (e.g. Amit) should be embroidered on the handkerchief, the socks and the school uniform and should be written in marking ink on the inside of both the shoes. This will help us in identifying the ownership of lost articles. **Note : Cost of school uniform does not form part of the school fees.**

SNACKS

As unlimited vegetarian snacks (without chillies) will be served to the children by the school, parents are requested **not to send any separate snacks in tiffin-boxes or water-bottles** with their children to school. Special provision is also made to serve JAIN food to children upon request. The school has installed a "Blue-Star" water-cooler and "Aqua-Guard" water purifying machines to ensure provision of germ-free drinking water. However, for a few days, if carrying one's own water bottle is advised by the doctor, you may send your child to school with his/her own water-bottle.

TRANSPORT FACILITY

Auto-Rickshaw / Maruti Van facility is available only for certain areas from known and reliable independent operators to transport the children to and from the school. Parents will have to make their own transport arrangements for areas where no transport facility is available. The "TRANSPORT FACILITY FORM" along with the "Terms & Conditions for availing Transport Facility" will be available from the Class-Teacher on the opening day of the school. Although the school management does not undertake any responsibility regarding the service, it screens the persons offering such services and actively front-ends the whole process in order to ensure that the service is reliable and safe. **Note : Transport Charges do not form a part of the school fees.**

CHILD SAFETY INITIATIVES

Being a child-centric institution, children's "Safety & Hygiene" have always been our *prime* concern. Log on to our website to know more about the "Child Safety & Hygiene Initiatives" put in place at Thumbelina.

FULLY AIR-CONDITIONED SCHOOL (Since 2008)

In addition to reducing the discomfort during the summer months, air-conditioning the school has also positively contributed in significantly reducing the time children take to settle down in a new environment !

FOOD/MEDICINAL ALLERGIES, HABITS & HEALTH DISORDERS

Paying individual attention and taking personal care of each and every child is a constant endeavour at Thumbelina. To assist us in the above, parents are requested to state very clearly in the admission form about any food/medicinal allergies (e.g. Jain food, no chocolates, no maida items, etc.), about any habits (e.g. nail-biting, thumb-sucking, mud/hair eating, nose-picking, etc.) and/or about any health disorders that the child may be suffering from (e.g. epileptic fits, hemophilia, asthma, etc.) which requires special care and/or urgent medical attention. If after admission, it is noticed that the child is suffering either from any physical disability/impairment or from any mental disorder, which in the Management's opinion requires special training techniques unavailable with the school, then the school reserves the right to refuse the student's continuation strictly in the interest of such student. If the child has been unfortunately afflicted by such a physical or mental disability/ impairment/disorder after the granting of admission but before the commencement of the scholastic year, the school management will refund the fees in full. However, **no refund of fees will be granted for any willful concealment of such facts.**

TOYS & JEWELLERY

Please do not send children to school with toys or jewellery as we are unable to take responsibility for any losses. The children themselves feel very distressed if their toys are broken and jewellery is dangerous when they are playing on the swings & slides.

BIRTHDAY GIFTS

While every child's birthday is celebrated in his/her class, the school discourages parents from distributing "carry-home" gifts to classmates as children of other classes experience neglect upon not receiving a gift. Except for **Cadbury's "Shots"**, no other birthday gift is allowed to be distributed in school. Further, only "Stationery Items" can be distributed as a carry-home birthday gift **by Nursery and Jr. K.G. students (no carry-home gifts for Headstart Students).**

CHANGE OF ADDRESS/TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Kindly intimate the school immediately in the event of any change in your address or telephone numbers as that will enable us to correspond with you at the correct address whenever the need arises. Kindly also remember to update your child's name-card with such changes.

APPOINTMENTS

Parents are requested not to disturb the teachers during school hours. However, to inquire about their child's progress, etc. they may meet the teacher either before or after the school hours. An appointment with the Principal can be requested for during school hours.

The school management reserves the right to reject any application without assigning any reasons for their action.

Mrs. PERIN F. LALKAKA
Principal.