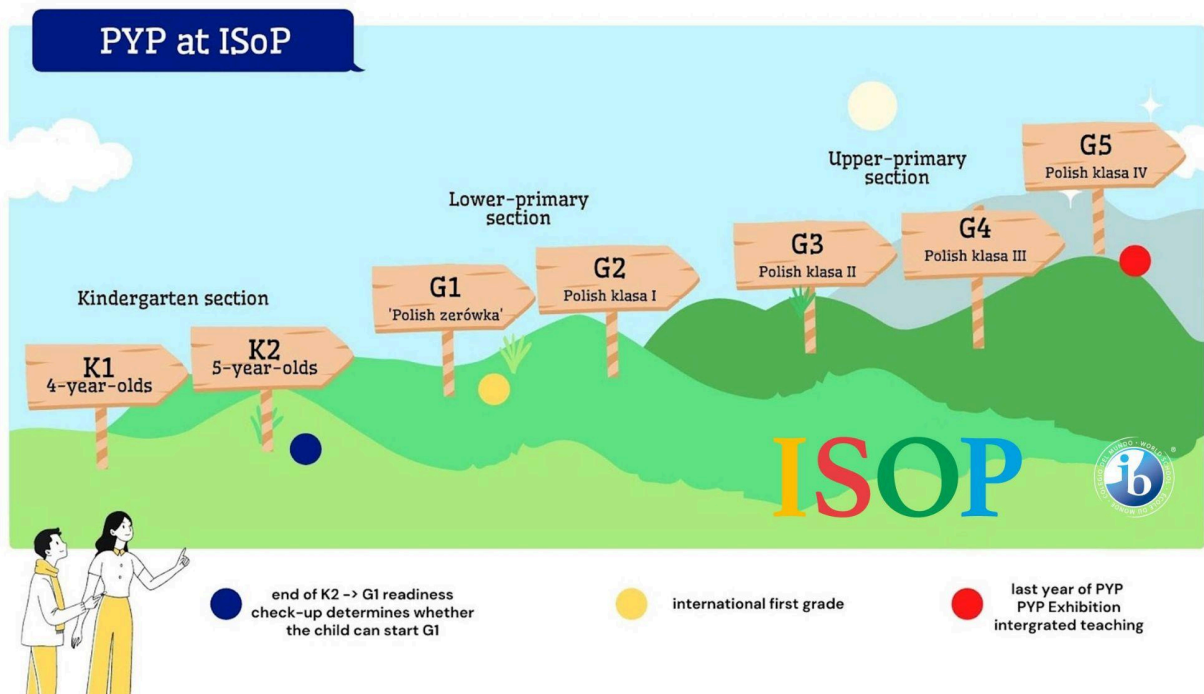


Question and Answer Page

What is the PYP?

The Primary Years Programme (PYP) is a curriculum framework for young learners designed by the International Baccalaureate (IB). Founded on a philosophy that recognizes a child's natural curiosity, creativity and ability to reflect, the PYP generates a stimulating, challenging learning environment to nurture those assets and foster a lifelong love of learning in every child. The PYP, like all IB programmes, is transdisciplinary, meaning students learn across subject areas while investigating big ideas.



What is the main language used at school?

English is the language of instruction - a communication tool that integrates the school community. All students are also instructed in Polish (4-5 lessons a week).

At ISoP we value all languages as children instinctively choose their language of play.

Does my child need to speak English before entering school?

Kindly note that being an international school, applications from foreign nationals and children proficient in the English language may be given priority. However, English language competency is not the only criterion for admission in grades K1-G1.

Will my child get a Polish certificate at the end of each school year?

Yes. All students (grades 2 and up) receive Polish certificates.

Is Grade 1 the same as “I klasa” in a traditional school?

No. Grade 1 is registered as “zerówka” in the Polish system. Nevertheless, it follows the international curriculum for 6 year-olds. Children read and write in grade 1.

Do ISoP Kindergarten graduates need to apply to ISoP Primary School?

No new application for school admission is required. All K2 students undergo a diagnostic check-up which along with teachers’ observations indicate whether a child is ready for the international curriculum of Grade 1.

Are school uniforms mandatory for all students?

Yes. All ISoP students (including kindergartners) must wear [school uniform](#) when at school and when participating in school-related activities outside of school.

How long is the school day?

All lessons start at 8am. Kindergarten classes finish their day at 14.30, whereas Lower and Upper Primary finish at 15.00. After-school care is available till 17.00.

Does the school offer education during summer and winter holidays?

No. Kindergarten is a part of school and all classes follow the same school year calendar. You may view a sample school year calendar [here](#).

Does the school serve meals?

Students bring their **snack (second breakfast)** from home. We kindly ask that all parents follow the healthy snack guidelines, in order to support us in promoting good habits. Chocolate bars, candies and sweet beverages are not allowed in the PYP section.

Parents have an opportunity to purchase **lunches** in ISoP’s canteen. Our team of chefs cook fresh, balanced meals on the school’s premises. Students may also bring their own lunch from home.

Does my child need to be toilet-trained?

Children applying for admission to K1 and K2 must be fully toilet-trained before the first day of school. They also must be able to feed and dress themselves independently.

Do children have naps in K1?

No.

Do teachers continue with the same class for more than a year?

It is our common practice that each grade level is taught by a different group of homeroom teachers. Class composition may also vary from year to year.