Cambridge Early Years
For the best possible start in life

Cambridge Early Years is for learners aged 3 to 6 years, and will help your child to meet key early milestones and thrive in and outside of school.

Like your child, Cambridge Early Years is unique
Our early years programme offers everything a school or nursery needs to provide a high-quality education for learners.
It is based on the very latest educational thinking and research, and is flexible so that it can be adapted to meet your child's individual needs. The programme also encourages children to begin to act independently, make their own choices, and discover feelings of confidence and self-worth.

Our holistic curriculum focuses on the whole child, and connects their development with the world and people around them. It has also been created to support a bilingual or multilingual approach for learners with a home language other than English.

Learning through play
By encouraging curiosity and social interaction, play-based learning provides the foundations for lifelong learning and encourages high levels of wellbeing and engagement.

Learning through play is at the centre of our early years approach. It puts your child at the heart of their education, allowing them to develop at their own pace.

A holistic, child-focused approach
Our curriculum supports all aspects of your child's development. We split our content into six learning areas, but they are all connected and taught together as children play and discover the world around them.
Learning areas

Communication, language & literacy
Speaking, listening, reading and writing are crucial to children’s early development. Showing children the importance of language through fun activities and encouraging them to engage with a wide range of texts helps to ignite a lifelong curiosity for learning.

Creative expression
Creative expression allows children to communicate their ideas and develop their imagination through art and design, music, dance and drama. This important curriculum area brings together skills and cognitive processes from across the whole curriculum.

Mathematics
At an early age, it is important to help children recognise how mathematics impacts everyday life. Through games and activities, we can introduce children to mathematical language, thinking and concepts that they will need when they start their primary education.

Personal, social & emotional development
This area is central to children’s lives. It underpins their wellbeing and attainment in all other areas of their learning. This area helps them to develop social learning and friendships, regulate their emotional responses and respond to the needs of others, and develop self-esteem and confidence.

Physical development
Our curriculum encourages children to develop movement skills through play, helping them to develop positive attitudes towards exercise and laying the foundations for healthy, active lives.

Understanding the world
Children’s natural curiosity must be encouraged, so that they are equipped to reflect, question, explore and interact, and guided in their understanding of the world. This area of the curriculum lays foundations for a range of different subjects in primary education and beyond, including science, digital literacy, computing and humanities.

Measuring progress
Assessing your child’s progress against key milestones is a crucial part of their early years education, and helps teachers to understand the best ways to support your child. Our approach is based around continuous formative assessment, including observations of children in the learning environment and evidence gathered during learning.

Ready for the next step
Cambridge Early Years will prepare your child for the transition to primary school, helping them move from play-based learning to more formal teaching.
Once they have finished our early years programme, your child will be ready for the next stage of their education journey – whether they move on to Cambridge Primary or another programme.

Learn more! For more information, visit www.cambridgeinternational.org/earlyyears or contact your school.