

Telfair International Primary School *(TIPS)*

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Respect Understanding Responsibility

Admission Letter

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Information for Prospective Parents

Telfair International Primary School is an English co-educational school situated in Tamarin. The school opened its doors in January 2007, starting first at Reception level and reached Class 6 in 2013. We cater for children aged from 5 to 12 years who will then follow on to one of the private secondary schools on the island.

We would like our children to leave us knowing the importance of

RESPECT: respect yourself, respect others

UNDERSTANDING: understand what you learn, what you see and what you do

RESPONSIBILITY: take responsibility for your actions and words

We believe it is important for children to feel confident and happy in their achievements, while remaining keen to progress.

We seek to promote positive attitudes and awareness of others and respect for the richness of all cultures. Our aim is that when our children leave us they take with them not only a valuable academic grounding, but also sound values and perseverance.

We will provide a broad, balanced, relevant education incorporating the British Curriculum. Within this framework, we will provide an education, which offers a coherent and continuous range of knowledge and skills, which allows our children to participate, and to develop an inquiring mind and a confident personality.

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Our subjects are:

- Numeracy
- Literacy
- Design and Technology
- Science
- Personal and Social Education
- French 1st Language
- French as foreign Language
- Computing / Educational games
- History
- Geography
- Citizenship
- Art and Design
- Drama
- Singing
- Music
- Physical Education (Monkeynastix, Aquagym, Dance & Athletics, team sports)

Our core subjects are Literacy and Numeracy. French is taught orally during the first three years of school. Formal French will be covered from Class 3. In addition to following the British Curriculum, we believe that it is important to teach the children about the country they are living in, and therefore this will be incorporated in aspects of Mauritian Geography, History and Culture as well as Numeracy- where they will be learning to count money in the local currency.

Our classes are divided into Key stage 1 (Class R-2) and Key stage 2 (Class 3 – 6).

Our staff is qualified and experienced, are fluent English speakers, with the exception of the French language teachers who will be teaching in their mother tongue.

All children are to wear a school uniform. This consists of a cotton shirt for both boys and girls, grey shorts for boys and grey "skorts" for girls. Children are allowed to wear sandals in summer and closed shoes and white socks in winter. Footwear must be black (except for those used during sports activities (dark or white sports shoes) along with their School Sports Wear).

Our school year runs from January to December and is divided into three terms. We have a midterm break during term two and three. Each term has a midterm break. These dates are confirmed at the end of each year for the following year and will be sent out to each parent.

The school day starts at 8.15 am and ends at 2.15pm on Mondays to Thursdays. On Fridays, school ends at 1.00pm. There is a short morning break of 15 minutes and a lunch break lasting 35 minutes.

Parents are welcome to send in a snack and lunch, but Telfair International Primary School does provide an external canteen service, where parents are welcome to choose a balanced, cooked meal for each day of the month.

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Our admission procedures are as follows:

An Application Form is to be filled in. This will be followed by an appointment for an interview to discuss any points or enquiries future parents may have. Admission is at the school's discretion. You will be given further forms to fill in upon acceptance of a place.

Our fees for 2017 are:

	MAURITIAN	NON-MAURITIAN	
Application fees	Rs 2 100	Rs 2 100	Non refundable
Enrolment fees	Rs 35 000	Rs 50 500	Non refundable
Expats: One full Term's deposit	-	Rs 53 200	1. <u>Expats: As from 1st January 2014 an additional deposit representing one full term will be applicable to all Non-Mauritian.</u>
Fees per month	Rs 10 000	Rs 13 300	Over 12 months
Fees per term	Rs 40 000	Rs 54 000	Each term covers 4 months x 3.

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One term's notice (for both Mauritians and Non-Mauritians must be given in writing on the first day of the term at which the pupil is to leave i.e. (1st day January – 1st day May – 1st day September). The deposit for Non Mauritians will be off set against school fees if proper notice is given.

Should the notice not be given in time or unexpectedly during the current term for both Mauritians and Non Mauritians, fees are due for the following full term.

Ex: For a withdrawal in May, the Administrative department should be informed by latest early January.

Our terms: January to April, May to August and September to December 2016
Example: Should you wish to withdraw you child in May, we should receive the notice by latest early January.

If school fees are paid by a Public or Private Institution and/or Domestic or Foreign Company and/or Foreign Embassy and/or Sponsor on behalf of a parent, the public or Private or Private institution and/or Domestic or Foreign Company and/or Foreign Embassy and/or Sponsor will bind itself as a guarantor and will be liable to settle the fees should the fees policy and proper written notice not be given in case of withdrawal of a child from school. The parent should liaise with their employer to make sure that payment is done and inform their employer in case of withdrawal of their children as per above regulations.

- **Please note that school fees are to be paid prior to the month.**
- **Fees go up yearly in January. A circular will be sent to parents in September with the new fees.**

Bank Transfer details: Telfair International Primary School Account number 000 38 051 8406 at the Mauritius Commercial Bank Ltd Black River

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Parents are requested to send in a copy of their children's birth certificate, and a copy of a recent school report.

Why "Telfair" International Primary School?

Dr. Charles Telfair was an English surgeon who worked on the British Navy ships between 1808 and 1810.

In many respects, he proved himself to be innovative, knowledgeable and above all humane.

He was the first sugar estate owner to set up a school for his workers' children.

He introduced machines to increase productivity and was the first to use a horizontal sugar mill.

He was the founder of the Natural History Society in Mauritius. He used his extensive botanical and zoological knowledge to introduce new plants and animals to the island.

Dr. Telfair lived through and participated in the Napoleonic Wars, but he befriended and was admired by French and British alike. Throughout the years he lived in Mauritius he sought to raise the living standards of the inhabitants, regardless of their ethnic backgrounds.

He remains an inspirational figure for his often selfless contribution to his adopted country.

His logo, of an arm with an arrow, was derived from his conviction that with self confidence, vision, courage and strong beliefs, your arrow would reach its target without the need of a bow.

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