

# *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 will be gradually opening a class each year. We aim to 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 a respect for the richness of all cultures. Our aim is that when our children leave us they take with them not only 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, which allows the child to participate, and to develop an inquisitive personality.

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### Our subjects are:

- Numeracy
- Literacy
- Design and Technology
- Science
- Personal and Social Education
- French
- Information and Communication Technology
- History
- Geography
- Citizenship
- Art and Design
- Music
- Physical Education
- Asian language

French is taught orally during the first three years of school but will have incidental reading during the third year of school and from then on formal French will be covered. Our core subjects are Literacy and Numeracy. 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 and Numeracy- where they will be learning to count money in the local currency.

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

All children are to wear uniforms that are sold at school. 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 along with their School Sports Wear).

Our school year runs from January to December and is divided into three terms. Each term has a midterm break, of about two or three days. 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 8.30 am and ends at 2.00pm 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 30 minutes.

Parents are welcome to send in a snack and lunch, but Telfair International Primary School does provide a 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.

In 2007, we admitted pupils to the Reception Class. Children are admitted to this class the year they turn 5. In 2008, children were admitted into Class 1, in 2009 in Class 2, in 2010 in Class 3, in 2011 in Class 4. In 2012, we are admitting children to Class 5. Thus, the school will develop at this pace.

Our fees for 2012 are:

Application fee: Rs 1 500-

Enrolment Fee: Mauritian: Rs 27 500 Non-Mauritian Rs 40 000

Fees per term: Mauritian Rs 30 000 Non-Mauritian Rs 38 000

Fees per month (12 months) Mauritian Rs 7 500  
Non- Mauritian Rs 9 500

Non-Mauritian's are required to deposit three months fees in advance, that is: Rs 40 000

Parents are requested to send in a copy of your child'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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