



Welcome

to the **Primary School**
information
booklet

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"Pojď sem, synu, uč se moudrým býti."
"Come here, son, and learn to be wise."

J. A. Komenský (1592 - 1670)

Students may be dropped off at the Primary Campus starting at 8:15 am each morning. The school grounds will be monitored by staff from this time, with the school day starting at 8:30 am.

Our academic day begins at 8:30 am and ends at 3:25 pm. Students may be dismissed to their parents or caregivers at this time, or opt to use the Riverside Bus service to return home. Optional, Skills for Life activities begin after school, at 3:30 pm, and run until 4:20 pm each afternoon. Clubs run daily, and change each term. Students are expected to be dismissed to parents or caregivers after clubs finish, or opt to use the Riverside Bus service to return home.

Daily Schedule

8:15 am – 8:30 am	drop off and student arrival
8:30 am	school begins
8:30 am – 10:05 am	classroom and specialist lessons
10:05 am – 10:25 am	outdoor break and snack
10:25 am – 11:55 am	classroom and specialist lessons
11:55 am – 12:55 pm	lunch and outdoor break
12:55 pm – 2:00 pm	classroom and specialist lessons
2:00 pm – 2:20 pm	outdoor break
2:20 pm – 3:25 pm	classroom and specialist lessons
3:30 pm – 4:20 pm	skills for life after school clubs (optional)



Curriculum

The aim of Riverside Primary curriculum is to provide a relevant international curriculum for every child, to enrich their life and to prepare him or her for the experiences, opportunities and responsibilities of future stages. We believe a focus on individual progress, active participation and engagement by each student, throughout the learning process, is essential. This is achieved through a vibrant and enriched classroom environment, matched by an active and exciting curriculum.

The Riverside Primary Curriculum is designed to provide exciting opportunities for our students to explore and learn. The wide range of experiences and approaches to facilitate learning are listed below:

Mathematics

Literacy

Inquiry

Science

Topic

Design Technology

Religious Education

PE

Computing

Performing Arts

Fine Arts

Music

Languages

Cookery

Czech

Physical Education



Performing & Fine Arts Programmes

Music

Music tuition is built into the Primary curriculum and weekly timetable. Students start their introduction to Music while learning the recorder in Years 1-4. Here they start learning basic notes, tempo and music theory. By the end of Year 4, students will feel comfortable understanding scales, reading sheet music and performing songs.

On Years 5-6, students are given an instrument by the school, choosing 1 of 6 instrument options. These include the violin, viola, clarinet, flute, trumpet and trombone. Students study their instrument with a specialist peripatetic instructor, in an ensemble setting.

Our students have many opportunities to perform and display their progress in Music throughout the year. These include performances in school, as well as outside of school, where our students are given access to some of the best settings in Prague .



Performing & Fine Arts Programmes

Drama

The Performing Arts team also includes specialist Drama teachers who deliver weekly lessons. With a focus on singing, acting and production, the students help create all parts of the school performances, included the Christmas Show and the year-end Summer Show, which takes place at the Hybernia Theater in the center of Prague.

The drama lessons incorporate our talented musicians and are tied to cross-curricular links of Year Group topics when appropriate.



Performing & Fine Arts Programmes

Fine Arts

All Primary students have weekly Fine Arts lessons in the Fine Arts Studio. Students benefit from an Art specialist, focusing on the areas of drawing, painting, crafting and sculpting. Student work is displayed throughout the school and at various, external exhibitions during the year.



Skills for Life Programme

The Riverside Skills for Life programme offers a wide range of opportunities for our students to seek a unique skill they can develop and use long after their time in school concludes. The Skills for Life programme takes place after school and is organised by our PE department. Skills for Life clubs are run by the teaching staff and external providers, with over 50 options weekly. Options include individual and team-based sports, fine and performing arts offerings, computing and robotics, as well as further academic endeavours. Skills for Life is considered a valuable part of our curriculum, with activities designed for specific outcomes to improve student progress and confidence.



Leadership Opportunities

The Primary School have adapted the IB CAS model, providing opportunities for student leadership activities throughout the school year. Primary students have many opportunities for leadership development and are encouraged to participate in the **Student Council, Eco Council, House Captaincy and Future Leaders** programmes. A **Buddy system**, including **Reading Buddies** between older and younger year groups is in place to further develop leadership.

Providing opportunities, at the Primary level, to cultivate and enhance leadership skills, in a variety of ways is essential to the growth of our students and their involvement with the local and international communities.



Student Health and Wellbeing

Student health and wellbeing are of vital importance at Riverside Primary School. A full-time Nurse works at the Primary Medical Centre, where students are supported and have their medical needs addressed.

A member of the Primary School Leadership Team is in place to support the wellbeing and welfare of the students. A broad and varied Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE) curriculum is delivered across the school. It includes issues such as safeguarding, bullying, diversity, charitable works and fair trade. It is encompassed within a whole school focus on 'Growth Mindset'. Our PSHE Curriculum and Whole School Assembly content is continuously adapted in response to PASS (Pupils Attitudes to Self and School) survey analysis to further meet the needs of our students.



Student Life

*Riverside Sharks Sporting Teams
Skills for Life Clubs
Ski Trips
Activity Weeks*



Student Life

*Culture Day
Music Concerts
Bake Sales
Easter Egg Hunt
Riverside Ranch Excursions*



Student Life

Curriculum Cultural Trips
School Shows
Canoeing
Summer Fayre



Uniforms

BOYS

- *red sweatshirt with school logo*
- *red/navy blue polo shirt with school logo*
- *navy blue cardigan with school logo*
- *navy blue shorts/pants (solid, no denim)*
- *Riverside PE kit*



GIRLS

- *red sweatshirt with school logo*
- *red/navy blue polo shirt with school logo*
- *navy blue cardigan with school logo*
- *navy blue shorts/pants/leggings (solid, no denim)*
- *navy blue pleated skirt*
- *red/white or blue/white striped summer dress*
- *navy blue logo pinafore (worn with red, white or blue plain shirt underneath)*
- *Riverside PE kit*



Bus System

A bus system is in place to provide easy access, to and from school, for our students. A free bus line is available for all students, from our Hradcanska site, which carries students to the Early Years and Primary School locations.

We also offer fee-based bus lines that allow for pick up and drop off options. These lines accommodate those families living in various parts of the city, including Prague 2, 3 & 5, as well as surrounding neighborhoods of Prague 6.



Lunch and Snacks

We stress the importance of healthy eating and lifestyle choices through our school curriculum, Eco Council and PTA led initiatives. Healthy snacks are available from our vending machines and PTA snack bar. Students are also encouraged to bring healthy snacks to school.

Each day students have the choice of bringing a packed lunch from home, or, the choice of hot lunches. The hot lunch is provided by a respected caterer who exclusively uses fresh and quality ingredients. The hot lunch service requires a simple registration where parents have the ability to choose from the hot lunch menu (3 choices), days in advance. Food choices and payment are completed online. This allows the caterer to provide the lunch option you have chosen for your child and provide their lunch without a financial transaction involving your child.





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Mission Statement

Riverside School values the uniqueness of the individual and provides high quality education for students of diverse cultures within a Christian ethos and supportive family environment. The staff team is dedicated to building positive relationships with students, preparing them to be accomplished, global citizens.

