



PRIVATE ASSOCIATED SCHOOL,
Starozagorská 8, 040 23 Košice

Organizational units: Private Primary School
Private Grammar School



HUMANITY, UNCONVENTIONALITY, WISDOM, ASSERTIVENESS,
AWARENESS

School of the future



Private Associated School, Starozagorská 8, Košice, in its organizational unit – Private Primary School welcomed its first pupils on 4 September, 2006.

Since 2008 the school has been providing education focused on the development of learners' communicative competences in English Language by **CLIL approach**, verified by the teachers at our school in several projects of **experimental verification**. The professional guarantee was guided by Slovak National Institute for Education in Bratislava, The Research Institute for Child Psychology and Pathopsychology in Bratislava, Pedagogical faculty and Faculty of Art, Comenius University in Nitra.

Pupils are assigned to the first grade of Private Primary School on the basis of internal differentiation. One group consists of students who have acquired elementary language skills in nursery schools that teach basics of English Language. In some cases, these students come from bilingual families or have attended foreign preschool or school institutions during their residence in a foreign country. The second group includes students who have attended Slovak nursery schools.

Since the school establishment on 2 September 2006, the Private Primary School has successfully participated in a project called **Progressive Approaches in Foreign Language Teaching**.

The project was implemented in accordance with the criteria established by the European Commission and included all parts of language education (learners, teachers, teaching methods and materials), while it respected identified learners' needs:

- pupils' contact with active language,
- acceptance of the foreign language as a communication tool,
- positive approach to learning a foreign language, multilingualism and other cultures.

The project achieved the European dimension by engaging students to international projects and cooperating with peers from different European schools under the auspices of **European Club** at school (registered in the Centre for European Clubs).

After 4 years of project implementation, Private Associated School, Starozagorská 8, Košice, has become the fourth primary school in Slovak Republic and first in Košice (within 2002-2010) awarded by the European Language Label. The school is rightly proud of the award and it would like to continue on its successful way in the upcoming years.

On 14 May 2020, the organization International Baccalaureate (hereinafter „IB“) granted Private Associated School the consent to the implementation of education in accordance with Primary Years Programme (hereinafter „PYP“) under conditions of a Slovak school. The school has been listed among authorized world schools offering PYP programme as the second school in Slovak Republic and first in Košice. On 27 August 2020, the school was delivered an approving standpoint of the MŠVV a Š SR of the implementation of the international IB programme from 1 September 2020. The school proudly bears the status of an IB World School.



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Content and organization of pupils' education in Private Primary School, Starozagorská 8, Košice

- the admission of pupils to Private Primary School is performed throughout any school year
- **English Language is compulsory from the first grade** (3 lessons a week),
- **Second compulsory foreign language** (German, Spanish, Russian) from Year 6,
- **Integrated form of education of intellectually gifted students**
- Integration of compulsory English Language through **CLIL methodology in primary education** (Math, Basic Science, educational subjects) and in lower secondary education (Math, ICT, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Geography, History, Technology and educational subjects),
- individual approach to students with **16 pupils in one classroom**,
- application of **innovation trends** in education,
- classes equipped with modern ICT equipment and modern school furniture,
- emphasis on the concept of **humanistic and creative approach to education**,
- **verbal assessment** in Year 1-4, **combined assessment** (classification and verbal assessment of educational subjects) in Year 5-9,
- monitoring of emotional intelligence, general intellect and level of knowledge through tests,
- own programme of global education aimed at the complex development of pupil's personality (in the area of intellect, motivation, senses, strong will and body),
- optional **English School Clubs** supervised by foreign lecturers,
- organizing of free time activities in the form of interest groups - **Football Training, Sports and Motion, Colourful Palette, Dance Class** within Private Leisure Time Centre,
- interest education within the project "Teach the children how to learn" - **Explorers' Club, Playful Math, Readers' Club**,
- interest education within **Matej Tóth Sports Academy**,
- organizing of **School in Nature with language education, Ski Course, Swimming Training, English Week, exchange study stays abroad**
- organizing of **Slovak Language courses** for students coming from abroad, who have originally had no command of Slovak Language,
- **Mathematics** is taught according to the methodology of prof. RNDr. Milan Hejný, CSc.,
- **Project of experimental verification "Effectiveness of Jolly Phonics Methodology in Primary Education"** under the auspices of National Institute for Education in Bratislava,
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