



## Homeschooling Option

With the challenges of the Covid 19 situation in mind, we are proposing a new Homeschooling Option for the 20/21 school year for those families who feel themselves unable to enroll because of health concerns.

The Homeschool plan is available as an option for Grades 1- 8 and KG students of mandatory school age (6+ years). The Homeschool material adapts our curriculum in a developmentally appropriate manner and will be artistically engaging and academically challenging.

A homeschooling curriculum embraces and reflects our pedagogical capacity to respond to the need for continuity for each child and keep the connection to their Class and Teacher during the pandemic. Should the risks of the pandemic reduce, we strongly encourage the Homeschool student to rejoin their class community when parents are comfortable making this decision. **Please be aware that Homeschooling is not the same as Distance Learning or Classroom Based Learning.** Take a look at our Homeschool Option below.

Homeschool Coordinator and WSSD Teachers:

In a Homeschool program, parents are the primary teachers for their children. You will however, have a Homeschool Coordinator who will be your primary contact. The Coordinator will provide the connection to the Main Class Teacher and other WSSD Subject Teachers so that homeschool students will be provided the same core academic material, albeit in a slightly modified form. Subject class material will need to be modified. Supplies will be provided by WSSD in accordance with student needs.

Curriculum:

Main Lesson, Math, and Spanish will be the primary curriculum, with additional indications for Handwork/Woodwork, Games, Eurythmy, Music etc. Some special subjects may need additional assistance external to this program, as WSSD subject teachers will give indications and provide materials but will not teach online. This is common in Homeschooling programs. The curriculum will follow the same blocks and main assignments being offered at WSSD. This enables the Homeschool students to rejoin their Grade at any time. The students will complete assignments in the same timeline as their peers who are physically present in school. We are also planning to Live Stream community events and certain celebrations. The difference in our Homeschool Option compared to other Homeschool programs is the intimate connection to the curriculum taking place at WSSD, the contact and support with the curriculum by the Coordinator, and projects which match those done by students in the Grades at WSSD.

Oversight:

The Pedagogical Director will oversee this program at school and will meet weekly with the Homeschool Coordinator to discuss the work. At home, the parents will be the designated teacher of their children and will make every effort to help their child at home to adjust, study, and complete their assignments on time.

The pricing for the Homeschool Option is as follows:

Kindergarten: \$200/month for 12 months

Grades 1-5: \$500/month for 12 months

Grades 6-8: \$580/month for 12 months

A Homeschool Option offers a Waldorf Curriculum with inspiring projects and artistic activities. Parents will also receive dedicated teaching and learning support from the Homeschool Coordinator. This program allows flexibility in educating children for parents who choose a home environment during this challenging time. It also has the added benefit of securing your child's place at WSSD.

The qualities of truth, beauty and goodness, which epitomize Waldorf Education, are now more necessary than ever. As teachers, we want to surround the children with their loving community even if they are not present in class during this time. The need for connection, and the knowledge that they remain a part of their class in a meaningful way, in spite of their being at home, gives each student a great sense of security. We hope you will join us in this new endeavor.