



Dear White Rhino parents,

A very warm welcome to all our students and families in Y2 White Rhino class!

It is going to be an exciting year, filled with interesting and fun learning opportunities that will encourage your child to blossom, grow and make friends with children from around the world. Please ensure that you regularly visit the DBIS Hub & Parent Portal as important information will be posted here.

The White Rhino Team

Hello, my name is Louisa Azzopardi and I will be the class teacher for the White Rhinos. I am very excited to be joining the DBIS team this August. I have been working as a teacher for the last 12 years and have worked in three very diverse Inner London schools. Throughout my time teaching, I have always enjoyed working with others, and I look forward to continuing to learn and build relationships as I start at DBIS. Outside of school I am an avid reader, I enjoy cooking for friends and I love to travel.

Hello, my name is Jean Capito and I am the Educational Assistant of White Rhinos Class. Originally from the Philippines and moved to Hong Kong in 1991. I graduated with a degree of Bachelor of Elementary Education in the Philippines with 1 year of teaching experience, holding a teacher's certificate issued by HK Education Bureau. I am a dedicated Educational Assistant with more than 12 year of experience at DBIS. A collaborative team player with a passion for creativity and a positive learning environment, making a meaningful impact on students' lives and to assist them in discovering who they are and what abilities they have. More importantly, allowing them to shine with their fullest potentials.

Communication

It is extremely important to all the Y2 teachers that we establish a positive home-school partnership. We have exciting plans for the year and we will let you know what they are through the DBIS Parent Hub and classroom communication boards, so please keep checking all the communications regularly. Should you wish to discuss your child's learning or any sensitive issues in greater detail, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Georgina Clothier (Y2 Year Group Leader) to arrange a meeting at a mutually agreed

time. If you wish to use email, then please send any communication for the attention of the appropriate teacher through the school office: dbis@dbis.edu.hk

The School Day

Our classroom doors open from **8.25 am** each morning. We encourage parents and carers to say goodbye to their child at the door. We expect children to come into the classroom independently, put their belongings away and begin their learning. The school day will finish for Y2 children at **3.10 pm**. Y2 families can enter campus via the main gate. Please remember to bring your Parent ID Card with you for pick-up time. Any parents and carers without a Parent ID card will be required to sign children out. If your child is unwell, please communicate absences through the DBIS Hub Jotform: <https://form.jotform.me/72201104115435>

What your child needs:

- DBIS School Bag (Please keep spare underwear and clothes in case of accidents)
- DBIS School Hat - clearly labelled with your child's name and class
- Named Wellington Boots & Rain Coat for Outdoor Learning
- Water Bottle (Clearly labelled with name. No metal water bottles to be brought to school.)
- 1 named A3 plastic folders for home reader books and Library books
- A small snack e.g apple (in a container they can open independently labelled with your child's name and class)
- Named lunch box (labelled with your child's name and class - *unless your child is eating at the cafeteria*)
- Snack and Lunches must be packed separately.

Healthy Lunches and Snacks

Y2 Snack occurs at 10 am during the outdoor break and Lunch at 11:55 am. If you would like your child to eat lunch in the cafeteria, please contact dbis@dbis.edu.hk If your child is having a packed lunch, this should be placed in the boxes provided outside each class. To promote health and well-being, we encourage all students to make healthy choices for snacks and lunches. Sweets, candy, fizzy soda pop/soft drinks and chewing gum are not allowed at school. Please also be aware that we are a **Nut Aware** school and we kindly ask that **no products containing nuts or traces of nuts** be brought onto the school premises. **(This includes Nutella and store-bought pesto: pine nuts)** If your child has an allergy that concerns their safety, please speak with your child's class teacher.

Outdoor & Experiential Learning Experiences

We value the importance of Outdoor and Experiential learning opportunities at DBIS. In the coming weeks, we will communicate further information about your child's Forest School and Woodwork opportunities. In preparation for this, we kindly ask you to bring rain boots and a

raincoat to be kept in school. Y2 students have multiple opportunities to explore outside learning areas, it is helpful to apply sunscreen and insect repellent before school.

We are looking forward to getting to know all our White Rhino families. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Thank you for your support and we look forward to working in partnership with you.

Kind Regards,
Louisa Azzopardi & Jean Capito