

Artemis - English as a Common Language Policy

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Purpose

As international schools which use English as the medium with which to communicate and teach. Artemis schools have a duty to promote the use of English as widely as possible, recognising that parents have chosen to educate their children not only in the international language of English but also in the international language environment.

Related documents

This policy should be read in conjunction with the [Artemis Language Policy](#) and the [Artemis EAL Policy](#).

The Artemis Commitment to English as our Common Language

Artemis schools are English language-based learning institutions. The language of our schools' programmes is English, the exception being those programmes designed to be assessed in another language. English is the language of our schools' communications and the means by which we connect as international and multicultural communities. English is our common language and should be promoted as a way to include all.

It is of the utmost importance that students, staff and faculty use English in on-campus interactions as well as on all school-sponsored activities, thus promoting fluency and inclusivity. Exceptions may be made for support staff, outside companies, or staff with no direct contact with students. Sensitivity should be paid to interactions with parents who are not proficient in English, and new students in the process of adaptation. However, such sensitivities should never compromise the Artemis commitment to English as our *lingua franca*.

Artemis schools will use English for all documents, policies, newsletters, websites and other outward facing communication. Where mandated by local regulations, translations may be applied.

Artemis schools will provide English as an Additional Language support programmes to support the language development of those students who may not have an adequate working knowledge of English. In addition, our schools shall ensure that necessary policies, procedures and practices are put in place to ensure that all students develop the highest level of English fluency in both written and spoken forms.