

## FAQs

### Frequently Asked Questions

(In the order that questions are usually asked!)

#### **- Can we order hot meals?**

*Yes. Parents have the choice of preparing a picnic at home or ordering hot meals which are delivered to the school daily. More details about this service can be found on the following webpage: <https://www.ecoleintthonon.fr/en/cantine-and-after-school/>  
Children attending the Wednesday programme bring a packed lunch and eat with the teachers.*

#### **- How many classes do you have?**

*Our school building has two large classrooms each measuring 30m<sup>2</sup>. We accept a maximum of 15 children per class. During the 2019-2020 school year, these classes were of mixed aged children. Our school also has a separate canteen where the children eat with the teachers. Toilet facilities are separate for adults and children.*

#### **- How is sport organised?**

*Thonon International School does not have a playground and so has developed a partnership with the neighbouring Flydanse School in the same building, using its 160m<sup>2</sup> hall for sporting activities. When the weather allows, sports can also take place in the large public parks in Thonon-les-Bains such as le parc de la Châtaigneraie near to the lake:*

*<http://www.ville-thonon.fr/annuaire/76/97-parc-de-la-chataigneraie.htm>*

*Breaktimes also take place either in the Flydance halls or in nearby parks using the school minibus.*

*We also use the sport's stadium at La Grangette, facilities maintained by the Sport's Department of the Town Hall of Thonon-les-Bains. Here, children are able to take part in track and field events weekly. These facilities include on-site changing rooms.*

#### **- How is the bilingual programme organised?**

*The objective of Thonon International School is to provide a dual-language programme that allows a progression of language acquisition as children become older. At present, the two classroom facilities do not allow for one class for each year group of children, and so the programme prioritises the acquisition of English as the target language: 2/3rds of content in English and 1/3rd in French. The content of the programme is based on the Education*

*Nationale from France, but Thonon International School goes further than these objectives particularly concerning the individual approach to children's needs.*

**- Is there a morning drop off and after school service?**

*Yes, details of which can be found on our website: <https://www.ecoleinthonon.fr/en/cantine-and-after-school/>*

**- Are your teachers qualified?**

*Yes ! All of our teachers have a minimum of one university degree and are experienced in teaching primary school children. All of our teachers are also at least bilingual in French and in English.*

**- How long has the school been open?**

*TIS received the authorisation from the Academy de Grenoble to open during the Summer of 2019 and opened its first class in September 2019.*

**- How can I pay for tuition?**

*Tuition and other fees may be settled by cheque or bank transfer. Bank details may be consulted with the school financial conditions described with the registration forms.*

**- Can I pay by instalments?**

*For the school year 2019-2020 payment by instalments is not possible for the Wednesday programme. Payment by instalments for the 4-day programme is possible but on a case-by-case basis and will need to be discussed with the school Director. From the 2020-2021 school year, payment is possible termly or monthly.*

**- Where can I park?**

*There are four school parking places in front of the school. In addition, Flydanse has offered its parking spaces both in front of the building and behind for parents to use.*