

INFORMATION SHEET FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

AT FREIE WALDORFSCHULE KLEINMACHNOW

Thank you for your interest in the Freie Waldorfschule Kleinmachnow.

We have been lucky to welcome many international students to our school every year, and they have continuously enriched our daily life on campus. If you are interested in finding an exchange partner at our school, please send us a letter of interest (including a photo of yourself) which we will then use to find you a matching exchange student. If someone is interested in participating, they will contact you/your family directly.

There are not always enough students to accommodate the many applications that we receive at our school. For that reason, you are also welcome to apply to our school as a fee-paying international student, where you will stay with a local host family from our school. There is more information on that option below, including tuition fees and homestay costs.

Our High School, going from grades 9 to 12, is rather small with only 140 students. Each grade level has only one class. In addition to our main lessons, we offer Eurythmy, Drama, Choir, Orchestra, English, French, Practical Arts, Physical Education and Outdoor Education as part of our curriculum.

As a small school, we pride ourselves in our inclusive atmosphere that allows children to socialize with each other regardless of their age. Since everybody knows each other, international students typically find our school very friendly and welcoming. They often quickly find comfort in our accepting and kind school culture.

Our school campus is located approximately 15 minutes south of Berlin's city limits, in the popular suburb of Kleinmachnow. The campus is located in the heart of the local forest, allowing for a calm and healthy learning environment. Children get around by bicycle and use public transportation to go to the city center, which is only around 30 minutes away. German children are typically very independent at a young age and can navigate the city with ease and confidence.

Our school year begins after six weeks summer holidays. These summer holidays vary from year to year and take place between the end of June and early September. The school year ends accordingly in June or July. You may apply for a full year, or a partial year. We prefer that students come for a minimum of three months, as it is difficult for them to fully integrate in the class if they come for a shorter time period. Our High School students and faculty go on a camping trip

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during the first week of school after the summer holidays, and the first one or two days are spent preparing for this trip. It is a wilderness adventure, which is a wonderful way for all to welcome the new students to the school.

International students can stay with families within our school community who enjoy hosting students. Although the school does not involve itself directly in homestay arrangements, we will try to provide you with a family to contact once a student has been accepted. The average cost of homestay is around 400 € per month.

Tuition costs for international homestay students are as follows:

- 200 € admission fee and
- 250 € per month attendance fee

For more information please check our *Enrollment Procedure for international students*.

I hope you will find this information useful. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions or concerns.

Best regards

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