



The Tanto International School, Stockholm

Creating Passion for Learning and Excellence since 1983

FAQ - Frequently Asked Questions

Q - Between what ages can children attend The Tanto International School?

The school section, Year 2-7, is open to children aged 6-12.

However, we place children in the classes based on previous school experience, level of work and maturity in order to give the child the best possible school experience. Please read the document under "Admissions" called "Tanto Placement Policy" for more information.

The Tanto School's Nursery section "The English Nursery" is open to children between the ages 1-6 years (based on the child's age in August). The Nursery consist of three classes. 'Moons'- children aged 1-3, 'Planets' - children aged 4, 'Suns'/UK Year 1 age - children aged 5. For more detailed information please visit the Nursery homepage; www.englishnursery.se

Q-What American Grades and ages do Years 2-7 equal?

English Year 1 is American 'Kindergarten', for children aged 5.

English Year 2 is 'Grade 1', Year 3 is 'Grade 2' and so forth.

Year 7 is not Grade 7! English Year 7 is equal to American Grade 6.

Q-What are the School hours for Year 2-7?

The school hours for Year 2-7 are 8:30 am to 3:00 pm Monday to Friday.

On scheduled half days the hours are 8:30-11:30 am and no lunch is served.

Please visit the Nursery's website regarding the opening hours for Nursery children.

www.englishnursery.se

Q-What is Oxford Reading Tree? What do I have to do for my child to join the scheme?

Oxford Reading Tree, ORT, is a Home Reading scheme which is optional to join at The Tanto International School although it is safe to say that nearly every parent feels it important and valuable to join. We have successfully run the scheme for many years with the objective to help parents find books in English at the appropriate level for the child. At Tanto, we strongly encourage all parents to read with their children at home, but we also know it can be hard to get hold of good leveled books in English here in Sweden.

The scheme works like this;

The teachers listen to the children reading the books they have had at home once a week. To join there is a 500 SEK per child DEPOSIT. This is returned upon request when the child leaves Tanto providing all books have been returned. For each title which is lost or damaged there is a fee of 100 SEK deducted from the deposit. The money goes directly to replace the titles lost or damaged and increase the number of titles in the scheme. The form to join the scheme is available on this website under "Our School". Payment is made after the form is completed and handed in to the office.

If you want to learn more about Oxford Reading Tree, ORT, please click on the link; <http://www.oup.com/oxed/primary/oxfordreadingtree/parents/>

Q -Do the children at The Tanto International School have Swedish lessons?

Yes, students in Year 2-7 all have Swedish lessons scheduled in their weekly timetables. The time allocated to Swedish increases from approximately 1,5 hours for Years 2/3 to about 2,5 hours for Years 6/7. Swedish is taught by the school's Swedish teachers.

Q - Do you have a school bus or school transport?

Unfortunately, we are not able to offer school transport. Tanto students live all over Stockholm and the councils around Stockholm. However, public transport in Stockholm is excellent - it's regular, safe and the connections are very good.

The Tanto International School is situated less than 1 minute walk from the nearest bus station where bus 43 stops. Several other bus lines stop nearby (less than 5 minutes walk) -some by "Södersjukhuset" - one of Stockholm's largest hospitals, other by the commuter train station "Södra Station". The commuter trains ("pendeltåg") are faster than the underground ("tunnelbana") and they stop less than 5 minutes walk from school too.

The nearest underground station is "Zinkensdamm".

Bus 43 stops by for example "Hamngatan" downtown, "Slussen" and "Mariatorget".

The monthly or termly bus pass includes travel on all these methods of transport. Student and child travel cards are bought at reduced prices.

To plan your journey to Tanto International School or to find out more about travelling in Stockholm, please click on this link; www.sl.se.

Q - What meals are served at the School? Who cooks the food?

Currently, we get our lunches from a small company called "Sandborgen". They provide us daily with nutritious and healthy meals and they guarantee that a large proportion of the ingredients are produced locally and organically as well as using less prefabricated ingredients. The current menu for a four week period is available on this website under "Latest News". We offer various menu alternatives such as vegetarian, vegan, beef-free and/or pork-free lunches as well as meals adapted to suit individual allergies or intolerances. When you are offered a place at the School or Nursery, you will fill in a document called "Student information" where you state your choice of menu and potential allergies. It is not possible to bring your own lunch to our School or Nursery. Swedish law regulates this and all schools are required to serve a cooked meal for nursery children and primary school students.

Q - How do I make payments to the School?

For payments made from a Swedish account please use the School's Bankgiro (Bg).

Bankgiro; 5284-6136

For international payments;

Bank: **Handelsbanken**

Address: **Götgatan 3**

Box 15041

104 65 Stockholm

SWIFT CODE: HANDSESS

Iban no. : Please call the office

Please do not forget to label your payment for identification.

Q - Is there a School Nurse at Tanto International School?

Yes, the school nurse comes to Tanto every second week between September and June. She works according to a national program set out for school nurses in schools in Sweden. Once a term we have a doctor who visits the school and undertakes the duties set out in the national program for schools. As a part of this we follow the Swedish national vaccination program and vaccinations are offered to all students according to this program.

Parents are welcome to book an appointment to see the school nurse. Please call the office to arrange an appointment.

The school administrator is a trained Nursery nurse and she attends to children who hurt themselves during playtimes etc.

Furthermore, our teachers are offered first aid training on a regular basis.

Children between the age of 0-5 years are part of the Swedish National Health Program run by the State so for those ages we refer to your local "BVC".

General information about local Swedish Health Care can be found at <http://www.1177.se/Stockholm/Other-languages/Engelska/>