



LAKSHAYA
Preschool



**Taking Preschooling
to the next level...**
Prospectus





Welcome to Lakshaya

Thank you for considering Lakshaya Pre-School for your child's education and I really hope you find the content of this prospectus useful and informative.

I understand how important this decision is for you as a parent and I would like to assure you that our team of dedicated and friendly staff will help you every step of the way and they will be able to answer any concerns or questions you may have.

Lakshaya promises to provide the best pre-school education experience with an emphasis on stimulating the all-round development of the children in a fun, loving and active learning environment. At Lakshaya our caring teachers will nurture and support the children's natural love for learning at their own pace and inspire them to play, discover, learn and understand with wonder and confidence. Above all once in Lakshaya, your children will be completely safe and secure but most of all, happy. Every child will feel respected and loved in a 'home from home' environment. In such an environment children become confident, creative, calm, purposeful, independent and HAPPY. We want our children to love to come to school.

I will be happy to address any of your queries and invite you to visit our school. I look forward to welcoming you at our school and sharing our passion for giving our precious children the best education in their 'golden age' of learning.

Very Sincerely,



Neha Agrawal
Director

Lakshaya Pre-School
THE PLACE TO BE
Where Learning Is Fun
Where Love Is Shown Daily
Where Every Student Thrives

Where Students Are Achievers

LEARNERS TODAY, LEADERS TOMORROW

THE FUTURE BEGINS HERE!



About Lakshaya

Lakshaya

Lakshaya Pre-School is designed to be a new age 21st century pre-school in the city of Ahmedabad, providing international quality of education blended with Indian cultural value systems. Lakshaya Pre-School will build strong foundations for children in their formative years with a holistic development model and a focus on active learning in a child friendly ambience. The pre-school will commence its first academic session in June, 2011.

Lakshaya Pre-School is a part of the upcoming Lakshaya International School. It will be an English-medium, co-educational school geared to nurture students right from Pre-School to High School. Admissions to the Primary School sections will begin in a phased manner from June, 2012.

The international school will be affiliated to both IGCSE (University of Cambridge International Board) and CBSE (Central Board of Secondary Education). With a leading-edge academic curriculum, a rich variety of co-curricular activities,

high quality faculty, creative learning methodology, state-of-the-art infrastructure and a cheerful, stress-free environment that promotes a love for learning, the education a student will receive at Lakshaya will be exemplary and comparable to the best in the country.

A Culture of Learning. Global Perspective. Strong Values. Multi-dimensional Growth. The Lakshaya Way.

The founding of Lakshaya

Behind the name : AIM HIGH

"Lakshaya" is originally a Sanskrit word meaning "aim" or "objective". The origin of Lakshaya International School and Pre-School lies in the guiding aim of the founders to become an active partner in providing the highest quality of education to our young and future generations and positively impacting our children, society and community.

At Lakshaya we envision that the passion for aiming high should also be integral to each one of our students. Each one of our students should have ever-expanding goals for personal and social development and should strive to reach and exceed them.

Motto

The School Motto

The School's motto "Gyaanam Paramam Dhyeyam" is a Sanskrit phrase meaning "Knowledge is the Supreme Goal." The motto signifies the school's quest to be an institution where knowledge is revered. Knowledge Empowers, Liberates and Awakes Us. Knowledge forms the basis for all imagination, realization and action that helps us to progress and move forward. Both the teachers and students at Lakshaya will strive continuously to acquire new knowledge and expand their horizons and will internalize the zeal for life-long learning.

Our Vision

Our vision is to be an academic institution of excellence dedicated to making our students exceptionally well-rounded, responsible and self-reliant individuals with knowledge, wisdom and humanity.

Our Vision can be summarized as follows:

- Loving
- Aspiring
- Knowledgeable
- Special
- Humble
- Able
- Youthful
- Admirable

Our Mission

Lakshaya International School will provide its students with a world-class holistic education, imparted by a highly qualified faculty in a harmonious and stimulating learning environment to achieve the cognitive, emotional, social, physical, creative and spiritual potential of every student.



We Believe

Every child is born potentially gifted

Each child is gifted and possesses inherent potential of different types. With scientific nurturing in a caring and child-centric environment we will help our children unwrap their natural gifts, discover and embrace their potential and enhance their whole personality.

Each child is unique and different

Each child is unique with his/her method of learning and they learn at individual pace. We believe in providing positive developmentally-appropriate learning experiences with a variety of learning styles making children in the process competent, confident and self-sufficient individuals.

Fostering curiosity makes the child an eager and active learner

The child's natural curiosity and sense of wonder is the building block for learning and the development of high-order thinking skills. We will create an atmosphere that sparks curiosity and encourages children to explore, discover, create, and question.

Children learn best when they are happy

The best pre-school experience comes from providing a happy learning environment. We will make learning fun and enjoyable for the child so that the child enjoys the process of learning and develops a love for learning.

We believe in **PUTTING CHILDREN FIRST** and we will give our children the best.

Logo

Our logo is the visual translation of our vision, mission and motto. It epitomizes our aim to provide a nurturing environment for our children to enable them to reach their full potential. Our logo has four basic elements.

An arrow of academic success striking the bull's eye of the dartboard with coloured ringzones is symbolic of the Lakshaya Program's aim of developing the full spectrum of intelligences in each child.

The bright and happy colours of our logo represent how we help our children to paint their future bright. Red is a strong, dynamic colour which represents our energy, activity and strength. Yellow is a bright, cheerful colour connected with fun, happiness and sunshine. Blue is the cool, calming color of creativity, intelligence and wisdom. Green is the nurturing colour of growth, health and safety.

The giraffe represents far-sighted vision and the desire to get higher knowledge. A giraffe has the largest heart of any land animal, a long neck for seeing the big picture, and treats others with gentleness.

Finally, the logo tagline 'casa dei bambini' meaning 'children's home' represents the happy, child-oriented atmosphere at the school and personalized care that makes the child feel at home.





Curriculum

Solid foundation for lifelong learning

Our Scientific Curriculum

At Lakshaya we have developed a unique, new age scientific curriculum called the "Lakshaya Program" for children aged two years to 6 years. It provides our children with a solid foundation for learning and helps them realize their full potential as intelligent, creative, whole persons.

It has been carefully designed by an experienced and qualified research team of early childhood professionals and is based on the use of scientific research on early brain development and learning, child psychology as well as extensive research into the best pre-school practices around the world. The curriculum is an evolving one apart from being developmentally-appropriate. It will be constantly updated as well as moulded to suit the specific requirements of our children.

Some of the philosophies and approaches we follow in our curriculum include

Dr. Howard Gardner's 'Theory of Multiple Intelligences', Maria Montessori's 'Montessori' Method, Friedrich Froebel's 'Play Way' Method, the Reggio Emilia Approach, the Rudolf-Steiner 'Head-Heart-Hands' Approach and Theme-Based Model.

Multi-Sensorial Learning

Children live in a world of senses. Through sight, touch, sound, taste, and smell, the children are able to clarify, classify, and comprehend their world. The Lakshaya Program is a multisensory program that provides the all-absorbent sensorial child inspiring learning using all five senses.

Multiple Intelligences

The Lakshaya Program uses the 'Theory of Multiple Intelligences' as a curriculum framework. The theory propounded by Dr. Howard Gardner says that human beings have different intelligences that include verbal/linguistic, logical-mathematical, visual/spatial, bodily / kinesthetic, musical, interpersonal, naturalist and intrapersonal intelligences. This is why children learn in different ways and at different paces. Our curriculum program makes use of a range of learning and teaching styles that helps children have their particular learning needs met and also encourages them to explore and exercise

all of their intelligences. Students who have these kinds of experiences know many ways to learn almost anything!

Theme Based Learning

The curriculum for each year is divided into themes designed to help children understand concepts across different learning areas. Each curriculum theme offers a wonderful spectrum of lesson plans, worksheets, hands-on activities, songs, stories, games, multimedia recordings, interactions with others and field trips. Multi-modal learning through rich auditory, visual and kinesthetic experiences at Lakshaya allows each child to achieve his/her maximum potential.

Learning by Doing

At Lakshaya, learning is experiential with hands-on, minds-on activities coupled with whole-body integrative movements. We believe that learning should be the outcome of the child's own experiences, interactions and thinking. We help create rich experiences and exposures through activities and a stimulating environment. Children are seen as active participants, problem-solvers and learners guided by teachers who are facilitators.

'Larger brain use culture'

A child is born with more than 100 billion brain cells or neurons! Learning occurs as more and

stronger connections are made between the neurons.

The early years are a crucial period in which connections or linkages are made between the neurons and the neural networks are forged. These connections or pathways are formed by the experiences and thoughts that we give to our children. A stimulated brain develops a rich network of neural pathways to permit complex thinking, while an unstimulated brain has fewer pathways to develop thought.

At Lakshaya, combining multi-sensory experiences with multi-modal teaching approaches provides powerful stimuli to the brain enhancing the child's capacity to learn and expanding the child's future proficiencies.

Fun-filled learning process

- Free play, recreational games, art, craft, pottery, role-play, drama, puppetry, stories, cooking, music, dance, yoga
- Gardening, nature walks and treks
- Audio-Video Experiments and Presentations
- Field trips to museum, zoo, theatre, supermarket, Science Centre, fire station, factory, park, farm, etc.
- Performers and guests in school
- Special days such as Grandparents' Day, Parents Day, Sports Day
- Exhibitions, concerts, special culminating events
- Celebration of national occasions and festivals





Areas of Development

Enhancing the whole constellation of intelligences

The curriculum is designed to develop the multiple intelligences of each child and develop the child's whole personality.

Bodily - Kinesthetic Intelligence

Pre-School has an important role to play in the development of a child's gross and fine motor skills, physical co-ordination and balance. At Lakshaya we fully understand and appreciate that early childhood is a crucial time for their development.

Gross motor skills are the abilities required in order to control the large muscles of the body for walking, running, sitting, crawling, and other activities. Gross motor skills include balance, major muscle co-ordination, hand-eye coordination and strength.

Fine motor skills are smaller actions, such as grasping an object between the thumb and a finger.

With fine motor development the child is able to use his/her hands not only to eat and dress but also to draw, play, write, cut, paste, trace, tie, fasten and be creative.

Gross Motor Development

At Lakshaya, children develop their larger muscles, co-ordination, balance and strength through many opportunities for gross motor development: use of child body-gym, climbing, sliding, swinging, playing with balls and hoops, running, jumping, yoga, dance, etc. as well as other practical activities that include elements of balance, agility, coordination and endurance.

Fine Motor Development

At Lakshaya, our fine motor development activities focus on developing hand and eye coordination with a focus applied on strengthening and fine tuning arms, wrists and fingers in our children. Fine-motor development is enhanced through activities that children will enjoy, including playing with blocks and other child friendly construction materials including use of manipulative materials, puzzles, blocks, grading boards, use of creative art media, cooking, handling utensils, sand and water play.

Linguistic- Verbal Intelligence

We develop English language skills, active listening, speaking, conversational abilities, reading and writing skills among the children through a language-rich environment in our classrooms and targeted Language Lab. Language lessons are provided using interactive teaching aids, books, poems, songs, storytelling and many other literacy activities.

Children will learn pronunciation, inflection, grammar and vocabulary from interacting with the individuals around them. There is a strong emphasis on phonics. Our children will delight in the acquisition of spoken and written language and thrive in Lakshaya's vocabulary-rich environment.

Logical/Mathematical Intelligence

Our curriculum gives children a strong foundation in logical-mathematical skills. Children are encouraged to master numbers and basic computer skills, recognize patterns and relationships, and develop the ability to solve different kinds of problems through logic and reasoning. Well-designed Montessori materials like counting rods, spindles, cards, beads, cubes and counters will provide the sensorial child a concrete representation which leads to abstract understanding of mathematical concepts.

Number rhymes, classifying and sequencing activities, playing number and logic games, and solving various kinds of puzzles are some of the fun-filled ways by which our children will imbibe mathematical and logical skills.



Visual-Spatial Intelligence

Visual-spatial thinking is the hallmark of creativity. Children with high visual-spatial intelligence are the artists among us. These children think in pictures and images, are keen observers of the world around them and have an excellent awareness of space. Our program nurtures visual-spatial intelligence in our children by encouraging artistic self-expression through drawing, colouring, crafting, two-dimensional and three-dimensional modeling; through fine tuning of observation skills, playing with puzzles, solving mazes and other spatial tasks, and exercises in imagery and active imagination.

Musical Intelligence

Our children will be encouraged to understand and express themselves through music, rhythmic movements and dance. The program offers many opportunities to develop this intelligence through rhythmic

games and activities, singing, dancing and the playing of various musical instruments. This not only is a source of great fun but is also healthy and promotes our children to stay fit and nimble.

Naturalist Intelligence

At Lakshaya, we believe that children should connect with nature outside and not hibernate indoors. Children are given a daily dose of play exploration and discovery outdoors in the garden and playground. Children's awareness, understanding and appreciation of nature is further fostered through environmental themes like plants, animals, seasons, wildlife conservation, etc in the curriculum and through activities like recycling, gardening, observation of plant and aquatic / animal life, bird-watching, listening to the sounds of nature, and through field trips and nature walks.

Intrapersonal Intelligence

The program fosters self-concept in our children and inculcates in them the skills of self-management, independence and the spirit of enterprise by providing many self-help activities, by free play, unstructured, open-ended activities, by displaying the child's personal artwork, stories and family photographs, by representing the child's culture and language in the environment and activities,

and by creating an individually appropriate and success oriented classroom.

Moral Intelligence

Lakshaya is an effective partner for parents in striving to raise moral kids and teaching them to do the right thing. Vision and Values education is an important part of the school curriculum. The school seeks to ingrain in students principles and values such as honesty, goodness, courage, friendliness, compassion, caring and sharing. Some of the ways in which the school tries to achieve this is through moral stories, poems, plays, art, as well as by using teachable moments, by encouraging reflection, and reinforcing moral behaviour in children by appreciation.

Cultural Intelligence

India being a land of many rich and different cultures and with the world becoming a global village, we feel it is important that children understand, accept, and celebrate the diversity of people, cultures and customs.

The school celebrates different festivals and multi-culturalism and believes in Rabindranath Tagore's ideal of 'World together in one nest'.

A Tailored Approach

At Lakshaya we recognise that not all children are the same. To this extent we will apply a focus on seeking out areas where any of our individual children require additional learning assistance or conversely show particular talent in any given area. Encouragement and further individually tailored plans will ensure our children are provided with optimal conditions to be the stars they undoubtedly have the natural birthright to be.





Key Facts

Care

Counseling

Lakshaya offers students and parents a complete range of Counseling Services with the purpose of enhancing healthy social, emotional and educational growth in our children.

Counseling services include cognitive-dynamic assessment of children and the design of programs which will assist and enable children to become better learners.

Parenting is a huge responsibility and at times parents may seek guidance or advice in addressing any developmental or behavioral issues. At Lakshaya counseling services will be made available should parents wish to synergize development at preschool with development in the home.

"Children need systems that are inclusive and driven by them, systems that will enable them to respond to their feelings and needs at any time."

...Jeroo Billimoria

Dietician

As pre-school children grow, a remarkable physical transformation occurs. A child's diet and nutrition becomes a critical aspect of this growth and development.

We have a nutritionist who plans nutritious and balanced meals for children and also advises parents on healthy diets for our children.

"Beginning nutritious healthy diet, in early childhood is an important part of helping to ensure that children will achieve healthful lifestyles,"

...Robert Earl

Healthcare

Health and hygiene are important to our school. We place strong emphasis on the well-being and wellness of our students. The children start their day with prayers, yoga and meditation. Yoga is a great physical workout for children that develops body awareness and also helps to develop their observation skills and increases focus. Further, health and fitness is in-built in our curriculum with plenty of indoor and outdoor activities, games, music and physical exercise.

The school also provides routine health screenings and medical check-ups for children. Teachers are fully trained in the use of first-aid and safety kits. We place strong values and importance on child-friendly hygiene and sanitation facilities in our school with sterilization of toys, disinfection of surfaces and bathrooms, etc. Lakshaya has quality control systems in place to ensure the highest standard of hygiene and sanitation in all areas. We like to be a 'Health Smart' Pre-School.

"The greatest wealth is health."

...Virgil

Library

The best way to create the readers of the future is to develop an innate love for books.

At Lakshaya, we aim to help our children discover the joy of reading, and with it the appreciation and power of the printed word with a wonderful and huge collection of books that children will enjoy.

The library has a rich collection of brightly coloured picture books including board books, pull-tabs, flaps, pop-ups, books made from cloth and plastic, concept picture books, easy readers and transition books which will enthrall the young readers and excite their imagination.

"At the moment that we persuade a child, any child, to cross that threshold, that magic threshold into a library, we change their lives forever, for the better."

...Barack Obama





Parent as Partners

Parents as Partners

The pre-school and the parent have something very special in common - the child. A positive, respectful relationship between the two helps the child feel safe and relaxed.

At Lakshaya, we understand that parents play an essential role in their child's progress and we want parents to be involved in each step of the way.

Parent-Teacher Interactions

Regular parent-teacher interactions are an integral feature of our program in which the teachers provide an assessment and feedback on the child's progress. Each child has a Learning Journal which will be a record of your child's interests, significant achievements and development throughout his or her time with us. Parents are free to share details of their child with the teacher. The ultimate aim is to understand the child from all perspectives and help him/her to improve in all realms of life. Every interaction with you is premised on mutual respect as well as a deep respect for the child.

Parent Events

Many parent functions will take place during the year and we look forward to your participation at these events. We also have structured programmes tailored around developing parents' understanding of Lakshaya's programs, activities and philosophies. This facilitates parents having a greater involvement with their child's learning and creates a greater opportunity for parents and children alike to share school life.

Parenting Workshops

We will organize interactive parenting workshops with eminent professionals from time to time to discuss various attributes of effective parenting and child development. We feel that such workshops will provide parents with valuable inputs in the art of parenting and also help them address any prevalent concerns.

Online Portal

At Lakshaya, we want to make things easy and convenient for you.

Lakshaya's parent portal will provide parents easy, online access to information about the school's announcements, notices, calendars, weekly menus, upcoming events and workshops, field trips, special dates and any additional information will be made available to parents in one central online location which they can access anywhere, anytime.

The school will use it to provide important information about curriculum activities, post photos of the children and display student artwork so that parents can keep in touch with key events and feel connected to what their children are doing in class.

Further, there will be instructions for home learning projects, activities for art and craft projects as well as useful resources and videos for parents and children, making it a treasure-trove of useful resources.

Feedback

All parent feedback is valid and important to us. Just let us know if you have any concerns and we will set aside time to meet your needs. Please feel free to call the school about your child at any time.

We welcome any suggestions or input you may have for improvement of our facility or program.





Environment

Child Appropriate Infrastructure

At Lakshaya we take pride in the fact that a child-friendly, eye catching and imagination inspiring environment greets all of our children.

Lakshaya provides a comforting, safe and hygienic environment to our pre-school children. Our classrooms are spacious, airy, bright and cheerful. The furniture is child-friendly and ergonomic. The interiors are vibrant, well-organized and attractive and the ambience colourful and joyous.

The classrooms are well-equipped with best in class specialist play equipment, Montessori apparatus and child-appropriate learning aids. These are displayed on low level shelving so that children can readily access them. Each classroom has its own separate garden providing an integrated indoor-outdoor learning space.

The physical environment has been carefully designed to encourage exploration, discovery and experiential learning in a fun-filled and enjoyable manner.

Our niche facilities include:

Spacious classrooms with individual gardens

International quality play equipment, teaching and learning aids

Innovative and exciting role-play props

Ergonomics chairs and tables, child-friendly foldable nap-beds

Adventure Playground & Garden

State-of-the-art child friendly Multi-Gym

Splash Pool

Sand Pit

Library & Learning Resource Centre

Computer Lab

Language Lab

Play bricks Area

"The most effective kind of education is that a child should play amongst lovely things."

...Plato



Faculty

Facilitators

High-quality preschool education depends on effective, high-quality teachers. Our teachers are highly qualified, well-trained and most importantly have a love for children, a deep rooted passion for teaching along with the desire to bring out the best in the children they teach and care for.

Our teachers go through an intensive in-house training program and have an expert knowledge of child-psychology as well as a scientific understanding of the conditions which best promote learning.

At Lakshaya, our teachers promote child development and learning by create learning environments based on a deep understanding of children's needs and development. They use a wide array of effective and consistent educational approaches that reach a variety of learning styles effectively.

The teachers have positive, sensitive and responsive interactions with children that build the children's confidence, make learning fun for them whilst providing a strong foundation for their future intellectual, physical, and social development.

At Lakshaya, early childhood education is not just a career for our faculty but life's calling.

"One Hundred Years from now
It will not matter
what kind of car I drove, house I lived in,
how much money was in my bank account
nor what my clothes looked like.
But the world may be a better place because
I was important in the life of a child."

...Forest Witcraft





Nutrition

No lunch boxes required!

Why? Because we take the responsibility of providing nutritious and wholesome food for all our children during pre-school hours. We offer the children a healthy breakfast and the nutritional content of the food is carefully balanced and planned by a dietician. The food is farm fresh, looks good and tastes great.

Menus and recipes are made available to parents so that they can read and identify the ingredients used. We provide special diets for children with food allergies and intolerances. On occasion or by request we will even issue recipe cards, so that you can make our meals at home.

Snack time at Lakshaya encourages positive eating behavior in children, fosters valuable interpersonal and social skills besides giving them an enjoyable experience at mealtimes.

The Lakshaya pre-school setting is a great place for beginning a long life of healthy nutritional habits.

"You don't have to cook fancy or complicated masterpieces, just good food from fresh ingredients."

...Julia Child



10 Questions

The Marvellous Child

Who are the best learners on this planet?
Children!

Who are the best question-askers on this planet?
Children!

Who are the most persistent human beings on this planet?
Children!

Who are interested in everything?
Children!

Who are the most active?
Children!

Who get the most pleasure out of the most simple things?
Children!

Who see things in the most novel ways?
Children!

Who make the most astonishing and original associations?
Children!

Who use both sides of their brains?
Children!

Who are the most creative people on the planet?
Children!

The child is a 'miraculous being' with an unlimited potential.

We simply have to provide an enabling environment to unlock this potential.

Celebrating infinite possibilities
Lakshaya Preschool

Creating Our Children's Future
.....taking pre-schooling to the next level

"Every child is considered brilliant with unlimited potential"

...Dr. Maria Montessori





Admissions

Admissions Open

Lakshaya Preschool welcomes students to an enriching and joyous learning experience. Admissions are open for the academic year 2011-2012. The first academic sessions will start in June, 2011.

Programs Offered

Grades	Age Eligibility
Cuddles (Pre-Nursery)	: 2 yrs+
Foundation (Nursery)	: 2.5yrs +
Stepping Stones (Junior KG)	: 3.5yrs+
Springboard (Senior KG)	: 4.5 yrs+

The child should have minimum age mentioned above at the time of admission

Admission Process

Parents will be required to fill out an Application Form. The Application Form can be downloaded from the website or obtained from Lakshaya Preschool's Office.

The Application Form needs to be completed and submitted at Lakshaya Preschool Office. Preschool admission will be granted on the basis of first come first serve and on the basis of dialogue with the parents. There will be no formal test or interviews conducted on the child.

Once, the admission is confirmed, the parents will be required to submit the Student Health Form and the required documents.

Please visit the Preschool for details regarding the school timing and fee structure.

For queries relating to Admissions, write to us at admission@lakshayapreschool.com



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