



CIS 'BRIDGES' Program

Building Roads Into Diverse Groups & Empowering Students

Dear **BRIDGES** families,

Welcome to the **BRIDGES** Program at Copenhagen International School.

We are looking forward to an exciting year full of fun, new thinking, old and new friends, challenges and celebrations! We will start the year with 3 students, who will learn, play, investigate and inquire together.

The **BRIDGES** program is available throughout the school day to provide an individually designed modified program outside of mainstream classes. Learning Support and Classroom Teachers work together to support students in their least restrictive environment, with age-appropriate peers. Students are assigned to a homeroom class and join as often as is appropriate, e.g., for art, PE, music, drama, lunch, playtime, and specific classroom lessons and activities. Participation in the mainstream classroom is continually monitored and adjusted throughout the school year. There may also be opportunities for reverse mainstreaming, where typically developing students are welcomed by their friends into the BRIDGES class for small group lessons and activities.

The **BRIDGES** program offers possibilities to work more intensively on students' objectives in all areas, such as life skills, sensory needs, academic support, social-emotional and behavior support. It also enables us to give more one-to-one or small group instructions, respond more quickly and efficiently to formative assessments, and provide a safe, calming environment with few of the distractions and over-stimulation of the regular classroom. The learning support and class teachers will monitor student progress and students' learning goals will be modified at least once a year.

At CIS, the first few days are seen as essential to ensure your child's successful transition into our **BRIDGES** program. Observing and interacting with new people, adjusting to new routines, transitions and expectations are a lot to absorb.

Open and direct communication is important to us all and will ensure a successful year for your child. We will communicate information, events and updates on current learning by email. When contacting us, it is best to reach us at our school email addresses and to include all staff working with your child.

We look forward to a lovely year together filled with excitement and joy!

The classroom is located on the second floor of the primary school in between our Early Years and Primary Tower (room EY 227).

The **BRIDGES** Team