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PRE-SCHOOL

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A Look Inside





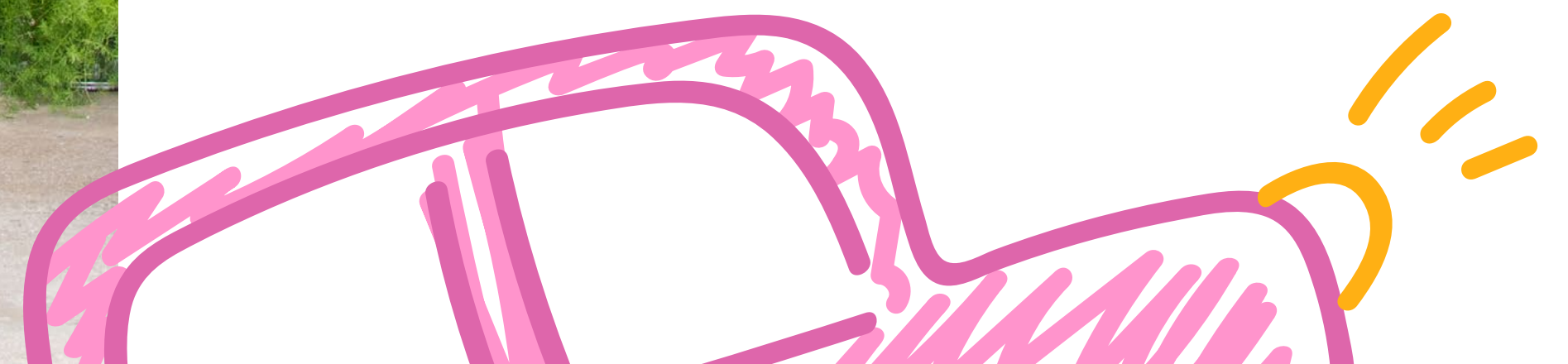
ABOUT THE UWI PRE- SCHOOL



The UWI Pre-School is the premier choice for early childhood education. Guided by the Blue-Green philosophy, the UWI Pre-School prepares children to become environmentally conscious, socially responsible and confident learners in a rapidly changing world.

Designed for children aged three to five years, the UWI Pre-School offers a two-year Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) programme grounded in research, sustainability, and holistic child development.

Our curriculum reflects global best practice, aligns with the National ECCE Curriculum of Trinidad and Tobago, and is informed by contemporary educational research.



OUR TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

At the UWI Pre-School, we believe:

- Early childhood is a critical period for holistic development.
- Children are naturally curious, capable learners.
- Learning must be meaningful, experiential, and connected to real life.
- Sustainability, communication, and citizenship begin in the early years.
- Every child deserves a nurturing, inclusive, and stimulating environment.

OUR BLUE-GREEN FOCUS

Our Blue-Green approach integrates:

- Blue principles – awareness of water systems, marine life, conservation, and sustainable use of aquatic resources.
- Green principles – care for land, plants, animals, and environmental sustainability.

Children explore soil, gardens, recycling, ecosystems, water cycles, and sustainable living through hands-on experiences. They learn that human actions impact the planet—and that they have the power to make positive contributions.

BENEFITS OF THE UWI PRE-SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Children enrolled at the UWI Pre-School benefit from:

- A research-informed curriculum grounded in educational theory.
- Strong preparation for primary school.
- Development of 21st-century skills including communication, collaboration, and critical thinking.
- Environmental consciousness and sustainable habits.
- Exposure to multiple languages.
- Individualised attention within a nurturing environment.
- Authentic assessment through observation, portfolios, and developmental tracking.
- Connection to a university environment that values excellence and innovation.

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

1. Complete the Registration Form
2. Submit required documents:
 - o Child's birth certificate
 - o Immunisation records
 - o Two passport-sized photographs
3. Attend a scheduled parent interview.
4. Participate in a child observation session (if required).
5. Receive confirmation of placement.
6. Pay registration and first semester fees to secure placement.

For application forms and submission deadlines, please contact the Administrative Office

FEES AND PAYMENT INFORMATION

Registration Fee: TT\$100.00 (one-time, non-refundable)

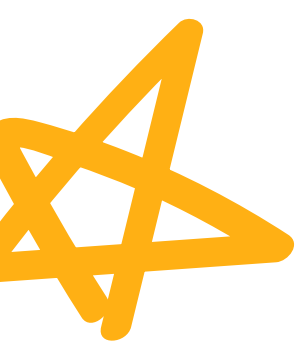
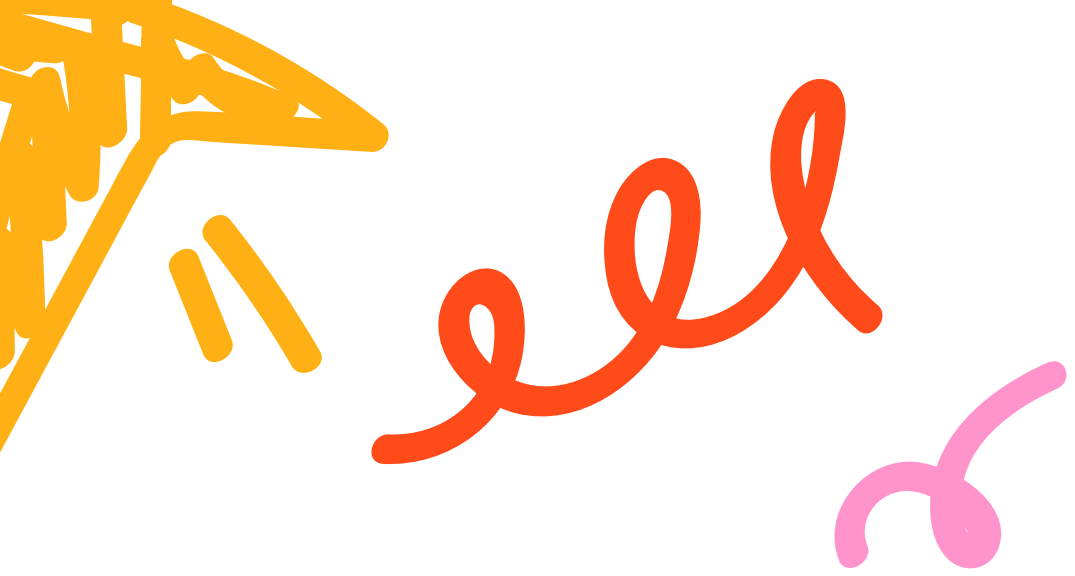
Tuition per term: TT\$7,000.00
(Three terms per academic year)

After Care (Optional): TT\$300.00 per month

Fees may be paid via:

- Bank transfer
- Certified cheque
- Payment via the UWI Cashier at the Bursary, The UWI St. Augustine Campus



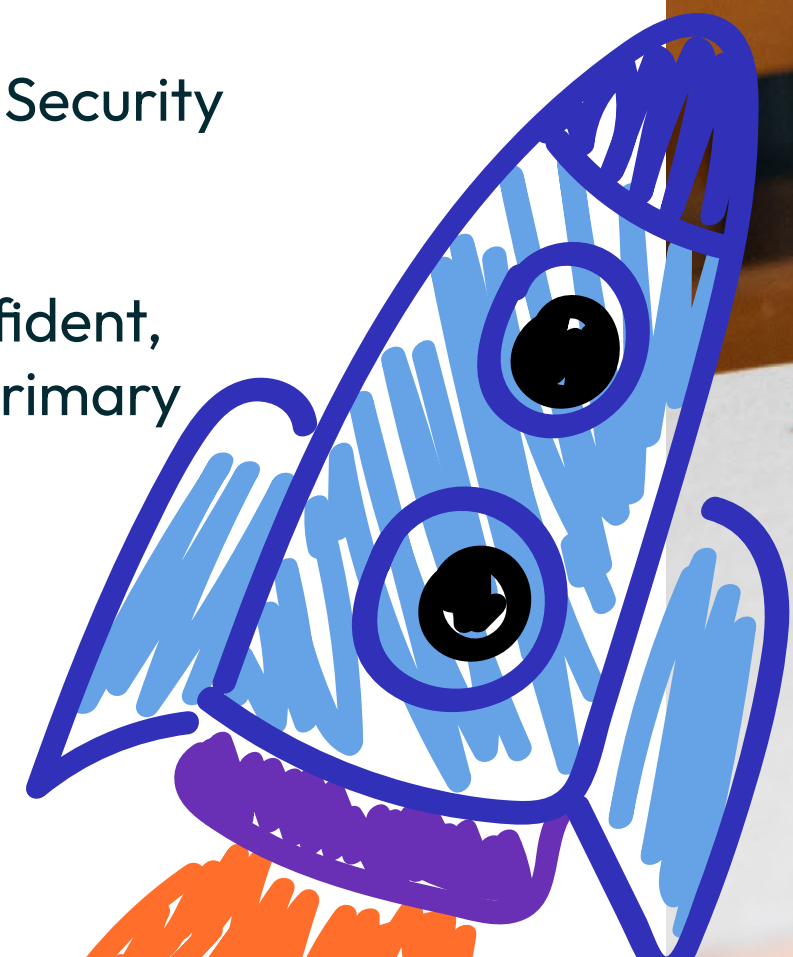


WHY CHOOSE THE UWI PRE-SCHOOL?

The UWI Pre-school is more than a preschool. It is a forward-thinking early childhood centre committed to:

- Academic excellence
- Sustainability education
- Holistic development
- Global citizenship
- Innovation in early learning
- On-campus location
- Safe environment supported by UWI Campus Security
- Caring environment

Children graduate from The UWI Pre-School confident, capable, environmentally aware, and ready for primary education.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

WHERE IS THE UWI PRE-SCHOOL LOCATED?

The UWI Pre-School is conveniently located on the lush UWI St. Augustine Campus, directly opposite the JFK Student Car Park, ensuring easy access for parents and guardians.

WHAT AGES DOES THE UWI PRE-SCHOOL ACCEPT?

The UWI Pre-School enrolls children between the ages of three (3) and five (5) years. The programme is designed as a two-year Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) experience to prepare children for a smooth transition to primary school.

WHAT MAKES THE UWI PRE- SCHOOL DIFFERENT FROM OTHER PRESCHOOLS?

The UWI Pre-School offers a distinctive Blue-Green curriculum, integrating environmental sustainability, holistic development, and 21st-century skills. The curriculum is research-informed and aligned with national and regional ECCE standards.

WHAT IS THE BLUE-GREEN APPROACH?

The Blue-Green approach integrates:

Blue principles: water conservation, marine awareness, aquatic ecosystems

Green principles: land stewardship, gardening, recycling, environmental care

Children learn about sustainability through hands-on activities such as gardening, recycling projects, nature exploration, and water-based science experiences.

WHAT ARE THE SCHOOL HOURS?

Regular school hours are:

Programme Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

After Care (Optional): 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

IS AFTER SCHOOL CARE AVAILABLE?

Yes. After Care is available at an additional cost of \$300.00 per month. The programme includes homework supervision, structured play, and enrichment activities in a safe and nurturing environment.

IS THE CURRICULUM ACADEMICALLY RIGOROUS?

Yes. The programme lays strong foundations in:

- Early literacy and reading readiness
- Numeracy and mathematical reasoning
- Critical thinking and problem-solving
- Communication skills
- Learning independence

All academic content is delivered through developmentally appropriate, play-based, and experiential methods

DOES THE UWI PRE-SCHOOL PROVIDE MEALS?

Parents will be advised whether meals and snacks are provided or whether children are required to bring nutritious lunches and snacks from home.

WHAT ARE THE FEES?

Current fees are:

Registration Fee: TT\$100.00 (one-time, non-refundable)

Tuition per Semester: TT\$7,000.00 per semester

After School Care (Optional): TT\$300.00 per month

IS THERE A UNIFORM?

Yes. Students are required to wear the official UWI Pre-school uniform. Details regarding suppliers and dress code guidelines will be shared upon enrolment.

WHAT QUALIFICATIONS DO TEACHERS AND TEACHER AIDES HAVE?

The UWI pre-school educators are trained early childhood professionals. Additionally, all teachers participate in structured professional development programme aligned with the Blue-Green curriculum.

HOW DOES THE UWI PRE-SCHOOL ENSURE SAFETY?

The physical and emotional safety of your child is our priority. The UWI Pre-School maintains a safe and secure environment through the support of The UWI Campus Security. We ensure

- Secure access to the facility
- Supervised indoor and outdoor environments
- Age-appropriate furniture and equipment
- Hygiene protocols
- Clear health and safety procedures

HOW INVOLVED ARE PARENTS IN THE PROGRAMME?

Parents are encouraged to:
(Please indicate which are applicable)

- Attend parent-teacher conferences
- Participate in project presentations and celebrations
- Support sustainability initiatives
- Maintain open communication with teachers

HOW DO I REGISTER?

The UWI Pre-School Registration Form.

- Birth certificate
- Immunisation card

DOES THE UWI PRE-SCHOOL PREPARE CHILDREN FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL?

Yes. The programme ensures children develop:

- Academic readiness
- Social maturity
- Independence
- Emotional resilience
- Confidence in communication

Graduates leave well-prepared for the demands of primary education.

HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

The UWI Pre-School and After Care Centre, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus

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