



## Brookes Moscow School Policy

### LANGUAGE POLICY

---

#### 1.0 PURPOSE

The Language Policy clarifies to all stakeholders the role of Language at Brookes Moscow and how the School, through an active language policy, can ensure the best possible integration of all students while optimizing learning outcomes.

#### 2.0 SCOPE

The language policy applies to all students from nursery to Year 13.

#### 3.0 POLICY STATEMENT

- At Brookes Moscow, all teachers are language teachers as language transcends curriculum areas.
- All students' language needs are determined through initial and ongoing assessments throughout the year.
- While English is our language of instruction, we actively promote the learning of Russian, the language of our host country.
- We also firmly believe that each student should have the opportunity to maintain and develop their mother tongue.
- Resources in the community are used to aid language learning.

#### Lower School

In the Lower School English is integrated into the units of inquiry or organized into stand-alone language sessions. Russian is taught to students in all grades from Nursery to Year 6. We encourage parents to talk, read and write with their children in their mother tongue.

#### Upper School

In the Upper School, the language programme is divided into studies in language and literature and language acquisition courses. A student is required to take at least two languages.

#### 4.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

##### 4.1 Compliance, monitoring and review

The Head of School, who is responsible for the language policy, delegates its implementation to key staff.

##### 4.2 Reporting

- 1) The policy is available to the school community through the school's website.
- 2) The Deputy Head of School is responsible for receiving, collating and distributing all correspondence pertaining to the Language policy.

#### 5.0 DEFINITIONS



- 1) Language of instruction: The language in which the programme of studies are delivered to students.
- 2) Language course: An academic course in which students acquire a new language or improve their knowledge of a language and its literature, in the Middle Years Programme and Diploma Programme.

## 6.0 RELATED LEGISLATION AND DOCUMENTS

The language policy at Brookes Moscow reflects IB philosophy, as per the IB Programme [Standards A7, B2.11, C1.8, C3.7, C3.8 and C4.1](#).

## 7.0 APPROVAL AND REVIEW DETAILS

Approval Authority: The Head of School  
Administrator: The Deputy Head of School  
Review date: May 2020

## 8.0 APPENDIX

Relevant and linked documentation:

- Brookes Moscow Admissions policy
- Brookes Moscow Assessment and Recording policy
- Brookes Moscow Inclusion policy