

A panda is shown eating bamboo in the center of the image. The background features a traditional Chinese building with a multi-tiered roof and a pagoda-like structure on the left. The scene is set against a blue sky with white clouds.

EtonHouse China Immersion Programme

Open to all, welcoming children aged 3 to 8.

Where Mandarin Comes Alive

Authentic Mandarin Immersion That Builds Real Fluency and Confidence

Nurture your child's love for Mandarin and Chinese culture through real-world experiences that spark curiosity and confidence. Designed for children aged 3 to 8 and their families, this immersive journey creates meaningful learning and lasting memories across China's most iconic cities.



Choose From Two Enriching Pathways

	Pure Mandarin School Immersion	Cultural Immersion										
Programme overview	5 days of school immersion	3 days of school immersion + 2 days of curated family excursions										
Recommended age	For children 3 to 8 years											
Choice of city	Beijing, Chengdu and Suzhou	Chengdu and Suzhou										
Programme schedule	Programme runs on a weekly basis from Jan to Dec (Monday - Friday)	<p>Available 2026 dates:</p> <table> <thead> <tr> <th>Suzhou</th> <th>Chengdu</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>• 1 - 5 June</td> <td>• 8 - 12 June</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• 19 - 23 Oct</td> <td>• 12 - 16 Oct</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• 23 - 27 Nov</td> <td>• 30 Nov - 4 Dec</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• 7 - 11 Dec</td> <td>• 14 - 18 Dec</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>*Custom dates available for private groups that meet the minimum group size.</p>	Suzhou	Chengdu	• 1 - 5 June	• 8 - 12 June	• 19 - 23 Oct	• 12 - 16 Oct	• 23 - 27 Nov	• 30 Nov - 4 Dec	• 7 - 11 Dec	• 14 - 18 Dec
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Additional options	Option for multi-week or multi-city experience	Option for multi-city experience										
Minimum number of participants	Does not require minimum number of participants	Chengdu - Requires 12 children to commence Suzhou - Requires 5 children to commence										



Sample Timetable for Pure Mandarin Immersion

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30 - 9:00am	Orientation	Morning Welcome	Morning Welcome	Morning Welcome	Morning Welcome
9:00 - 10:00am	Outdoor Play	Outdoor Play	Physical Education	Outdoor Play	Outdoor Play
10:00 - 10:20am	Morning Snack				
10:20 - 10:50am	Library Time	Science	Music	Early AI Awareness	Art
10:50 - 11:10am	Monthly Country	Group Inquiry	Group Inquiry	Group Inquiry	Group Inquiry
11:10 - 12:00pm	Lunch				
12:00 - 2:00pm	Guided Chinese Reading	Guided Chinese Reading	Guided Chinese Reading	Guided Chinese Reading	Guided Chinese Reading
2:00 - 2:20pm	Afternoon Snack				
2:20 - 3:10pm	Outdoor Play	Outdoor Play	Outdoor Play	Outdoor Play	Outdoor Play
3:10 - 3:30pm	Graded Reading Extension Practice	Graded Reading Extension Practice	Graded Reading Extension Practice	Graded Reading Extension Practice	Graded Reading Extension Practice
3:40 - 4:10pm	Group Inquiry	Literacy	Mathematics	Literacy	Report & Issue of Certificates
4:20 - 5:00pm	Dinner				
5:00 - 5:30pm	Dismissal				

- 5 full days in school
- 9am to 4/5pm (exact pick up timing varies by school)
- Age-appropriate class placement
- Each child will be assigned a local student buddy in class
- There are English speaking teachers in the school to support communication with children if required
- Daily updates via WeChat to keep you connected
- Naps are optional and can be requested if required

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Sample Timetable for Cultural Immersion Program

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
9:00 – 9:40am	Welcome Ceremony	Parent Accompanied Excursion: Wuhou Shrine	Outdoor Experiences	Parent Accompanied Excursion: Chengdu Panda Base	Outdoor Experiences		
9:40 – 10:00am	Outdoor Experiences		Outdoor Experiences				
10:00 – 10:20am	Morning Snack		Morning Snack		Morning Snack		
10:20 – 11:20am	Cultural Inquiry: Sichuan Opera Culture		Cultural Inquiry: Shadow Puppetry		Cultural Inquiry: Chengdu Traditional Food		
11:30 – 12:00pm	Lunch		Lunch		Lunch		
12:00 – 2:00pm	Literacy: Stories of the Three Kingdoms		Lunch		Literacy: Cultural Relics in the Museum	Literacy: The Panda in My Eyes	
2:00 – 2:30pm	Afternoon Snack		Afternoon Snack		Afternoon Snack		
2:30 – 3:30pm	Outdoor Experiences		Parent Accompanied Excursion: Chengdu Museum		Outdoor Experiences	Parent Accompanied Excursion: Chengdu Panda Base	Outdoor Experiences
3:30 – 4:30pm	Chinese Characters Exploration/ Ink Painting		Chinese Characters Exploration/ Ink Painting		Cultural Exchange Celebration		
4:30 – 5:00pm	Dinner		Dinner		Dinner		
6:00 – 7:00pm				Parent Accompanied Excursion: Sichuan Opera Performance			

- 3 full days in school + 2 days of parent accompanied excursions
- 9am to 4/5pm (exact pick up timing varies by school)
- Engaging excursions designed to make Chinese culture and history come alive for young children
- Supported by experienced preschool teachers
- Selected weeks only, custom dates available for private groups that meet the minimum group size
- Please note that meals at restaurants during excursions is not included

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Why This Programme: Building Confidence and a Love for Mandarin

1) Where Your Child Begins to Love and Enjoy Mandarin

Here, Mandarin comes to life. Through school life, inquiry, and moments of play and discovery, your child begins to live the language naturally. It becomes the language of play, curiosity, and connection, not something they are told to learn.

2) Real Chinese School Immersion

Your child learns alongside local children in an authentic environment, where Mandarin is used naturally in play, friendships, and daily interactions.

3) Designed for Young Children (Ages 3-8)

Age-appropriate classes, nurturing preschool teachers, and buddy support to ensure that your child feels safe, supported, and ready to explore with confidence.

4) Deep Cultural Connection

From school life to curated excursions, your child experiences Chinese culture in a fun and engaging way, sparking genuine curiosity and a lasting connection to Mandarin.

Helping Your Child Feel Safe, Confident, and Ready

1) Preparing Your Child with Confidence

Before the programme begins, you'll receive an **Emotional Readiness Guide**, with videos of the school, classroom, principal, core teacher, and daily schedule, along with gentle prompts to help you talk to your child about the experience.

2) Helping Your Child Feel Safe and Familiar

By seeing the environment and people in advance, your child can arrive feeling more comfortable, secure, and ready.

3) Bring a Little Piece of Home

We encourage comfort items to help your child feel secure in a new environment.

4) A Gentle, Supported First Day

On the first day, parents are invited to join a school tour and accompany their child to the classroom for drop off.

5) We Move at Your Child's Pace

If your child needs more time, our cosy corner offers a calm space where you can stay and support them until they feel ready.

Programme Fees

Pure Mandarin School Immersion

SGD 1,500 per child/ week

Cultural Immersion

SGD 1,900 per parent-child pair

**Additional fees apply for accompanying family members who wish to join the excursions.*

Additional Privileges

- EtonHouse families and alumni enjoy 10% discount
- Siblings enjoy an additional 10% discount on programme fees
- For multi-week/city exchange: Additional 5% off the second programme week onwards.

**Valid for 2026 and subject to change.*

What parents think about the programme?

“ I really appreciate the opportunity for my children to learn alongside local children, explore Suzhou, and be fully immersed in a Mandarin-speaking environment. The entire journey was thoughtfully curated, allowing them to experience the culture in a way that was engaging and age-appropriate. The teachers were wonderful. They made every experience enjoyable, especially during the museum visits, which can be challenging for young children. Their effort to keep the children engaged and excited about learning truly stood out.

I was amazed at how confidently my children adapted and thrived in the new environment. It's a rare opportunity they wouldn't typically have in Singapore, and one we are very grateful for. ”

Angela, Mother of Phoenix (6 years old) and Aurora (4 years old)



Ready to Begin Your Child's Mandarin Journey?

Give your child the opportunity to experience Mandarin in a way that feels natural, meaningful, and joyful

Enquire or register your interest to secure your preferred dates

Email us: china.exchange@etonhouse.com.sg

Whatsapp us:



*Because true Mandarin fluency begins with connection,
and connection begins with experience.*



Frequently Asked Questions

Who is this programme suitable for?

Designed for children aged 3 to 8 years, this programme is open to both EtonHouse and non-EtonHouse families, and welcomes children of all Mandarin proficiency levels.

Through immersion in China, children naturally engage and build confidence in Mandarin through school life, friendship, play, and everyday experiences. More than language learning, this is an opportunity for your child to develop a meaningful connection to the language and culture, because real fluency begins when your child truly experiences Mandarin.

What is the difference between the Pure Mandarin School Immersion Programme and the Cultural Immersion Programme?

Pure Mandarin School Immersion Programme is a 5 full day school immersion programme where children build real Mandarin confidence through everyday school life, classroom learning, play, and meaningful interactions with local peers in China.

Cultural Immersion Programme combines 3 full days in school with 2 days of cultural excursions designed to make Chinese culture and history come alive for young children. Together, families experience Mandarin, culture, and the richness of China in a meaningful and memorable way

Frequently Asked Questions

Is there a minimum age for each programme?

Both programmes are open to children aged 3 to 8 years old.

**For the Cultural Immersion Programme, we recommend it for ages 5 years and above. Children at this age are typically better able to engage with and enjoy the curated cultural and immersive experiences.*

What is the minimum number of participants required?

There is no minimum number of participants required for the Pure Mandarin School Immersion Programme.

For the Cultural Immersion Programme:

Suzhou - min. 5 children

Chengdu - min. 12 children

*If the minimum enrolment is not met at least two (2) months prior to the departure date, the programme will be cancelled, and all deposits will be fully refunded.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is included in the programme fee?

The fee for Pure Mandarin School Immersion Programme covers the 5 full days in school, learning materials, and meals in school.

The fee for Cultural Immersion Programme covers 3 full days in school, learning materials, meals in school, and the curated excursions (for the child and 1 accompanying parent). Please note that meals during excursion days are not included unless otherwise stated.

Additional fees for accompanying family members (limited to 2 additional participants per family):

- Children below 3 years old: SGD 198
- Children aged 4-12: SGD 258
- Adults: SGD 298

**The programme fee excludes flights, accommodation, transport, add-on workshops, personal travel insurance, and all other fees incurred beyond the programme.*

Are airport transfers and daily transportation included?

No, airport transfers and daily transportation are not included. We can provide recommendations for local transportation services upon request.

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the hours for the programme?

School hours:

- Beijing: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Suzhou: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Chengdu: 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

For the Cultural Immersion Programme:

- Suzhou: There is an evening excursion that ends at 8:00 PM
- Chengdu: There is an evening excursion that ends at 7:00 PM

Will my child be placed with local students in the same class or grouped by age?

Yes. Children will be placed in age-appropriate classes alongside local students allowing for authentic interaction and real-life Mandarin immersion.

To help children settle in comfortably, each child will also be paired with a local student buddy and placed in small groups for collaborative inquiry-based learning, creating more opportunities for meaningful Mandarin engagement.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can the programme accommodate special dietary requirements (e.g., allergies, Halal food)?

Yes, please notify us at least two weeks before the programme begins so we can make the necessary arrangements for your child.

Is it compulsory for my child to attend all five days of the programme?

We strongly encourage children to attend all five days of the programme, as the curriculum is thoughtfully designed to build across the week for a more meaningful and cohesive learning experience. Please note that the programme fees are fixed and will not be prorated for any missed days.

My child is 7 or 8 years old. Which class will they join?

Children aged 7 and 8 years old will join the K2 class in our EtonHouse schools, where they will participate in engaging and age-appropriate learning experiences alongside their peers in a supportive and immersive environment.

What is the class demographics like? Are all students local?

The majority of students are local, with a small number of international students.

Frequently Asked Questions

Will the curriculum be adapted to suit the students who are coming in for the one-week exchange?

Yes, selected elements of the curriculum will be adapted to support exchange students, including:

- Cultural sharing opportunities
- Guided interactions and inquiry
- Collaborative activities with local peers

At the same time, children will participate in the school's regular curriculum and daily routines, allowing them to experience authentic school life and classroom learning.

Will we be able to view the teachers' profile? What if my child is not fluent in Mandarin?

Yes. Before the programme begins, families will receive an Emotional Readiness Guide featuring introduction videos from the core teacher, principal, and school environment. The guide is designed to help parents talk to their child about the experience so they feel more familiar and comfortable.

While Mandarin is the primary language used in school, there are also teachers who are fluent in English and able to support and reassure children when needed.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the teacher to child ratio?

Class sizes typically range from 20 to 30+ children, supported by 2 to 4 teachers and/or teaching assistants depending on the age group. Additional teachers and support staff will also be deployed where needed to ensure children receive the support and care to settle in comfortably and participate confidently.

Promotions

- EtonHouse families enjoy an exclusive 10% discount on programme fees
- Siblings enjoy an additional 10% discount on programme fees.
- Multi-week/city exchange: Additional 5% off the second programme week onwards.