

Your Guide to the

EtonHouse China Immersion Programme

A practical guide to choosing between Pure Mandarin School Immersion and Cultural Immersion

Open to all families with children between 3 - 8 years old.

For both EtonHouse and non EtonHouse students

Pure Mandarin School Immersion	Cultural Immersion
5 days of school immersion A full week in school where Mandarin becomes part of your child's everyday rhythm through classroom life, play, and local peer interaction.	3 days of school immersion + 2 days of excursions A balanced week combining Mandarin school immersion with 2 guided excursion days that bring China's culture and stories to life.



Start here: Which programme suits your family?

Choose the pathway that best fits your child. Both pathways help children meet Mandarin in real life, not just as a subject.

Decision Point	Pure Mandarin School Immersion	Cultural Immersion
Best for	Children who are ready to embrace school life and build Mandarin confidence through a full week of Mandarin routines, purposeful play, inquiry, and friendships.	Families who want their child to experience school life while exploring the richness of China together through guided cultural excursions.
Week structure	5 full school days.	3 full school days + 2 curated excursion days.
Parent role	Parents drop off and pick up. Daily updates are shared via WeChat.	One parent accompanies child on excursion days, creating shared memories that enrich the learning experience.
Cities	Beijing, Chengdu, Suzhou	Chengdu and Suzhou
Recommended age	Open to ages 3 to 8	Open to ages 3 to 8. Recommended for age 5+, when children are best able to participate and fully enjoy the guided excursions.
Minimum group size	No minimum number	Suzhou: 5 children Chengdu: 10 children
Fee	SGD 1,500 per child / week.	SGD 1,900 per parent-child pair

Dates, Cities, Fees, and What's Included

Programme Schedule	2026 dates	Custom Arrangements
Pure Mandarin School Immersion	- Weekly from January to December - Monday to Friday	You can also turn this into a multi-week or multi-city experience.
Cultural Immersion: Suzhou	19 - 23 Oct 23 - 27 Nov 7 - 11 Dec	Private groups that meet the minimum group size can choose custom dates.
Cultural Immersion: Chengdu	12 - 16 Oct 30 Nov - 4 Dec 14 - 18 Dec	

Programme Fees		
Pure Mandarin School Immersion	SGD 1,500 per child per week.	Includes 5 school days, learning materials, and meals in school.
Cultural Immersion	SGD 1,900 per parent-child pair	Includes 3 school days, learning materials, meals in school, and 2 days of curated excursions for the child and 1 accompanying adult. Meals during excursion days are not included unless stated.

Additional accompanying family members for Cultural Immersion excursions, limited to 2 additional participants per family.

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

Excluded: flights, accommodation, airport transfers, daily transportation, add-on workshops, personal travel insurance, and other costs beyond the programme.

Promotions:

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

Sample Timetable

Pure Mandarin School 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 – 1:00pm	Nap Time	Nap Time	Nap Time	Nap Time	Nap Time
1:00 – 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				

*Subject to change and varies by school. Topics are for illustration purposes only.

Cultural Immersion: Chengdu

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				
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	Lunch	Lunch
12:00 – 1:00pm	Nap Time		Nap Time		Nap Time
1:00 – 2:00pm	Literacy: Stories of the Three Kingdoms		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
8:00 – 9:30pm					Parent Accompanied Excursion: Sichuan Opera Performance

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How Mandarin Comes Alive For Your Child

Language confidence grows through small, repeated moments: hearing Mandarin at snack time, joining a game, greeting a new friend, understanding a familiar classroom routine, and finding the courage to express themselves in Mandarin with teachers and friends.

This programme gives children a warm, real-school environment where Mandarin feels natural, meaningful, and part of their world.

In school	How it builds Mandarin fluency and confidence
Authentic class placement	Children join age-appropriate classes alongside local students, so Mandarin is not a lesson on the side. It becomes the language of the day.
Student buddy support	Each child will be assigned a local student buddy in class.
Highly experienced early childhood educators	Our experienced and qualified preschool educators will help your child settle in, participate, and try new things at a comfortable pace.
Daily rhythm	Classroom learning, play, meals, routines, and inquiry give your child plenty of opportunities to hear, understand, and use Mandarin.
Small group inquiry	Your child will be placed in small groups for collaborative inquiry-based learning, creating more opportunities for meaningful Mandarin engagement.

School hours:

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

Excursion Days

The Cultural Immersion pathway includes 2 parent-accompanied excursion days. Thoughtfully curated for young learners, these experiences transform Chinese culture and history into something children can see, feel, explore, and remember.

Evening excursions:

- Suzhou includes an evening excursion ending at 8:00 PM.
- Chengdu includes an evening excursion ending at 9:30 PM.

Helping Your Child Feel Safe, Confident, and Ready

A new country, new classroom, and new language environment can feel big for a young child. The programme includes thoughtful preparation and gentle support so children can arrive feeling safe, familiar, and ready to explore and learn.

Stages	How your child is supported
Before the trip	• 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. • By seeing the environment and people in advance, your child can arrive feeling more comfortable, secure, and ready.
First day	• Parents are invited to join a school tour and accompany their child to the classroom for drop-off. • If your child needs more time, our cosy corner offers a calm space where you can stay and support them until they feel ready.
During the week	• Comfort items are encouraged to help your child feel secure in a new environment. • Mandarin is the main language in school, but English-speaking teachers are available to reassure and support children when needed.

Mandarin comes alive when children can feel it, hear it, play with it, and use it to connect with the world around them.

Ready to Begin Your Child's Mandarin Journey?

Enquire or register your interest to secure your preferred dates

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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.

Is there a minimum age for each programme?

Both programmes are open to children aged 3 to 8 years old. Cultural Immersion is recommended for age 5+ because children at that age are typically better able to engage with and enjoy the curated cultural and immersive experiences.

Will the curriculum be adapted for one-week exchange students?

Yes. Selected elements are adapted to support exchange students, including cultural sharing, guided interactions, inquiry, and collaborative experiences with local peers. Children also participate in the school's regular curriculum and daily routines.

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 age group. Additional staff are deployed where needed to ensure children receive the support to settle in comfortably and participate confidently.

Can the school accommodate special dietary requirements?

Yes, please notify us at least two weeks before the programme begins so arrangements can be made for allergies, Halal food, or other dietary requirements.

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

Attendance for all five days is strongly encouraged because the experience builds across the week. Programme fees are fixed and will not be prorated for 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.

What is the minimum enrolment required?

The Pure Mandarin School Immersion Programme does not require a minimum number to commence. Cultural Immersion requires 5 children in Suzhou and 10 children in Chengdu. If the minimum enrolment is not met at least two months before departure, the programme will be cancelled and deposits fully refunded.