# NURSERY SCHOOL

# CURRO
## Douglasdale

## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** English
**Ages:** From 3 years to 5 years
**Class size:** Controlled class sizes

**School times:**
Full day: 08:00 - 17:30
Half day: 08:00 - 13:30
Early drop-off time: 06:45
Aftercare: Until 17:30

### Home away from home

At Curro Douglasdale's nursery school, we have created a safe, fun-filled environment where children can reach their full potential.
We believe in:
1. The unique child: Every child is a competent learner from birth who can be resilient, capable, confident.
2. Positive relationships: Through loving, secure relationships with their parents and teacher, children learn to be strong and independent.
3. Learning and development: Children learn in different ways and at different rates, while all areas of learning and development are equally important and inter-connected.
4. Enabling environments: As children learn from their environments, our classrooms and playgrounds act as a third teacher of sorts, thereby encouraging children to explore, play and learn.

### The Early Learning and Development Areas (ELDAs)

**Our nursery school curriculum is designed with the Early Learning and Development Areas (ELDAs).**

- **Physical well-being:** health and safety, gross motor development, fine motor development
- **Identity and belonging:** self-awareness, self-management, social awareness and social management
- **Communication:** listen and understand, speak and communicate, make meaning and represent
- **Mathematics:** quantity and numbers, measurement, patterns, shape and space, data collection, time and ordination
- **Creativity:** daily life and play, visual arts, performing arts
- **Learning about the world:** exploration and inquiry, knowledge and understanding, executive function

### The daily programme

**Our daily programme includes:**

- Morning ring
- Theme exploration
- Creative activities
- Performing arts
- Free play
- Movement development
- Perceptual and sensory play
- Story and language time

### Extramural activities

**Offered by private tutors/coaches held on Curro Castle Douglasdale premises, include:**

Dance Mouse, Clamber Club, golf, karate, Playball, swimming, SoccerStarz, ballet, Kids Coding, Teddy Tennis, Music Box, EQ Explore and Smart Progressive Movement

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

- Children are encouraged to develop holistically in a warm, loving environment.
- Our indoor areas offer multiple opportunities to explore, investigate, imagine and create.
- Outdoor play areas include jungle gyms, shaded areas for creative and sensory play, and more.
- Security measures include guarded gates, CCTV monitoring, and proper hand-sanitizing protocols.
- Teachers model positive attitudes, as well as ethical and moral principles based on Curro's values.
- Our programme includes activities built around large soft bricks, which form the important early foundations for later Robotics studies.
- Our menu provides well-balanced, wholesome meals and snacks which are freshly prepared in our on-site kitchen.
- Teachers each have teacher's assistants based on the age group and number of children in the class.
- We have a registered nurse on-site during the school day.
- Children's progress is monitored on a continuous basis. Parents are updated every term and receive a detailed written report at the end of the 2nd and 4th terms.
- We are open during school holidays and run a full holiday programme. However, we are closed on public holidays and specified dates as reflected on our website.
- We use the HiMama modern communication app/ teacher communication and Curro MyHub platform.

### HOW TO ENROL

**STEP 1:**

Apply to enrol with one of the following options:

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**STEP 3:**

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**STEP 4:**

If successful, parents will receive via email, a welcome letter and invoice for a once-off non-refundable enrolment fee.

**STEP 5:**

Once the enrolment fee is paid, the child's place is confirmed (please retain proof of payment for record purposes).

**STEP 6:**

Please refer to **www.curro.co.za** regularly to stay up to date with all the relevant news and arrangements.

We aim to inspire young minds to become extraordinary through the unique Curro nursery school curriculum.

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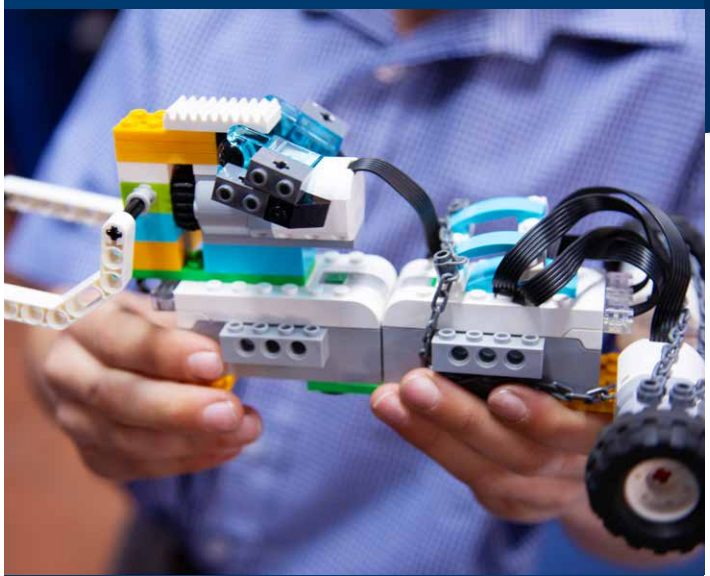
# PRIMARY SCHOOL



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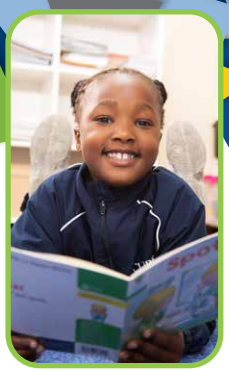

## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** English
**Foundation phase:** Grade R to Grade 3
**Intermediate phase:** Grade 4 phasing in from 2022
**Class size:** Maximum 22 learners
**School times:** 07:30 – 14:30
**Aftercare:** Until 17:00

### Foundation phase (Grade R to Grade 3)

**Grade R**

In Grade R we focus on an integrated play-based curriculum with specialised educational programmes:

- The phonological awareness programme which is explicitly taught in small groups and includes interactive games
- The Bazoo integrated literacy programme
- The NumberSense programme which is a learner-centred approach where problem-solving is the starting point
- Introduction to Robotics through Duplo Lego

Grade R is the bridge from the concrete world to the world of symbols and numbers in Grade 1.

**Grade 1 to Grade 3**

In these grades the focus is on perceptual development, exposure to relevant content, skills and knowledge which are required for further learning. We offer a vibrant, invitational atmosphere where the learners enjoy coming to school and where they acquire a love for learning that will sustain them throughout their school years. We acknowledge the potential in each learner to reach optimum ability; therefore, there is less emphasis on competitiveness and more emphasis on individual achievement. We create opportunities for personal growth in independence and responsibility so that learners can take up the challenge of being personally responsible and accountable for their actions in the intermediate phase.

### Subjects

**The three main learning areas are:**

**Language** – English Home Language, Afrikaans First Additional Language, isiZulu Second Additional Language

**Mathematics** – A learner-centred approach where problem-solving is the starting point:

- Sense-making, problem-solving activities
- Meaningful mathematical knowledge
- Efficient use of a variety of strategies
- Application of mathematical knowledge with confidence and understanding
- Introduction to project-based learning

**Life Skills** – Includes beginning knowledge, personal and social well-being, creative arts and physical education

**Also:** Perceptual development forms an integral part of all learning in the foundation phase, and includes gross motor skills, sensory motor integration, perceptual motor skills and language development. Robotics and chess form part of the curriculum.

### Cultural activities – foundation phase

Art club, debating, eisteddfod, music and rhythm, dance, chess and yoga

### Sports activitities – foundation phase

Karate, Soccer Starz, Phyz Ed, Smart Progressive Movement, swimming and ballet

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## Intermediate phase (once phased in)

In the intermediate phase, the emphasis is still on establishing basic foundations, but learners are led into more abstract thought and independent work. Application of skills and concepts is also a focus area in this phase. This phase aims to prepare learners for the senior phase in the high school. We promote creativity and critical thinking by encouraging children to make their own choices within well-established boundaries.

We aim to embrace 21st-century learning by incorporating the use of tablets in our classrooms. We aim to raise children who are 'digital natives'. By embracing innovative technology into our schools, we are speaking the language our learners understand.

## Curriculum

English Home Language, Afrikaans First Additional Language, Mathematics, Life Skills, Computer Literacy, Natural Sciences and Technology, Social Sciences and Robotics

## Sports activities – intermediate phase

Art, debating, eisteddfod, music and rhythm

## Cultural activities – intermediate phase

Art, music and rhythm, eisteddfod and debating

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**PLEASE NOTE:**

A learner must benefit from Curro's mainstream curriculum and it is therefore necessary to assess each application for admission. Applicants are assessed according to the normal entry requirements and, if necessary, extra assessments may be requested.

**We look forward to welcoming you to the Curro family.**

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