

SETTLEHAPPY DATA SERIES | 2026 Q3

International School First-Year Cost Tracker

Published primary-age tuition and identifiable joining charges for 44 named schools across 12 family markets.

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A first-year estimate does not confirm admission, learning support or the final invoice. Request a personalised fee schedule and refund terms before paying.

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Market overview

Ranges and medians use rounded GBP planning equivalents. They compare cash requirements, not education quality.

Market	Schools	Lowest	Median	Highest
Kuala Lumpur	4	GBP 26,100	GBP 28,550	GBP 33,900
Bangkok	4	GBP 19,000	GBP 25,850	GBP 29,200
Hanoi	4	GBP 19,900	GBP 23,850	GBP 26,300
Ho Chi Minh City	4	GBP 17,500	GBP 21,700	GBP 24,200
Phuket	4	GBP 9,100	GBP 19,250	GBP 25,000
Johor Bahru	4	GBP 3,960	GBP 12,875	GBP 33,840
Chiang Mai	3	GBP 11,100	GBP 12,300	GBP 16,500
Bali - Canggu	1	GBP 11,100	GBP 11,100	GBP 11,100
Da Nang	4	GBP 8,900	GBP 10,550	GBP 15,900
Metro Manila	4	GBP 4,300	GBP 9,700	GBP 24,000
Penang	4	GBP 7,700	GBP 9,250	GBP 13,200
Cebu	2	GBP 2,700	GBP 7,950	GBP 13,200

What is included

One new primary-age pupil; published annual-payment tuition; identifiable application, registration, entrance, capital or development charges; and refundable deposits when payable. Transport, meals, uniform, devices, trips and individual support remain outside unless stated.

School-by-school tracker

Country / market	School	Primary benchmark	First-year estimate	GBP reference	Notes and main exclusions	Checked
Indonesia Bali - Canggu	Canggu Community School	Years 3-6: IDR 173m before 5% annual-payment discount	About IDR 264.85m payable	GBP 11,100	Uses the published 5% annual-payment discount and includes the refundable notice deposit; excludes transport, meals, uniform and support.	11 September 2026
Malaysia Johor Bahru	Austin Heights International School	Grade 4/5: RM18,400	About RM21,600 for Grade 4/5	GBP 3,960	Uses school-supplied 2026/27 data reproduced by the International Schools Database; obtain the school's own current invoice.	12 September 2026
Malaysia Johor Bahru	Crescendo-HELP International School	Year 5: RM32,430	At least RM32,430 before joining costs	GBP 5,950	Latest public year-group tuition located is 2025/26 and is subject to change. Obtain the 2026/27 invoice and any tax treatment.	12 September 2026
Malaysia Johor Bahru	Raffles American School	Kindergarten-Grade 4: RM74,500	About RM107,855 for K-Grade 4	GBP 19,800	Includes tuition and listed first-year charges with 6% SST; excludes bus, uniform, trips and child-specific support.	12 September 2026
Malaysia Johor Bahru	Marlborough College Malaysia	Year 5: RM125,400	About RM184,652 payable for Year 5	GBP 33,840	Includes annual tuition, registration, acceptance and one-term refundable deposit with 6% SST; excludes transport, trips and support.	12 September 2026
Malaysia Kuala Lumpur	Mont'Kiara International School	Grades 1-5: RM 106,204 + 6% SST	About RM 144,060	GBP 26,100	Includes estimated SST; excludes EAL, activities and transport.	10 September 2026
Malaysia Kuala Lumpur	The Alice Smith School	Years 3-6: RM 97,410 + 6% SST	About RM 149,955 payable	GBP 27,200	Includes estimated 6% SST where marked and the RM 24,000 refundable deposit.	10 September 2026
Malaysia Kuala Lumpur	Garden International School	Year 5: RM 102,300 + 6% SST	About RM 165,280 payable	GBP 29,900	Includes estimated SST and the refundable deposit; excludes bus and meals.	10 September 2026
Malaysia Kuala Lumpur	The International School of Kuala Lumpur	Prep Senior-Grade 5: RM 115,600 + 6% SST	About RM 186,985	GBP 33,900	Includes estimated SST; the enrolment deposit is credited within tuition.	10 September 2026
Malaysia Penang	St Christopher's International Primary School	Years 3-4: RM 28,200	About RM 42,550 on latest public fees	GBP 7,700	The school page still labels its public schedule 2025/26; request the 2026/27 invoice before relying on this estimate.	10 September 2026
Malaysia Penang	Dalat International School	Grades 3-4: RM 42,000	About RM 50,000 payable	GBP 9,100	Includes the refundable deposit and primary technology charge; excludes lunch and transport.	10 September 2026
Malaysia Penang	Prince of Wales Island International School	Year 5: RM 38,760	About RM 51,860 before any SST	GBP 9,400	Includes refundable deposit; excludes bus, uniform, books and optional boarding.	10 September 2026
Malaysia Penang	The International School of Penang (Uplands)	Year 5: RM 55,800	About RM 72,860 payable	GBP 13,200	Includes refundable deposit and estimated SST on marked fees; excludes transport.	10 September 2026

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Thailand Bangkok	St Andrews International School Bangkok	Year 5: THB 682,000	About THB 848,500	GBP 19,000	Excludes transport and any assessed English or learning-support fees.	10 September 2026
Thailand Bangkok	Bangkok Patana School	Year 5: THB 796,000	About THB 1,131,500 payable	GBP 25,400	Includes the THB 50,000 refundable deposit; excludes bus and any EAL fee.	10 September 2026
Thailand Bangkok	Shrewsbury International School Bangkok	Year 5: THB 944,700	At least THB 1,174,700	GBP 26,300	Minimum disclosed total before any refundable deposit, bus, residential trip or personal equipment.	10 September 2026
Thailand Bangkok	International School Bangkok	Grades KG-5: THB 1,015,000	About THB 1,301,710	GBP 29,200	Excludes optional transport; the place deposit is credited through the school's payment process.	10 September 2026
Thailand Chiang Mai	Panyaden International School	Years 5-6: THB 403,000	About THB 496,000 payable	GBP 11,100	Includes the refundable deposit; excludes transport, meals and published EAL or Thai-language support charges.	10 September 2026
Thailand Chiang Mai	Chiang Mai International School	Kindergarten-Grade 5: THB 426,800	About THB 549,800	GBP 12,300	Uses the published primary tuition and listed entry or annual charges; excludes transport, meals and individual support.	10 September 2026
Thailand Chiang Mai	Lanna International School	Years 3-6: THB 616,200	About THB 736,200 payable	GBP 16,500	Includes the refundable equipment deposit; excludes transport, meals, uniform and child-specific support.	10 September 2026
Thailand Phuket	BCIS Phuket	Years 3-6: THB 403,500	At least THB 403,500	GBP 9,100	Tuition floor only because joining charges require a current personalised calculation; exclude transport and optional services.	10 September 2026
Thailand Phuket	HeadStart International School	Years 1-6: THB 480,000	About THB 663,000	GBP 14,900	Uses the published Chaofah primary fee; excludes transport, meals and any EAL or additional-needs fee.	10 September 2026
Thailand Phuket	UWC Thailand International School	Grades 1-5: THB 753,500	About THB 1,051,000 payable	GBP 23,600	Includes the one-child development amount and refundable deposit; excludes bus, boarding and individual support.	10 September 2026
Thailand Phuket	British International School, Phuket	Year 5: THB 758,300	About THB 1,114,300 payable	GBP 25,000	Includes the refundable bond; excludes transport, boarding, meals and optional activities.	10 September 2026
The Philippines Cebu	CIE British School Cebu	Written primary quote required	Complete current quote required	Quote needed	No reliable current public schedule was located. Do not use an old web estimate as a payment budget.	12 September 2026
The Philippines Cebu	Bright Academy	Written primary quote required	Complete current quote required	Quote needed	This is a private Philippine pathway rather than an international curriculum. Compare transfer recognition for the family's next destination.	12 September 2026

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The Philippines Cebu	Singapore School Cebu	Primary quote required	At least ₱223,000 before tuition	GBP 2,700	This is the published primary joining-cost floor, not a first-year total. Obtain tuition, materials, transport and support in one written quote.	12 September 2026
The Philippines Cebu	Cebu International School	New Grade 4/5: ₱893,027 + \$3,453	About ₱893,027 + \$3,453, plus application	GBP 13,200	Latest official fee schedule located is 2025/26. Request the 2026/27 invoice and keep its dollar and peso parts separate.	12 September 2026
The Philippines Metro Manila	Domuschola International School	Primary: from PHP 365,600 a year	At least PHP 365,600	GBP 4,300	Minimum published primary tuition; application, enrolment and foreign-student charges require a current quotation.	10 September 2026
The Philippines Metro Manila	Nord Anglia International School Manila	Primary fee supplied through the school's fee schedule	At least \$12,369	GBP 9,100	Published starting tuition only; obtain the exact 2026/27 year-group invoice before comparing.	10 September 2026
The Philippines Metro Manila	Chinese International School Manila	Grades 1-5: PHP 874,700	At least PHP 874,700	GBP 10,300	A floor, not a complete quote, because other 2026/27 fees are not itemised publicly.	10 September 2026
The Philippines Metro Manila	International School Manila	K-Grade 4: \$15,160 + PHP 479,600	About \$24,860 + PHP 479,600	GBP 24,000	Uses the published Grade 4 fee and listed initial charges; excludes bus and optional support.	10 September 2026
Vietnam Da Nang	Hoi An International School	Years 3-6: VND 320m	At least VND 320m	GBP 8,900	Published Year 3-6 tuition floor; add current joining charges, meals, transport and any support from the school's written quote.	10 September 2026
Vietnam Da Nang	eSchool	Grades 4-5: VND 325m	About VND 358m	GBP 10,000	Excludes meals, bus, uniform, activities and any individual language or learning support.	10 September 2026
Vietnam Da Nang	Odyssey International School	Grades 4-5: VND 346m	About VND 396m	GBP 11,100	Excludes bus, meals and child-specific support; any IB candidate status is not the same as programme authorisation.	10 September 2026
Vietnam Da Nang	Singapore International School @ Da Nang	Year 5: VND 530.729m	About VND 570.169m payable	GBP 15,900	Includes the refundable deposit; excludes meals, bus and the published annual EFL charge where assessed.	10 September 2026
Vietnam Hanoi	St. Paul American School Hanoi	Grades 1-5: VND 666m	About VND 713.5m	GBP 19,900	Excludes bus, lunch, uniform and any separately hired specialist support.	10 September 2026
Vietnam Hanoi	British International School Hanoi	Year 5: VND 734.6m	About VND 833.5m payable	GBP 23,300	Includes the refundable deposit; excludes bus and overnight residential trips.	10 September 2026
Vietnam Hanoi	Concordia International School Hanoi	Grades 1-5: VND 861.787m	At least VND 872.587m	GBP 24,400	Tuition plus application only; obtain the full schedule for enrolment, bus, lunch and support.	10 September 2026
Vietnam Hanoi	United Nations International School of Hanoi	Grades 1-5: \$33,330	About \$35,680	GBP 26,300	Excludes the credited tuition deposit and optional bus.	10 September 2026
Vietnam Ho Chi Minh City	British Vietnamese International School HCMC	Year 5: VND 513.5m	About VND 627.2m payable	GBP 17,500	Includes the refundable deposit; excludes bus, uniform and selected activities.	10 September 2026

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Vietnam Ho Chi Minh City	Australian International School Vietnam	Year 5: VND 682.8m	About VND 750.3m	GBP 21,000	Annual-plan tuition plus application and acceptance; the placement deposit is deducted from tuition.	10 September 2026
Vietnam Ho Chi Minh City	Saigon South International School	Grades 1-5: VND 730.808m	About VND 800.808m	GBP 22,400	Uses instalment-rate tuition plus application and registration; deposit is already credited to tuition.	10 September 2026
Vietnam Ho Chi Minh City	International School Ho Chi Minh City	Year 5 / Grade 4: VND 749.3m	About VND 866.8m with ADF	GBP 24,200	Uses the annual tuition option and annual development fee; excludes bus and optional programmes.	10 September 2026

Methodology and source rules

01 Named campus

Each row names the school and links to its official fee or admissions source.

02 Comparable age

A Year 5, Grade 4 or nearby primary benchmark is used where the school publishes it.

03 Identifiable charges

Joining charges are added only when the school discloses them. Missing amounts are not borrowed from another school.

04 Incomplete disclosure

A figure is marked 'at least' or described as a floor when the full public schedule is unavailable.

05 Independent selection

Editorial inclusion and calculations are independent of sponsored directory listings.

06 Quarterly maintenance

Rows are checked quarterly, with a complete refresh when the next academic-year schedules appear.

Programme and accreditation directories

Use each directory to verify the exact campus, programme, membership or accreditation status.

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