



Gopal's Glorious Gang
INSPIRING YOUNG MINDS

PARENT HANDBOOK

2024

Gopal's Glorious Gang

Based on the teachings of
His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada

Gopal's Glorious Gang (GGG) is a program for children over 4 years aimed towards providing holistic education by inculcating values, life-oriented skills and competencies to help build a life of character and integrity. The program is designed on the basis of books written by His Divine Grace A C Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada, the Founder Acharya of the International Society of Krishna Consciousness. These books teach the timeless Vedic science with stories and activities that help children develop character and personality from an early age.

Why Gopal's Glorious Gang

As parents we want to give the best to our children, protect them from harmful influences and facilitate their all- round growth so that they blossom into a balanced individual. Modern society has discovered that beyond physical needs children have emotional and social needs. Studies confirm that a spiritually guided child is well equipped to counter harmful influences and confidently face the tensions of modern life. Therefore, GGG aims to provide spiritual education a loving environment where children are nourished with care and devotion. Our lessons are taught in a fun-filled interactive way through presentations, stories, games, music, visual art, drama, dance, and projects that help children develop character and personality.

Mission

To help children lead a balanced life, taking care of their mind, body and soul with Sri Sri Gaura Nitai and Srila Prabhupada in the centre.

Goals

1. To teach the Vedic culture, tradition and profound spiritual and ethical values in a manner in which children can connect and appreciate
2. To learn scriptural slokas and stories
3. To teach the practical application of Vedic culture in daily life.

These goals will be achieved in a hands-on manner so the children will enjoy themselves while gaining valuable spiritual knowledge. We want them to be proud of their Vedic heritage while providing peer support through associating with others of similar beliefs and practices.

Curriculum

Our curriculum is predominantly based on the philosophy of *Bhagavad Gita* and *Srimad Bhagavatam*. The curriculum provides a well-rounded, hands-on way of learning spiritual values and practices. It encompasses reading, writing and critical thinking skills and includes many educational activities such as word searches, language puzzles, art activities and songs to accommodate a range of different learning styles. For most courses, the students will receive a workbook, which is full of wonderful stories and activities. They can be discussed with all family members.

Age Divisions

The children are divided into age groups. Each age group has its own set of books/programs designed for that particular age group. Each group is called one of Krishna's names. They are as follows:

Little Vaishnava	4 years
Gopal	5 years
Madhava	6 to 7 years
Damodar	8 to 9 years
Keshava	10 to 12 years
Teens	13 years and above

Children join a group according to their age and other relevant factors as decided by the teacher and stay in that class for the entire year. Age groups will be combined at the discretion of the program coordinators, if there is not sufficient number of children in a particular group.

Structure

- Each school year is comprised of FOUR terms based on QLD school term dates.
- Each term is composed of around NINE weeks.
- Classes are held every Sunday during the nine weeks from 9 30 to 11 00 am at Centenary State High School, JS Block, 22 Curragundi Road, Jindalee Qld
- If the classes are cancelled/rescheduled due to any reason, you will be notified through the WhatsApp groups.

Fees

A fee is \$240 per child for the full school year is payable at the start of the year, at the time of registration.

Registration

Registration can only be made before the start of any term. The registration form should be completed and fees paid before the start of the term. A separate registration form must be completed for each child if more than one child is being registered.

No new registration is permitted once a term has started.

Rules and Regulations

1. Only registered children can attend. The registration form and the confidentiality agreement must be completed and the fees must be paid before the child can attend class.
2. Parents are requested to stay in the school if the child is not comfortable without the parent, needs more attention than usual, or has special needs.
3. Children are not allowed to bring gadgets/electronic devices to the classroom except when asked by the teachers.
4. Children MUST be in time for Vedic Wisdom class.
5. Children are expected to adhere to the dress code and behavior code.

6. Parents will do their best to ensure that children complete homework, assignments, and bring the materials required for class.
7. The study materials provided are for exclusive use of the children attending the program. They are not to be given to anybody else or copied for any other purpose without the consent of the program coordinators.
8. Parents are requested to ensure that children have a good sleep the previous night and proper breakfast when they come for class. That will help the children focus better.
9. Parents/cares must drop their children in Vedic wisdom class. They should supervise their children whenever they are not in the Vedic wisdom class.
10. Parents/carers are requested to pick up their kids on time after the completion of their classes.
11. All communications regarding the child's activities in the School are provided in the respective WhatsApp groups. Parents should check the messages and ensure that the children are prepared for the activities with the necessary resources.
12. Parents are expected to ensure regular attendance of children at school and support activities and stage performances organised by the teachers. If a child is unable to attend class, the respective class teacher should be advised of the child's absence.
13. GGG may serve food on certain occasions during or after the classes. If your child is allergic to any food, please ensure that child is not consuming the food served at GGG.

Study materials

All children are required to purchase a copy of Bhagavad Gita As It is by His Divine Grace A C Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada. In addition, children should purchase books specifically recommended by their class teachers. Copies will be made available by the program coordinators.

What to bring for the class

1. All study materials/books provided
2. Prescribed texts relevant to the group
3. A note book (A4 size ruled on one side and blank on the other side) and a pen/pencil
4. Colour pencils/sketches/crayons
5. Glue and scissors
6. Chanting beads on a bead bag.
7. A bottle of water
8. A small towel/handkerchief for their personal use
9. Anything else as requested by the class teacher

Dress Code for kids over 8 years

Boys - Dhoti and kurtha/ Pyjama and kurtha/ Long trousers and shirt
Girls - Long skirt and blouse/ Punjabi salwar with dupatta
Shorts, short skirts and sleeveless tops are not permitted.
Girls must tie their hair.

Behaviour code

Behaviour management is essential for effective learning and to develop mutual respect. In the first class the need for the following rules will be clarified to the children. The rules will then be explained and demonstrated to them with examples.

- Be polite, courteous and respectful at all times.
- Respect personal space, rights and property of others.
- Follow instructions of all the teachers.
- Raise your hand before you speak during a classroom lesson.
- Listen quietly while others are speaking.
- Not disturb the teacher and fellow students during learning.
- Leave your seat only when necessary.
- Be quiet in lines, pathways and restrooms.
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself.
- Always do your best

Child Safety

The School is committed to create a safer environment for its children and young people. If you have any concerns relating to the safety of children and young people, please contact , our Child Safety Officer, Laxshimi Ramya Devi Dasi (Ramya Vignesh), Jayshree Devi Dasi or Dayasindu Das

As part of this commitment the School uses the promises to the children and young people:

Our promises to you...

Respect

We will treat everyone equally no matter where they are from or who they are. We will make sure everyone feels included and welcome.

Inform

We will give you information about your physical, emotional and online safety, and what to do if you feel unsafe.

Give you a voice

We will make sure there are lots of ways for you to have a say and be involved.

Help

We will listen and act on what you tell us. We will help you with your hopes and dreams as well as your worries and fears.

Trust

You can trust that we will care about your needs and feelings and will support you. We will continue to get better at what we do.

Safety

We will make our place happy and comfortable for you.



Year 2024

When do classes begin?

Classes commence 28 January 2024

What time?

09 30 -11 00 am - Vedic wisdom class

Where?

Centenary State High School, JS Block, 22 Curragundi Road, Jindalee Qld

How to register

Please contact Dayasindu prabhu or Jayshree mataji on the phone numbers below

Term start and end dates

Term 1 starts 28 January 2024 and finishes 24 March 2024

Term 2 starts 21 April 2024 and finishes 16 June 2024

Term 3 starts 14 July 2024 and finishes 8 September 2024

Term 4 starts 6 October 2024 and finishes 1 December 2024

Contact person

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Dayasindu das 0421526373

Child Safety Officer

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