

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS ON COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AT A FOREIGN SCHOOL IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

This page provides basic information about fulfilling **compulsory school attendance** for children studying at a foreign school in the Czech Republic.

Compulsory School Attendance

Compulsory school attendance applies to:

- **Czech citizens**, regardless of their place of residence
- **Citizens of EU member states** staying in the Czech Republic for more than 90 days
- **Other foreign nationals** who are authorised to stay in the Czech Republic for more than 90 days
- **Applicants for international protection**

Children from Ukraine with temporary protection currently have a 90-day adaptation period before they are required to attend school.

Parents are legally responsible for **enrolling their children in school**.

Compulsory school attendance lasts **nine school years**, but no longer than until the end of the school year in which the student turns **17**. It begins at the start of the school year following the child's **sixth birthday** (i.e. children who turn six by **31st August**).

Studying at a Foreign School in the Czech Republic

Students may fulfil compulsory school attendance at a **foreign school operating in the Czech Republic** that follows a **foreign educational programme**.

At **Prague British International School**, teaching is conducted **in English** according to a foreign curriculum. Students studying at a foreign school must also be **registered at a Czech "home school" (kmenová škola)**.

Students who **hold Czech citizenship** are required to take **periodic examinations** at their Czech home school. These usually take place **once per semester or at least once within two school years** and typically cover:

- Czech Language and Literature
- "Člověk a jeho svět" (People and Their World) / History and Geography (primary level)
- History
- Geography

These examinations are **not required for students with foreign citizenship who do not have permanent residence in the Czech Republic**.

Education in a foreign school is regulated by **§ 38 of the Czech Education Act**.

Prague British International School meets all the requirements to provide education in the Czech Republic under a **foreign educational programme in accordance with § 38(1)(c) of the Education Act**.