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Dear Parents/families

First, we would like to welcome you to our institute. It is such a pleasure that you have chosen to enroll your children in our schools. Paganelli Institute includes three preparatory schools (kindergartens):

- **Carlo Collodi school in 6 Saint Denis Street/via Saint Denis n 6** and it has four sections.
- **The school in 15 Sardegna Street, via Sardegna n 15,** which we will name after Giuliano Taddei who is passed away in 2014 and he was known as "Nonno G" or "Grandpa G" of Crocetta district- this school will have five sections inspired by no-backpack policy.
- **Giuliana Sorge school with Montessori methodology,** with two sections, one of them in Collodi school (new one) and the other is in Taddei school.

Thus, we will have twelve sections in each of them there will be assigned two main teachers. as for the kids, they will be of various ages (3, 4 and 5 years); and for this reason, we are talking about heterogeneous groups. This heterogeneity is a specific pedagogical choice which is not available in the other kindergarten schools.

By the legislative decree D.lgs. n. 65/2017. The Ministry of Education has established an integrated educational system for kids from birth to age of six years.

In order to promote the connection between the municipal nursery schools and local preparatory schools (kindergartens) in Cinisello Balsamo, in agreement with school managements, training and updating courses for teachers were initiated and pedagogical consultation and supervision programs were entrusted to a researchers team from the University of Bicocca Milan, in particular our kindergarten schools have been continuously supported for four years by Dr Donata Ripamonti as a pedagogical coordinator.

We would like to underline that thanks to the pedagogical coordination and behavioral methods adopted by some sections, an appreciable development has been observed in the educational process in kindergarten schools.

Although it is not a compulsory school, the kindergartens have a fundamental importance for the growth and upbringing of kids from three to six years, especially because at this stage of life the

self-reliance develops, emotional and social skills, the cognitive skills (such as the logical and arithmetic thinking, the language, and the creative thinking), manipulative and movement skills all are established.

For this reason, it is necessary for school and families to have a constant collaboration and communication based on mutual acquaintance and faith.

The first step to build this relationship between the school and the family is the meeting that we would like to invite you to as follows:

- **Tuesday on 21st May at 5 pm in Sardegna school, via Sardegna n 15.**
- **Wednesday on 22nd May at 5 p in Saint Denis school, via Saint Denis n 6.**

During these meetings, the schools' coordinators, the methodology directors, the school director, the pedagogical coordinators, and an Arabic translator will be present.
The meeting will be directed only to parents without the presence of their children and to focus on the following topics:

- organizational information.
- guidelines and advice to support families.

Another meeting will be organized with your children on 28th of May in the school that you have chosen, from 5 to 6 pm to share snack and to participate in some workshops prepared for kids. This requires just one adult for each child.

We are looking forward to welcoming you soon.

The Coordinators
Monica Bellani (Collodi)
Marika Scippo (Taddei)
Angela Cafora (Sorge)