

NOTRE DAME PREP SCHOOL



Since 1864, Notre Dame Preparatory School has been a beacon of excellence, holding a proud tradition of success that permeates everything we do. Our doors swing wide open for all, with no entrance exams or religious demands. We cherish diversity and welcome families from all faiths, or none at all.

Our reputation shines bright, the Independent Schools Inspectorate has awarded us an 'Excellent' grade, reinforcing our belief that we are the premier choice for children embarking on the next leg of their educational journey.

At Notre Dame Prep, we see every child, we hear every voice. No one is sidelined or overlooked and every child is appreciated for their unique qualities. We foster a secure, supportive and nurturing learning landscape that guides children through all facets of their development. Our education is well-rounded, forward-thinking and designed to equip children for their paths beyond Prep School.

We revel in the distinct talents of each child, and our extensive range of extracurricular activities stokes their drive to reach their full potential in all that school

Notre Dame Prep feels like a big, happy family—our bonds with pupils, parents and grandparents are dear to us. We invite you to experience our warm supportive ethos first-hand. Come see us!

Welcome to our Community



Welcome to Notre Dame Prep School.

We are a small, independent Catholic school in the heart of Norwich where children are encouraged to be curious, creative and, above all, happy.

We believe that learning happens when children feel safe, valued and inspired, and we place wellbeing at the centre of everything we do.

Our close-knit community of families, teachers and pupils creates a supportive environment where every child is known and celebrated.

We are proud to offer an affordable private education that never compromises on quality, helping children grow in confidence and kindness, helping them to develop a lifelong love of learning.

The best way to learn more about our scho<mark>ol is to visit us, and we a</mark>re certain you will feel the warmth of our community once you step inside.

We look forward to getting to know you!



PREP SCHOOL

In Prep School, children develop the confidence to investigate and solve problems and begin to take responsibility for their own learning. We aim to enrich their experiences, broaden their social horizons, and help our children to develop a work ethic that stands them in great stead for the future.

Our teaching is planned around specific learning objectives that delivers – and goes far beyond the National Curriculum. Our staff bring their wide ranging specialisms, curriculum expertise and passions to their work – and pupils enjoy specialist teaching in Music and PE.

The happiness and well-being of our pupils lies at the heart of all we do, providing essential foundations in a small and nurturing environment.

Our Minibeasts Nursery caters for children from the age of two to four years old. High staff ratios in Nursery ensure individual attention is given to each child, alongside strong and dedicated pastoral care.

Following the EYFS curriculum, our Nursery children are encouraged to ask questions, discover new things and try to solve problems without fear.

We place an emphasis on teaching children to be sensitive to the feelings of others – children learn to take turns, share fairly and treat living things with care and respect.

The Nursery day is from 8.30am to 3.30pm, with an option for wrap-around care before and after the school day at an additional charge.

Our Nursery has a minimum session requirement of two full days for 2 year olds and three full days for 3 year olds to ensure consistency and foster confidence.



Nursery children enjoy their dedicated outdoor spaces





PRE-PREP

Pre-Prep is our Reception class and marks the first year of the main school and the final year of EYFS. Learning in Pre-Prep is fun, topic based and includes local trips, visits and swimming too!

Each child has their own online 'Learning Journey' and we work closely with families to help with learning and development at school and at home.

Our Pre-Prep children enjoy direct access to our dedicated Early Years outdoor spaces, school garden and specialist teaching in PE and Music.

KEY STAGE 1

Throughout their time in Prep 1 and Prep 2, children continue to develop their foundation skills in Phonics, Reading, Writing and Maths – becoming independent readers, writers and mathematicians.

The children encounter a broad variety of topics through History, Geography and Science, to cultivate a love of learning.

In Key Stage 1 the children take to the stage in our annual Nativity Play and have the opportunity to participate in our Christmas Carol Service.





KEY STAGE 2

Children in Prep 3 through to Prep 6 become independent learners and make excellent progress in all aspects of English and Maths. Foundation subjects foster a real passion for learning, supported by visits, guest speakers and residential trips.

Notre Dame Prep ensures that children are fully prepared for the next stage of their academic journey, with many of our children accepting places at leading local senior schools, or scholarships to to state secondary schools.

FACILITIES

The school's library is a vibrant, comfortable and welcoming space used by children of all ages. The library offers a range of material for interest and reading ages.

The school Hall is the centre of life at Notre Dame Prep. The space is used for school assemblies and gatherings, drama and music performances and also where fresh, daily lunches are served by our onsite catering team.



Creative expression is an important part of life at Notre Dame Prep

In addition to everything we have on our school site, we take advantage of the first-class facilities in our local area, including swimming lessons and Sports Days at the UEA Sportspark and the opportunity to take to the stage at Norwich Playhouse for those in Key Stage 2.





EXTRACURRICULAR

At Notre Dame Prep there are opportunities for children to be involved in singing performances, and music concerts throughout the year, in addition to our annual stage performances for each class. Individual lessons are offered in guitar, piano, cello, double bass, singing and drums, as well as speech and drama.

Notre Dame Prep teams regularly compete in sporting events across Norwich, Norfolk and beyond, enabling children to develop excellent team skills and a drive to exceed their personal goals.

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NOTRE DAME PREP
FOR A SMALL
COMMUNITY FEEL AND
TEACHERS WHO
KNOW YOUR
CHILD WELL

Notre Dame Prep Teacher





ADMISSIONS

For the latest information regarding our termly fees for Nursery, Pre-Prep and the Prep School please visit our website. You'll also find up to date prices for after school care, extra curricular clubs and meals.

Notre Dame Prep is a member of the Government Nursery Grant Scheme, which provides funding for a maximum of 15 hours per week for all 3 and 4 year olds.



scan here for fee information

We also offer Sibling Discounts of up to 20% on basic fees, where there are siblings attending the school.

We operate on a rolling admissions process, meaning you can speak to us anytime about enrolling your child at Notre Dame Prep. We have no specific catchment area and we welcome children from across East Anglia to join us.





A Catholic Independent School for Boys and Girls aged 2 - 11 years.

Children of all faiths or none are very welcome.

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