

NOTRE
DAME
SCHOOL



NOTRE DAME PRE-SCHOOL NURSERY

**Year-round Nursery Provision
for Girls and Boys**

THE START OF A WONDERFUL JOURNEY



In the first five years, a child's brain develops more and faster than at any other time. Your child's early experiences – their relationships and the things they see, hear, touch, smell and taste – stimulate the brain, creating millions of new connections.



At Notre Dame every day is an adventure

At Notre Dame our philosophy is to offer the highest quality pre-school education for all our pupils to enable them to flourish socially, physically and educationally. The confidence that grows from exploring new ideas and discovering new skills in a supportive and caring environment equips our young children with a zest for learning and a secure foundation for success throughout their school life.


Our dedicated, qualified and nurturing team create a home-from-home atmosphere ensuring every child is treated with care, love and compassion in a well-equipped, well-maintained, safe and secure environment.

Our littlest children play a full and active role in school life at Notre Dame, they get to use all the wonderful sports facilities, theatre and swimming pool and join in celebrations and key events in the school calendar.

We aim to make the transition from home to Pre-School to full-time school a happy one for the whole family and we know our children will leave Pre-School as happy, confident and curious young learners ready to take the next step.



THINKING SPACE

 At Notre Dame we follow our own 'enhanced' Early Years Curriculum, which is implemented through planned, purposeful play and through a mix of adult-led and child-initiated activities.

Our curriculum covers the seven key areas of development and learning for pre-school children and so much more.

All our Pre-School children, even the youngest, also enjoy lessons with specialist teachers for music and PE. The older children also benefit from Spanish, rugby, dance, football, swimming lessons and library visits with the Prep School Librarian.

All children have weekly visits to our woodland Forest School where through play, exploration and supported risk taking they expand their abilities by solving real-world issues and building self-belief and resilience. Being connected to nature and out in the fresh air empowers children to be bold, creative and independent learners.



EARLY YEARS

The Early Years Foundation Stage covers the seven key areas of learning:


- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design



*At Notre Dame
we love listening
to stories*

READING

GROWING SPACE

 At Notre Dame we know that everyone is unique and we celebrate difference and diversity. Every child is encouraged and supported to try new things and every achievement and milestone, however small, is celebrated.

Our music, drama, sport and art activities offer particular scope for personal expression, exploration, inspiration and growth. No child should ever fear 'getting something wrong' - there is no right way to do things and at Notre Dame we always encourage a 'have a go' attitude.

Our children are guided all the way. Learning to navigate the challenges of making friends, sharing, caring and kindness are at the core of our ethos at Notre Dame and every child learns to play their part in our community with a great sense of fun and spirit.



At Notre Dame we have fun swimming and splashing in our very own pool



At Notre Dame we sing and bang our drums!

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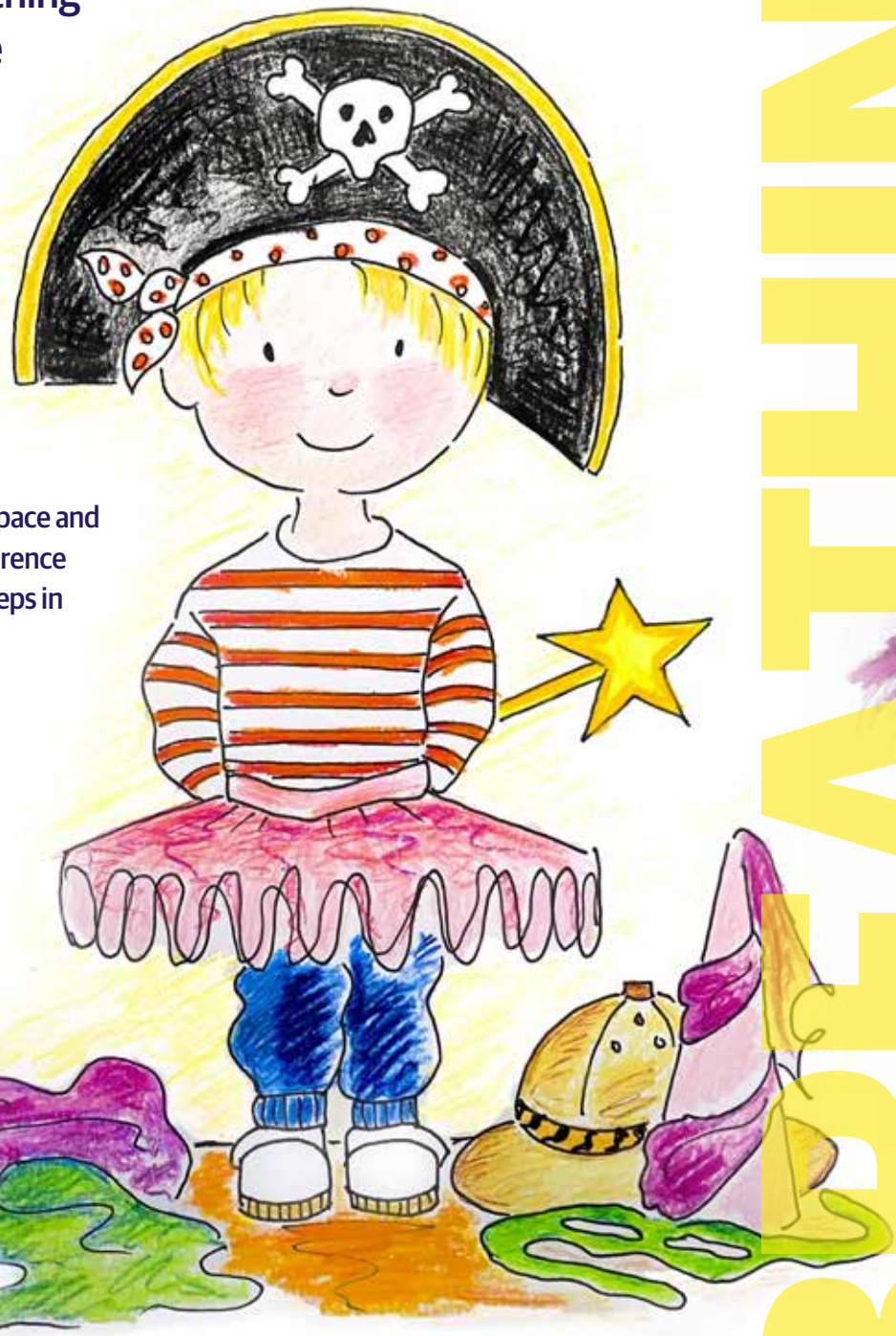
BREATHING SPACE

 Notre Dame School sits within 26 acres of beautiful, rural parkland and we enjoy making the most of this glorious, peaceful and safe environment. Our 'breathing space' is about so much more than physical space, though; it is about ensuring that everyone has the time and space to be themselves.

This freedom is fundamental for building character, confidence and learning vital life skills, which is particularly important in our youngest children. Every child develops at a different pace and in different ways, and we celebrate this difference and encourage each child to take forward steps in their own time.

Wellbeing, resilience, happiness and wider spiritual awareness are at the heart of what we do everyday at Notre Dame, and this attitude has been deeply embedded in our ethos for more than 400 years.


*At Notre Dame
we can be
whoever we
want to!*



BREATHING



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we love playing
outside*

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NOTRE DAME PRE-SCHOOL NURSERY

Notre Dame Pre-School Nursery is open 48 weeks a year and from 7.30am - 6.00pm Monday to Friday. To support working families we offer the option for children aged 3-4 to attend term-time only, all year round or a term-time 'plus' option.

Term-Time Nursery

During term-time, we follow our own enhanced Early Years Curriculum and the Pre-School is an integral part of the Prep School. The children make use of all the wonderful facilities and specialist teaching staff the school has to offer. All our Pre-School children enjoy the swimming pool, all-weather sports facilities, sports hall, music room and library as well as music, dance and Spanish lessons and weekly visits to Forest School.

School Holiday Pre-School Nursery

The enhanced Early Years Curriculum will be covered during term-time. During the school holidays, our staff offer an exciting and stimulating range of specially designed topic-based activities. The children continue to use all the school facilities including the Forest School, swimming pool and sports pitches. The learning offered during the holidays is age- and stage-appropriate consolidation. This ensures that the children continue their development but that no child misses out if they do not attend Pre-School during the holidays.

Term-Time 'Plus'

We know that not everyone will need or want to make a full-time commitment to our Pre-School on a year-round basis, but the school holidays can be long especially for our smallest children. We therefore offer a facility for parents who opt for term-time only to pre-book available sessions during the holidays.

Please note that provision for 2-year-olds is term-time only (34 weeks a year, 8am-5.30pm)

Funded Early Education

We are delighted to be able to offer Funded Early Education (FEE) which enables parents to access 15 or 30 hours of funded early education per week. Children become eligible to receive Funded Early Education from the start of the term following their third birthday; information can be found on the Surrey County Council website. We also accept childcare vouchers and tax-free childcare.

FOOD AT NOTRE DAME

Our in-house catering company Holroyd Howe provides delicious and nutritious meals and snacks for the children all year round.



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nicely together*

YOUR NEXT MOVE

We know that finding the right place for your child is a challenging decision and our admissions process is designed to make this as transparent and kind as possible. If you are interested in finding out more about joining Notre Dame then we would love to meet you and your child and learn more about your requirements.

We offer private tours and regular 'settling-in' sessions.

Contact Admissions on 01932 869993 or admissions@notredame.co.uk for a personal conversation.

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