

## ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

For entry into Reception and Year 1, children will be assessed for intellectual aptitude and a readiness to learn. This will be carried out through a variety of individual and group activities designed to gauge independence of thought, curiosity, sociability and problem-solving ability in structured and non-structured situations. For entry into Year 2, children will also be required to complete some simple, age-appropriate academic tests.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Where will the Pre-Prep be located?

The Pre-Prep will be adjoined to the current Lower School. It will be a secure site with its own teaching and play areas. Boys and girls will also have access to the outdoor classroom, adventure playground and other areas of the school.

### Which classes/age groups?

The Pre-Prep has been designed to accommodate children in Reception through to Year 2 with one class in each year.

### Who will be teaching the children?

The school is currently recruiting a Head of Pre-Prep and experienced teaching staff of the highest calibre. Pre-Prep children will also benefit from teaching by subject specialists in Sport, Music and Languages.

### What will your class sizes be?

The school has an excellent staff to pupil ratio, and all the new classes will have a full-time teaching assistant in attendance, as well as the teacher. We aim to recruit 16-18 pupils in Reception, growing to 20-22 pupils in Year 2. There will continue to be two classes in Year 3 of 16-18 pupils.

### What arrangements do you have for pastoral care?

The happiness and well-being of pupils are paramount and all staff are involved with pastoral care. Form Tutors play a crucial role in the support of pupils in the Lower School. They provide a point of daily contact, and monitor work and welfare. The fostering of positive and constructive relationships between home and school is critical, and the Form Tutors act as a conduit through which information passes between pupils, parents and teachers.

### What is the uniform? The uniform is in line with current school provision.

### How can I keep in touch about developments?

The school's website will have regular updates.

### I have a specific admissions query, who can I speak to?

Please ring the Registrar, Miss Holly Sharples, on 01603 728449 or email [hsharples@norwich-school.org.uk](mailto:hsharples@norwich-school.org.uk).

### How long is the school day for Pre-Prep aged children?

The school day commences at 8.40am and finishes at 3.30pm. Parents of both Pre-Prep and Prep aged children will be able to drop off between 8am – 8.40am. Pre-Prep children can be collected between 3.30pm - 4pm to facilitate both a prompt departure for those without siblings and pick up arrangements for those with siblings finishing at 4pm.

### My child has specific dietary requirement

Our excellent catering team is able to accommodate most dietary intolerance, allergy and specific diets. A daily hot lunch will be served in the Lower School.

### How do I apply and what is the process?

Application forms can be downloaded from the Admissions page of the school website. The assessment process is two-stage. Firstly, children will be invited to a small group assessment of one and a half hours in the week commencing 19 February. Secondly, children are invited to the activity session from 9am-10am on Saturday 24 February.

### What is the timescale for applications?

Parents are requested to submit their child's application by 14 February 2018 for September entry.

### Will you have a place for everyone who applies?

The school is in the fortunate position of being both popular and successful and it is normal for us to be over-subscribed.

### Is means tested assistance available?

Bursaries are available from age 11 on entry to the Senior School.



# PRE-PREP INFORMATION

## INTRODUCTION

"We look forward to the educational benefits we can bring to children at this younger age-group, both during their Pre-Prep years and as a foundation for the rest of their time at Norwich School. This positive development also answers a long-standing request from a growing number of parents for a simplification of their children's school career."

Steffan Griffiths  
Head Master



"The Lower School is a wonderful educational environment and we are delighted that it continues to go from strength to strength, including children being able to experience it from a younger age. Significant investment in Lower School facilities in recent years has seen the addition of a science lab, specialist music rooms, an outdoor classroom and astro pitch. The proposed new Pre-Prep development is an exciting project which will help create a wonderful, bespoke provision for our youngest pupils as they start out on their educational journey at Norwich School."

John Ingham  
Master of The Lower School



## SCHOOL DAY

The school day runs from 8.40am-3.30pm. Drop off is available from 8am, and after school care is available until 6pm. Parents with older children attending Norwich School will be able to drop off and pick up at the same time.



## FEES

£10,998 per annum  
£3,666 per term

Fees include a hot lunch and care between 8am and 4pm.

There is an additional cost for after school care of £7 per hour, per child, 4-6pm.

## CURRICULUM

In Reception, our education will focus on fulfilling the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) 7 areas of learning and development, with a mission to activate the individual interests and potential of each child. The nature of learning will be heavily play and exploration focused, even as we introduce children to more formal instructional techniques in literacy and numeracy. This will build towards the completion of the statutory assessment against the Early Learning Goals during their final term.

In Years 1 and 2, as well as experiencing the full scope of the National Curriculum, children will be immersed in an enriching introduction to the bespoke KS2 curriculum and educational philosophy already in place at the Lower School. This curriculum places great value in a diverse, challenging and nurturing range of teaching styles and learning situations, where children are prepared to engage fully with the worlds of experience, necessity and opportunity.

In all of our new year groups, children will be able to experience a great range of facilities and resources, from the new purpose-designed classroom facilities and existing Lower School building, to the school's wider sports facilities, outdoor classroom, and the beautiful setting of Norwich Cathedral Close.

## A SPECIALIST APPROACH

A feature of the Lower School curriculum combines excellent pastoral care led by experienced primary trained professionals with the judicious use of specialist teaching drawn from the staffing expertise of the Senior School. Pupils will be able to access the full range of fantastic facilities available to pupils of all ages at Norwich School.

### Pupils in the Pre-Prep will enjoy specialist teaching in the following areas:

Art, Computer Science, Digital Literacy, Design & Technology, Music, Modern Foreign Languages, Sports Education (Dance, PE, Games, Swimming).



## A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY

The co-curriculum of Norwich School encompasses a vast array of experiences and opportunities. Pupils in the Pre-Prep will be fully integrated into the Lower School's co-curricular provision, which includes an impressive variety of clubs, trips, musical concerts, drama productions and sport.

## TRANSITION

The entrance procedure is designed to give us confidence that a child will be capable of progressing through all further stages of education at Norwich School without needing to sit additional entrance exams. However, as in other parts of the school, a child must consistently demonstrate their ability to access the curriculum successfully, whether preparing for entry into Year 3, the Senior School or Sixth Form. The school will always consult with parents well in advance if there are any concerns for a child's educational welfare.

