

THE FROEBELIAN SCHOOL PROSPECTUS

For boys and girls aged 3-11 years



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GIVING A FLYING START TO THE CITIZENS OF TOMORROW

A warm welcome to The Froebelian School.

“ *I am extremely proud of The Froebelian School and of the children and staff who work so harmoniously together here. It is a special place, with a uniquely happy atmosphere.* ”

Children are at the heart of everything we do and we are passionate that all children enjoy a positive experience at school each and every day. Our aim is to provide a first class all-round education and committed pastoral care in which both the unique needs of our children as individuals are met and their talents can flourish in a caring, structured and secure environment.

The Froebelian School strives to be truly innovative whilst maintaining our reputation for high standards. Benefitting from a highly favourable staff to pupil ratio, we are able to provide plenty of focused support for pupils. We set high expectations for effort and behaviour and the children always rise to meet this challenge. As a result, our children regularly secure a place at their first choice senior school and we enjoy an excellent scholarship success rate.

By cultivating a positive ethos built on strong relationships our children can develop their skills across a wide range of opportunities available to them. Performance and participation are gently encouraged from the very beginning and all our children have regular opportunities to perform in the sporting, theatrical, musical and public speaking arenas.

Our children adore their school and are justly proud of all they do. They love learning and there is a true sense of fun. We would love you to experience the warmth and politeness of our children for yourselves – please do come and meet them!

Catherine Dodds

CATHERINE DODDS, HEADTEACHER



About Froebelian



The Froebelian School, Horsforth is one of the leading independent preparatory schools in Leeds for boys and girls aged 3 to 11 years. Our motto of *'Giving a flying start to the citizens of tomorrow'* sums up our determination to provide the best possible start to lifelong education.

Situated in Horsforth, a pleasant suburb of Leeds near to the ring-road, the school is easily accessible from most areas of Leeds, Bradford and Harrogate. Our site is very secure with a wooded area offering delightful views over the Aire valley.

The school is an educational charity where ultimate responsibility rests with a School Council (governors). The day-to-day running of the school is delegated to the Headteacher, supported by a senior leadership team.

Arrange to visit us soon where you will receive a very warm welcome. You will also be able to see at first hand why Froebelian really is the best choice of the private schools in Leeds.

"A lovely, friendly, small school with very high standards in every area."

Why the Froebelian School?



Froebelian School pupils are encouraged to reach the highest possible standards in academic work, sport, music, technology, art and drama. We nurture good citizenship, believe that children benefit from good discipline and we encourage healthy competition. We offer an excellent staff pupil ratio (1 to 10), well-equipped facilities and the support of highly dedicated, professional teachers.

As the only school in Leeds to appear consistently in The Sunday Times 'Top 100' independent preparatory schools, we aim to provide children with a happy learning environment; one in which they are challenged and supported to achieve personal excellence.

Each year approximately 24 children aged 3+ are admitted to the Lower Kindergarten (nursery) class. Other places for older

children are sometimes available and enquiries are always welcome. We are large enough to offer first-class teaching and facilities, but small enough to ensure that every child is a valued part of our extended family.

Our goals of nurturing children to help them become rounded individuals, and that of supporting them to fulfil their full potential, are achieved through a broad curriculum and proactive pastoral care. Academic success is at the heart of the school and is complemented by plenty of sport, music, art and drama. There is a full programme of co-curricular activities, including opportunities for outdoor pursuits and residential trips.

The most recent inspection report it states, ***'The pastoral care of pupils is excellent and they feel happy and extremely safe'.***

The Froebelian School aims, values and ethos

The Froebelian School, Horsforth is committed to learning, progress and innovation within a traditional setting. Our culture is to encourage all pupils to achieve their potential and we foster a community spirit. Our motto, *'Giving a flying start to the citizens of tomorrow'*, emphasises our commitment and dedication to provide knowledge, skills, experiences and opportunities that prepare children for their future.

We Aim

- To provide a caring, supportive and structured learning environment.
- To deliver quality education which develops the whole child; enabling them to maximise their potential.
- To offer a wide range of opportunities for learning including a diverse range of extra-curricular activities.
- To foster good relationships throughout our Froebelian family and beyond.
- To ensure a smooth transition for children towards the next phase of their learning journey.

We Value

- Every member of the school family as an individual.
- Co-operation and partnership with parents, carers and the wider community.
- Our multi-cultural, multi-faith school.
- Our British culture and heritage.
- Kindness, tolerance, respect and integrity.

Our Ethos

- Supports the holistic development of children's moral and social values alongside their cultural and spiritual awareness.
- Creates a happy and purposeful atmosphere within the school.
- Encourages everyone to engage with all learning experiences.
- Promotes the acquisition of skills for life through our shared ethos themes.



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The Froebelian School history, heritage and alumni

The Froebelian School is exceptionally proud of its history and heritage.

The school was founded in 1913 with the distinctive name adopted by the founder Miss L. Hoe, in honour of the then influential German educationalist, Freidrich Froebel. Froebel pioneered early years' learning and the school still follows this tradition, educating and nurturing children from the age of 3 years in Kindergarten classes.

Since World War I, the school has always maintained premises in Clarence Road, Horsforth, and Miss Hoe remained as Head until 1949 when Mr. Noel Williams was appointed Headmaster. In 1969, the school ceased to be privately owned and became a Charitable Educational Trust, administered by a board of governors known as the School Council.

By now, the school had developed a reputation as one of the best independent schools in Leeds, and this was further strengthened in 1988 when, under the leadership of Mr. John Andrew, the school was amalgamated on one site with new, purpose-built facilities.

In 1991, Mr. John Tranmer was appointed and the school's reputation as the leading private independent primary school has been further consolidated. The Sunday Times continues to rank Froebelian as one of the top schools in the country. Mr Tranmer left Froebelian in 2015 to take up the post of IAPS Chairman.

Mrs Catherine Dodds joined The Froebelian School in September 2015 to take over as Headteacher. Catherine was previously Deputy Head at GSAL Junior School.





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this tradition of educating
and nurturing children



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The Curriculum

“*Froebelian provides children with a stimulating and rigorous education curriculum that encourages them to reach their full potential in all key areas of learning: academic, technical, aesthetic, sporting and practical.*”

Although our academic programme encompasses much of the National Curriculum, as an independent school we are not constrained by government requirements and we are able to ensure that music, art, sport, a modern foreign language and drama receive plenty of attention.

In the most recent inspection report, inspectors noted, ‘The broad curriculum contributes particularly well to the pupils’ personal development and academic achievements’.

Our aim is deliver an enriched and varied education in a uniquely happy learning environment, which encourages all children to become enthusiastic and skillful learners. We nurture academic rigour, learning to learn; helping children to develop enquiring minds. Hence, attitudes to learning are a priority and we believe that children who regularly experience the excitement and the value of discovery, understanding and achievement will become life-long learners.

We believe that the best learning involves fun and application. At first, young children need lots of support and encouragement to develop effective learning habits; gradually they become more skillful and their levels of concentration and appliance strengthen. Our older pupils have excellent self-discipline and motivation, two essential qualities for continued success at secondary school.

A full programme of extra-curricular activities that includes sport, music, crafts, technology and drama complements the broad and challenging curriculum we provide during normal lessons. Specialist visiting staff provide a wide-range of music lessons and there are regular trips to places of interest such as historical sites, farms, inter-active museums and outdoor pursuit centres.



“The teachers have a real passion for teaching and are very dedicated.”

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Co-Curricular Activities



The Froebelian School offers a wide range of co-curricular activities both during the school day and after 3.30pm.

We provide a well-rounded balance of activities. There is a Spanish Club, Craft Club, Chess Club, Choir, Street Dance, Fencing, Ballet, Art Club as well as a host of sporting clubs, to name but a few. Most of our clubs are run by members of staff, helping to ensure that our high standards of behaviour and care are maintained and we also have a range of visiting staff providing a comprehensive choice sessions.

As you would expect, our outstanding teaching is enhanced by regular school trips and educational visits. These help reinforce class teaching as well as giving the children opportunities to discover and develop greater independence. Older pupils are given opportunities to experience

residential trips and Form IV (Year 6) will have an opportunity to visit France during their final year. Form IV pupils are also given the chance to qualify for the Yorkshire 3 Peaks challenge as part of their Froebelian Five Steps Challenge.



In our most recent inspection report, it was noted that: 'Pupils speak enthusiastically about the particularly good range of extra curricular activities, educational visits, sports fixtures and annual residential trips'.



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Drama

Our drama specialist teacher runs Drama Club, helping children to gain confidence and acting ability.

The annual end of year performance is held at Yeadon Town Hall as a finale to Speech Night. These are always stunning shows with West End production values.



Sport

Sport is an important and integral part of the curriculum and life at Froebelian. We know that our many sporting opportunities and achievements help complement our excellent academic success.

We understand that children instinctively enjoy sport and we know that it is vital that young children exercise regularly. Many of our staff have specialist PE training and have distinguished sporting records.

The major sports are football, netball, rugby, cross-country, swimming, rounders and cricket. Tennis and athletics are also covered during the summer term. Older juniors are given the opportunity to enjoy outdoor pursuits, and there are many lunchtime or after school clubs encouraging children to participate in the other sports including fencing and archery.



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Art



We understand that all children are artistic and need opportunities and encouragement to develop their talent. We have a dedicated Art and Science Room and all pupils follow a progressive syllabus, which includes drawing, painting, modelling, using clay and a variety of different media.

Each year the whole school undertakes a weeklong art project during which local artists and parents help the children to create artworks which are then exhibited both at school and in the community.

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Music

Music is a unique way of communicating that can inspire and motivate children. At Froebelian we make music an enjoyable learning experience and encourage all children to participate in a variety of musical experiences.

In our music teaching, we aim to encourage children to sing with enthusiasm from an early age, encourage them to work individually and to co-operate with others and to develop confidence in all musical activities.

Music at Froebelian is an important aspect of school life and is taught to all age groups by a specialist teacher. Specialist peripatetic instrumental teachers visit school and pupils are encouraged to learn an instrument.

All classes are involved in Christmas productions, our Spring Festival of the Arts and the Summer Term musical production for the Juniors, as well as a number of other events during the school year, such as Harvest Festival, Remembrance and class assemblies. Music plays an important part in helping children feel part of a community and provides opportunities for all children to be creative, play, perform and enjoy music, both individually and in groups.

Our co-curricular groups include a school choir, orchestra, string orchestra, samba band, recorder consort as well as other ensembles that rehearse during the year for performances.



The Froebelian Flyers

'The Froebelian Flyers' are learning superheroes that each harbour a special learning superpower!

Each week, the teachers choose children from their class who have demonstrated a particular effort with the following learning behaviours to be congratulated in our Celebration Assembly on Fridays. Children are then presented with a certificate and are invited to join the Headteacher and the Deputy Headteacher at morning break for a special treat.

- **Determined Dennis** - 'I keep trying.'
- **Curious Curtis** - 'I want to know more.'
- **Creative Christina** - 'I can use my imagination.'
- **Independent India** - 'I can work by myself.'
- **Risk-taker Rishi** - 'I can have a go and learn from my mistakes.'
- **Collaborative Colin** - 'I can work in a team.'
- **Responsible Rebecca** - 'I can take charge of myself.'
- **Strategic Stephanie** - 'I can plan and organise myself and my work.'

Raising awareness of these different learning behaviours encourages the children to become confident, resourceful and resilient learners and instils in them a lifelong thirst for learning.



A photograph of a row of red school uniforms hanging on a rack in a classroom. The uniforms are red with white piping and white buttons. In the background, a yellow bulletin board is visible with several papers pinned to it.

“Thank you, our children have been given the best start in life-ever.”



Head and teachers know the children as individuals

Froebelian Family

A special place

A uniquely happy atmosphere

Lifelong friendships

Strong bonds with children

A *clear focus* on achievement

High achieving, well rounded children





A happy friendly playground

Children looking out for others

Strong relationships between pupils and families

Confident, courteous and articulate children

Well behaved, respectful children

100% exam success

Caring staff and teachers



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