

PREP SCHOOL PROSPECTUS



St George's
School Edgbaston

AN
INDIVIDUAL
APPROACH
TO EDUCATION

INDEPENDENT
MOTIVATED
CURIOUS
CREATIVE
TOLERANT
RESILIENT
SUPPORTIVE
SUCCESSFUL
RESPECTFUL
PERSEVERANCE
CONFIDENT



WELCOME TO **THE PREP SCHOOL**

A good education lays the foundation for a successful life.
St George's School provides the first important steps in a
seamless education for boys and girls aged from 3 to 18 years.



Situated conveniently close to Birmingham's city centre, our Prep School lies within the leafy campus of St George's School Edgbaston, giving us access to a wide range of specialist facilities.

St George's has a non-denominational Christian ethos, and welcomes staff and children from many different cultures, faiths and backgrounds. We believe our ethos and atmosphere will encourage your child to develop the knowledge and skills required to discover and enjoy their own and others' varied talents, abilities and interests.

We are proud of our friendly yet hard-working atmosphere which is intrinsic to our school. We also believe childhood should be enjoyed, as the confidence gained at this time and the memories of friendships forged, will last forever.

Our aim is that your child will leave our school fully prepared for the busy, modern and challenging world that awaits them. We strive to ensure they take with them the necessary knowledge and skills to help them through life.

WHY ST GEORGE'S PREP SCHOOL

We believe that happy confident children learn best.

Highly qualified, dynamic, dedicated teachers and small class sizes mean that we can provide the best possible education, tailored to the needs of each individual student. St George's Prep School is a place of enthusiastic learning, academic progress, nurture and warmth.

We provide a broad, child-centred, varied and creative curriculum which is changed and adapted as new challenges are presented to the children. We want our children to become creative thinkers, enjoy learning and feel confident. We combine opportunity, challenge and a strong work ethic.

**THE QUALITY
OF THE PUPILS'
ACADEMIC
AND OTHER
ACHIEVEMENTS
IS EXCELLENT.**

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We believe it is vital that children enjoy the learning process and develop a desire and ability to explore their own ideas through discussion, enquiry and hands on investigations. Our experience is that this approach helps children become independent learners who are ready to meet the challenges of their continuing educational journey.

We appreciate that every child has a different starting point. As a school, we ensure that the delivery of our curriculum is exciting, varied and accessible. We pride ourselves on our commitment to identifying what each child must do to achieve their potential. The delivery of the curriculum is structured to ensure that all children thrive in a nurturing environment where they feel valued.

**PUPILS
SUCCESSES ARE
UNDERPINNED
BY CAREFULLY
TARGETED
AND HIGHLY
INDIVIDUALISED
SUPPORT FROM
DEDICATED STAFF.**

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PRE-PREP (PRE-SCHOOL & RECEPTION)

The Early Years (EYFS) is a critical component of a child's development. Young children are naturally curious. Therefore, the range of activities and interactions with others in the setting ensure that they enjoy themselves whilst developing and learning through play.

I LOVE THE NATURE AREA AND COOKING CLUB.

ABIGAIL RECEPTION

We understand the importance of language and communication. A vocabulary rich environment being key to building independent learners who are confident in getting their needs met.

Inside the classrooms there are specific learning zones which have been created to support the seven key areas of learning and development in the EYFS curriculum, from a cosy reading corner, where children can share stories, to an ever-changing role play area to support social and emotional development.

However, learning doesn't end indoors; the children have access to the outdoor classroom and playground as well as our nature areas. These have been carefully designed with different zones to foster a love of the natural world and to support physical and social development.

Emergent writing and opportunities to mark make are threaded throughout all areas.

We have a large green field in the grounds that gives the children opportunities to

run and spot the changes in the seasons: from running through crunchy autumnal leaves, to wearing raincoats and going on muddy walks, or having a teddy bear picnic in the Summer and bug hunts in Spring!

We follow the children's interests, preparing them for school in a nurturing environment.

There is always something new and exciting to explore every day.

STRONG RELATIONSHIPS ARE FORGED WITHIN AND ACROSS YEAR GROUPS.

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PRE-SCHOOL AT ST GEORGE'S

Our Pre-school welcomes children from the age of 3.

We offer the 15 and 30 hour funded place to all eligible 3 – 4 year olds. These are met within the school day which runs from 8.30am to 3.20pm.

Before and after school provision is available to our preschool pupils. Please contact the school for further details.

**THIS SCHOOL
HAS LOADS
OF AWESOME
ACTIVITIES.**

JED YEAR 1





RECEPTION AT ST GEORGE'S

Children join Reception class the September after their fourth birthday.

Our Reception class curriculum is carefully planned to enable excellent progress through high quality play and targeted teaching.

There is a big emphasis in developing the central skills of communication, reading, writing and number; all important foundations for your child. The wider

curriculum enables children to be curious and creative learners while developing their interest and knowledge of the world around them.

During their time in Reception, children are supported to develop good learning behaviours and social skills. These are crucial building blocks for the rest of their learning journey.





PREP SCHOOL (YEARS 1 – 6)

The development of the individual child continues in small classes under the care and leadership of highly trained teachers, helping build student confidence and enthusiasm.

From the age of five a more structured timetable is introduced. A carefully considered curriculum and a rich extracurricular programme ensures that each child has a wealth of opportunities to discover and develop their unique talents and skills.

Emphasis continues on the core subjects of English, Maths, Science

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UMAR YEAR 6

and Computing. Science, Geography, History, Art, Design Technology, Music and Drama are delivered through engaging topics and themes. A happy and supportive atmosphere creates a positive and stimulating learning environment which helps the children reach their full potential. There is a strong emphasis on developing confidence, independence and competence.



Opportunities to compete, perform and take responsibility for their own learning feature prominently at this stage. There is an expectation that children will produce high standards of work, be well-behaved with good manners and that, by their daily actions, they reflect the ethos of St George's in all that they do and say.

**THE STAFF ARE
VERY KIND AND
HELP US WHEN
WE NEED IT.**

JODE YEAR 4



SPORT

Your child will have two hours of PE each week. The sporting curriculum includes gymnastics, dance, athletics, tennis, games (including traditional ball games) and orienteering.

We benefit from sharing facilities with our Senior School, accessing the tennis and basketball courts, gymnasium and playing fields.

Lessons are complemented by a variety of after school clubs. Swimming lessons are offered from Year 1 onwards. Older students have the opportunity to participate in sporting fixtures both home and away, and there are inter-house sporting competitions throughout the year.



ICT

We aim for our children to be digitally literate, to be able to use and express themselves as they learn to use information and communication technology.

There is a purpose-built ICT suite where each child can work at their own desktop computer.

All classrooms have interactive white boards and access to individual laptops and I-pads.

We deliver the National Curriculum for Coding from Year 1 onwards, the core of which is computer science. Pupils are taught the principles of information and computation, how digital systems work and how to put this knowledge to use through programming. There is a comprehensive programme of E-Safety education.



RE AND PSHE

The school places great emphasis on the moral and personal development of students.

PSHE lessons run weekly for all years. Each class is taught a range of important topics that help pupils become well rounded, informed individuals who will be able to flourish in their lives beyond St Georges. We cover a huge variety of age-appropriate topics such as kindness, feelings, resilience, mental and physical health and well-being.

Pupils are encouraged to reflect, debate and articulate their thoughts and beliefs in a respectful manner. We believe that pupils who leave the school do so with confidence and security giving them a firm foundation to build on.

Our Religious Education programme encompasses all major religions. Children are encouraged to discuss issues of importance and respect the views and beliefs of others.

We host weekly assemblies which celebrate the children's work, behaviour, attitudes to learning and individual qualities. Parents are welcome to attend many of our assemblies, including our Harvest Festival, Christmas Productions, the termly Progress Awards celebration, as well as class assemblies and performances.



THE UN CONVENTION ON THE **RIGHTS OF A CHILD**

St George's is a recognised 'Gold' Right's Respecting School. Our children are responsible citizens both in school and in the wider community.

Our pupils feel empowered about their education and gain a deeper understanding of how their behaviour and actions affect the rights of others.

Rights are embedded in a range of contexts through our curriculum, and children are encouraged to reflect on

how other people's rights are being met or denied. Each class decides on shared agreements for the learning environment, identifying how they will respect each other's right to an education.

**PUPILS DISPLAY
HIGHLY POSITIVE
ATTITUDES TO
THEIR LEARNING
ACROSS A RANGE
OF SUBJECTS.**

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PASTORAL CARE

Our smaller class sizes provide a setting where the children feel safe and secure.

The close care and attention of the teachers and teaching assistants ensures a stable and stimulating environment for children as they progress through their school careers.

Children learn in a warm and happy atmosphere, building on the strength of the home/school partnership, with a focus on acknowledging

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all-round achievement. We believe that children learn best when they are happy, and the tailored pastoral care for every child ensures they make the most of every day at St George's.

Everything we do at St Georges is aimed at supporting your child to become confident, happy and curious learners, ready for the next stage of their journey.



COMMUNICATION

Parents can keep up-to-date with their children's learning in school through our virtual platform Class Dojo.

Class Dojo is a user-friendly virtual learning space which can be accessed via the internet or through an app. It is used to share news and events in school, details about homework and celebrations from our weekly 'Good Work' and 'Star of the Week' assemblies. Parents can also contact their child's

class teacher through a direct messaging service if they have any queries.

Each term you will be provided with an overview of the curriculum content, alongside a termly Parent's Evening where progress and attainment will be shared with you. A full written report is provided at the end of the school year.





EXTRA-CURRICULAR **ACTIVITIES**

The children are encouraged to extend their interests by participating in activities from a diverse menu of extracurricular opportunities.

These are available as clubs, themed afternoons, visitors and trips. There is something to suit everybody! Each term our active School Council choose the clubs the children would like to have.

Qualified and talented tutors provide peripatetic tuition in a range of musical instruments. The children have the opportunity to take ABRSM graded exams. They are encouraged to perform individually and as part of ensemble groups.

Lessons in the classroom are regularly enhanced with visitors to the school and trips to various places of interest in and around Birmingham. Our school calendar is always full of events, trips and activities, from experiencing lessons in a Victorian schoolroom, to becoming student astronauts in a space mission simulator!

In addition to curricular day trips and educational visits, older children have the opportunity to experience residential outdoor pursuits that engage them in activities requiring teamwork, cooperation and lateral thinking.

**ST GEORGE'S IS
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A GOOD WAY
– FILLED WITH
CREATIVENESS
ROUND EVERY
CORNER.**

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This prospectus can only give a small snapshot of what our School has to offer your child. If you wish to pursue your interest in our school, or need further clarification on any detail, then please visit us.

We warmly welcome and encourage visits from prospective parents and children. We have several Open Events and tours available throughout the year where you will have the opportunity to meet the staff, the pupils and tour the school if you so wish.

PUPILS SAY THAT THE SUPPORT TRANSFORMS THEIR PERSONAL AS WELL AS THEIR ACADEMIC IMPROVEMENTS AS THE SCHOOL RECOGNISES THAT THE TWO ARE INEXTRICABLY LINKED.

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