



Gracefield

Preparatory School



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PROSPECTUS

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Visiting our School

Please do call and make an appointment to come and take a look around our school.



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“Staff have cultivated a welcoming, inclusive school culture where all pupils are valued. Staff lead by example and encourage pupils to be kind, respectful and accepting of each other, regardless of differences.” Ofsted 2019



“Pupils benefit from a rich curriculum. Extra-curricular opportunities complement their study of different academic subjects.”

Ofsted 2019

Welcome to Gracefield School

I would like to warmly welcome you to our happy and friendly school. I hope you find this prospectus a useful and informative introduction to all that Gracefield School can offer.

We are a small school with all the positive features that come with it and you will find that Gracefield has an exceptional atmosphere of which we are very proud. Our children are well mannered, friendly and happy, supporting each other in work and at play.

Should you make the important decision for your child to join our school, we know that you and your child will soon feel very much at home with us and we look forward to welcoming you into our school family.

Mrs Morgan, Headteacher

Our Aims

Mission Statement

The provision of excellent teaching and successful learning within a secure, happy and stimulating environment, with a commitment to an ethos based on Christian values.



We are based in a beautiful Victorian building in Fishponds, Bristol. The rear of the school has a ramp for wheelchair access.

Outdoor learning and free flow teaching and play is encouraged. Our garden also provides a stimulating facility for learning outdoors.

Every classroom has an interactive white board and the school has impressive computer facilities and a well stocked library which the children enjoy using.

You will find a wealth of information about our school on our website and can view pictures of the activities enjoyed by the children.

www.gracefieldschool.co.uk

Our School



OUR SCHOOL DAY



Years Reception, 1 and 2

8.50am-3.00pm

Years 3 and 4

8.50am-3.05pm

Years 5 and 6

8.50am-3.10pm

Early Birds Club

8.00am-8.40am

After School Club

3.00pm-4.30pm

Late Club

4.30pm-6.00pm



The Curriculum

KEY STAGE 1 (AGES 5-7 YEARS)

KEY STAGE 2 (AGES 8-11 YEARS)

The core curriculum at Key Stages 1 and 2 comprises:

English
Mathematics
Science

Children also study the subjects below as part of the National Curriculum. These are called foundation subjects.

Music
Art and Design
Design Technology
Languages
Computing
Geography
History
Music
Physical Education
Religious Education
PSHE

*“Reading has a high profile in the school. Pupils practise their reading daily and are supported in different ways to make progress in their reading. The rigorous curriculum in reading, writing and mathematics ensures that pupils develop key skills.”
Ofsted 2019*



The Early Years Foundation Stage is based on three prime and four specific areas of learning:

The prime areas of learning:

- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The specific areas of learning:

- English
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design



ENGLISH

At Gracefield we consider English to be central to a child's educational development. We inspire confidence in speaking, listening, reading and writing.

MATHEMATICS

We are implementing the Government's framework for teaching mathematics. Our weekly tests on multiplication tables ensure that all children have a thorough grasp of these essential skills.

SCIENCE

Children are encouraged to learn the skills and processes of science, to ask questions, communicate and share ideas.

COMPUTING

At Gracefield School we have a purpose built computer suite and every child in the school develops as an active participant in the digital world.

MUSIC

All our children are encouraged to explore, experience and control sounds made by the voice and a variety of percussion instruments.

GEOGRAPHY

Classes often take their geography learning into other fun and diverse areas and perform and present the facts they have learnt to their peers and parents.

HISTORY

History is introduced to our children in fun and interesting ways to allow them to develop an awareness of the past and the impact it has had on our present day lives.



ART AND DESIGN

Our children have the opportunity to explore and experiment with a wide variety of different techniques and skills in art.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Children enjoy fun lessons and clubs where they have the opportunity to construct models based on their designs which are often displayed around the school. We teach cooking skills and the children have the opportunity to be creative with woodworking techniques.

RE

Our RE curriculum teaches world faiths and, at Gracefield, respect and appreciation of other religions is encouraged and developed.

PSHE

The PSHE and Citizenship programme includes the use of circle time, investigations and debates to develop the children's self awareness, positive self esteem and confidence to lead healthy, active lives.

PE

Sports and physical activity plays a key part in the school week. We actively promote the understanding of the importance of exercise through a diverse range of sports and activities including swimming.

DRAMA

We place a great deal of importance on developing our children's skills and confidence in the performing arts and use drama throughout the day and across the curriculum.

LANGUAGES

We begin French in Reception and continue through to Year 6.



“Pupils acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to make good progress in a range of subjects at secondary school..”

Ofsted 2019





"The culture of the school is aspirational, pupils achieve well and all of the independent school standards are met."

Ofsted 2019

