



Old Palace *of* John Whitgift School

Independent Girls' School

Pre School to Sixth Form



Pre School



FROM
3+

A Guide to the Pre School

Mrs Jodene Panteli Head, Pre School and Preparatory





Learning is but **an adventure...**

Old Palace Pre School provides a happy, stimulating and nurturing environment in which girls aged 3+ are encouraged to develop a love of learning that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

Our exciting new 'Cornerstones' curriculum is designed to foster curiosity and develop learning; enabling our youngest pupils to innovate and express what they have discovered in unique ways.

Whether it's toasting marshmallows around our fire pit or learning about the trees and birds in a nearby park, our Outdoor Learning programme will delight and inspire our youngest pupils' curiosity.

Families immediately become part of an inclusive, caring and supportive community, where diversity is very much celebrated.

The Pre School is set in extensive grounds in Melville Avenue, South Croydon (near Lloyd Park). It is an integral part of Old Palace Preparatory School and together is home to girls aged 3-11. We have strong links with Old Palace Senior School and many of our Pre School pupils continue their educational journey with us right through to Sixth Form.

There are two classes in Pre School. The younger children are in Blossom (3+). From here, they automatically transfer to the Cherry class before moving up to Reception at 4+.

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A World Beyond the Classroom

Pre School pupils free flow between their classroom and our extensive outside space all day. There are so many exciting activities to choose from:

- Large Sand Pit
- Mud Kitchen
- Trim Trail
- Outdoor Stage

Investigation Area comprising:

- Full-sized bug hotel
- Vegetable patch
- Water play
- Construction zone
- Reading area

Additional access to Prep School facilities including: library, gym, music room and playing fields.



The Curriculum

Pupils in our Pre School learn predominantly through play. Activities focus on the girls' interests, enabling them to make choices, use their imagination and become independent learners.

The highly engaging and motivating 'Cornerstones' curriculum, ensures excellent progress for the children starting their learning journey with us.

We introduce pupils to a new and exciting topic every half term. These provide specific knowledge and enhanced provision of deeper learning opportunities through constant challenge. It's a practical and enquiry based approach to teaching and learning that engages children from the start and develops through small, focused group activities.

We spend plenty of time exploring the natural world with magnifying glasses and binoculars, growing vegetables and flowers, feeding the birds or going on nature hunts around the school.

We look for worms and insects in our bug hotel, have campfires in our wild area to toast marshmallows and make regular visits to Lloyd Park and Coombe Wood to connect with the natural environment.



Specialist Teaching and Classes

Weekly music lesson.

Weekly French lesson.

There are opportunities within the curriculum for our Pre School children to develop their computer programming skills.

Weekly PE sessions with the Prep School's specialist PE coach.



Children are tracked and assessed throughout the year with next steps set every six weeks.

They are offered opportunities for accelerated learning and parents are encouraged to work with us towards agreed targets.





Breakfast Club (including breakfast)

7.30am-8.25am

£4.50 per day

After School Club

3.15pm-6.00pm

£5.40 per hour

Holiday Club (8 weeks)

7.30am-6.00pm

£42.00 per day (includes breakfast, snack and a light tea. Girls bring their own packed lunch).



How to apply

We hold regular Open Mornings throughout the year. We are also happy to offer personal, one-to-one tours with the Head of the Prep School, Mrs Jodene Panteli.

For further details and availability, please telephone our Admissions department on:

020 8688 3863.





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