



*A culture of achievement
where all can succeed.*



Guildford Grove Primary School and Nursery

Welcome to Guildford Grove Primary School

“The staff at Guildford Grove have inspired our children, nurtured them, built their confidence, created resilience, taught them to succeed and, more importantly, to fail. The staff show them how to build friendships and manage conflict, instilled values in them that will serve them forever and that they live their lives by on a daily basis and allow them to have so much fun!”

Parent



It is our pleasure to introduce you to Guildford Grove Primary School. Guildford Grove is a two-form entry primary school, with a maintained nursery and a Specialist Centre for profoundly deaf children. Ofsted continues to judge Guildford Grove as a **good** school and states that “pupils **love** their school, and this is reflected in their **positive attitudes** and the **exemplary behaviour** seen around the school.”

We aim that every one of our children leaves Guildford Grove with a true love of learning and high aspirations for their future. Our experienced and well-established teachers have high expectations of every pupil and ensure that they reach the best possible

academic standard in a supportive and caring environment. Visitors are always welcome to come in to see the excellent levels of engagement across the school where children enjoy a rich and creative curriculum.

At Guildford Grove we work in close partnership with parents to achieve the best for each child. We understand the pressures of modern family life and our Home School Link Worker supports parents and children at difficult times. We also offer a free Breakfast Club from 8.15am.

Rona Mackie and Lucy Ryder
Co Headteachers





Our Vision and Aims

At Guildford Grove we have a culture of achievement where all can succeed.

Our pupils will:

- have a **love of learning**, so as to become lifelong learners;
- be taught to be **responsible** members of the community, to improve their quality of life;
- be **empowered** to make informed choices, to keep them safe so that they fulfil their potential;
- have the **highest aspirations** for their future, to enhance their life chances.

'Everyone will be polite, respectful and kind to others at all times'

" I have loved watching my children excel at Guildford Grove. They get so much support from all the teaching staff and as a parent I feel I am heard as much as the children" **Parent**



The Guildford Grove Curriculum



At Guildford Grove, we pride ourselves in providing a safe, happy, and stimulating environment where children's learning is at the heart of everything we do. Our priority is to foster our children's excitement and motivation for learning in their formative years, equipping them with the knowledge, skills and understanding to be confident, independent, and responsible citizens and instilling in them a lifelong love of learning.

The curriculum at Guildford Grove is well planned, meaningful, challenging, and practical. It makes connections between all areas of learning, ensuring that the children receive a broad and balanced curriculum across the year groups and an overall well-rounded education.



"The staff are always extremely positive and I feel that we, as parents, are always well informed." Parent

The Learning Environment

The school site is very large, with extensive play areas and a field shared with Kings College, our neighbouring secondary school. Our pond area and courtyard garden were designed by the children with the help of RHS Wisley. A large, paved and covered inner courtyard provides an all year round outside learning area for Nursery and Reception Classes and provides an outstanding facility for our youngest pupils. We have a trim trail, a wooden shelter, an outdoor stage and MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) on our playground which is enjoyed by the children at play and during planned lessons.

"There are vibrant displays of pupils' work in corridors and classrooms. These show work that is of high quality in many subjects. This has created a calm and purposeful learning environment in which all pupils feel safe and valued. You have established a culture which is fully inclusive and one in which all pupils, regardless of background, are warmly welcomed. Pupils love their school and this is reflected in their positive attitudes and the exemplary behaviour seen around the school. Pupils get on very well together and relish learning about the world in which they live." Ofsted November 2018



Early Foundations

Our nursery and reception classes provide a happy and secure environment where children can succeed and feel valued. The practitioners demonstrate their enthusiasm and love of learning which inspires the children to acquire a positive attitude. Our children have access to a range of experiences across seven areas of development which underpin their future learning. Children engage in activities inside and outside which are well planned with clear, achievable learning objectives. The children also initiate their own play which enables them to become absorbed and able to persevere with more challenging tasks. Incidental opportunities are a valuable part of a

foundation stage classroom and teachers are flexible in their delivery of the curriculum to ensure the children benefit from these.

A topic-based approach is adopted throughout which encourages cross curricular opportunities. Children are given opportunities to engage in teacher led and child-initiated play activities. Play is a key way in which young children learn with enjoyment and challenge. Children learn in different ways, so a range of styles are incorporated into everyday opportunities. We value the outdoor environment and realise the impact it has on the children's learning.



Extra-Curricular Activities

At Guildford Grove, we offer a wide range of activities outside the classroom where children can further develop their skills. School staff run clubs for children of all ages both at lunchtimes and after school. A stroll around the school during lunchtime or after school reveals children enjoying taking part in these clubs. eg. gardening, lunchtime club, lots of sports clubs and School Council. The Signing Club in the Lighthouse is always very popular, and many of our pupils are expert signers.

Our staff go above and beyond to ensure the children are provided with a range of unique experiences for them to enjoy.

Children of all ages are encouraged to participate in our high-quality performances throughout the year. For our older pupils, they have an annual opportunity to work on our amazing West End style productions including Hairspray, Grease and many more. Children can act, sing, dance and sign on stage or choose to work backstage.

We also encourage all our pupils to challenge themselves in a range of sporting competitions both in school and against local schools.

Pupils are offered regular educational visits including travelling to London to watch a West End production, visiting a seaside town and attending overnight residentials.



“ There is a sense of pride, with all staff sharing the vision and purpose of making the school the best it can be. Parents are highly positive and this is reflected in the comment made by one parent, who wrote: ‘This is a lovely school and I couldn’t be happier. The teachers are approachable and create interesting and exciting lessons that my daughter is excited to tell me about after school.’ ” Ofsted November 2018



Inclusion

At Guildford Grove, we are incredibly lucky to have highly trained and experienced staff who really know how to support each child to reach their potential, including those with additional needs.

We have a strong reputation in Surrey for the work that we do for pupils with special educational needs, disabilities and pupils who have English as an additional language (EAL.)

We have developed specialisms amongst our staff including a specialist EAL teaching assistant who supports pupils and their families as they settle into life at Guildford Grove.

Our Home School Link Worker's specialist skills enable her to work very effectively to support our pupils, parents and carers through issues which may be upsetting the dynamics of home life.

We are also unique in Surrey as we have a specialist resource centre for deaf children. These children receive tailored teaching in the resource centre and are also full and active members of their mainstream classes. As a result, all our pupils are keen signers.



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