

General:

Why should I keep my child at The Children's House?

The Children's House journey can now take pupils all the way through their formative early and primary years which will allow for a continuity of education and a deep understanding of your child ahead of 11+ preparation. Our small classes will allow for individualised learning within our theme-based curriculum. We are a local school which has always fostered long-term relationships between the school and its families, both past and present, as well as the friendships formed by the children. Children travel locally, making the school day less tiring for them, while friendships are easily maintained within the local area.

Will my child be a guinea pig?

We have brought expert experience into every facet of our expansion project, from our governing board to our curriculum writers. We have a lot to prove and are dedicated to ensuring every child has an inspiring and enjoyable journey with us, reaching their potential before moving on to secondary school. The school already has a track record of very high academic achievement in a creative and friendly environment. Our most recent hires, Ellie Grunewald (Headteacher), Sinead Matthews (Y3 & Head of KS2) and Kate Hardman (Head of Maths), have seen hundreds of children through the 11+ journey.

Admissions and Fees:

What will the fees be? Our fees will be at the same level from Reception to Year 6, with the exception of music tuition. Parents can choose to provide a packed lunch for their child or use The Little Lunch Company, which charges around £5/day for lunches and is booked in advance online. Breakfast and after school clubs are also booked separately if parents wish to access these for their child. All school trips and school equipment are included in the fees apart from overnight Residential Trips in Years 5 and 6.

Will you enrol new children into existing cohorts?

In the past, we have been hesitant to enrol new children into Years 1 and 2 knowing they would be moving on to another school for Year 3. We are now able to actively take on new children knowing they can progress with us all the way to 11, with the aim to have 20 children in each class from Years 1 – 6.

What will the admissions standards be for new students?

We offer on a first come, first serve basis, so long as children can cope with the pace of our curriculum. Children who join us from our Nursery School have automatic entry into the Prep School. For children joining older cohorts, we will ask to see a school report from their current setting or ask to speak with their teacher to understand their educational needs. We would also invite any potential new pupils into the school for a taster day.