

Facilities and Student Experience:

Are the proposed properties large enough to accommodate the school programme?

We will have approximately 80 children at Elmore Street from Nursery to Reception and 120 at King Henry's Walk from Year 1 to Year 6 (circa 20 children per year). We are already licensed to accommodate 160 children over both sites and will be adding a further 40 children to the licence.

Like many London schools, clever timetabling will maximise the space that we have on site, and we will also make use of a variety of external facilities for sports and play, some of which are walkable, and others a short drive by minibus. Lunches and playtimes are staggered and arranged so that children who are close in age can eat and play together. For example, one group will eat an earlier lunch and then go into the playground, while the next eat their lunch and then go offsite to the KHW Adventure Playground or for sports activities. In this way, our facilities will not be overcrowded at any one time.

How will you manage drop off and collection at the main entrance gates at both sites, to avoid congestion as the School grows?

Drop off and collection times at Elmore Street are already staggered by age group, therefore we do not expect there to be congestion at these key times.

At King Henry's Walk, children are collected at 3:30pm or after clubs at 5pm and we have not been experiencing congestion at the main gate thus far. We will be staggering collection from September, with a slightly longer day for KS2 children in Years 3 and 4.

We are investigating several options for bike storage to ensure that as the children grow older and use larger bikes, they will be able to navigate their way through the playground and up the main path. We also ask that parents buy our new larger school bags as children struggle to gather their helmets and lunch bags with the old-style book bags.

Moving forward, we ask that parents consider a scooter, rather than a bike for their child. We may consider using our entrance on Queen Margaret's Grove and, if we start to have concerns about congestion at the main gate, will review our options as the school expands.

Will the playground at King Henry's Walk be large enough to accommodate more children?

Younger children tend to congregate around activities and play in a small area, while older children need a larger space to run and play large games, with breakout areas for groups to gather. In April 2022, our playground was updated with new equipment geared for older children and we will continue to use more traditional play equipment for younger children.

We will carefully manage numbers in the playground at any one time and will utilise offsite venues such as the King Henry's Adventure Playground and sports pitches to ensure the playground is not overcrowded at peak times.

Why is Reception moving to Elmore Street in September 2025?

The Early Years Foundation Stage includes both Nursery and Reception year groups and we plan to build a beautiful centre at Elmore Street to house this Key Stage. In addition to age-appropriate learning and play equipment and a free-flow indoor/outdoor play area, we will continue to employ teachers who will

deliver a curriculum which will prepare children for the step up to Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2), providing a gentle introduction to School at Year 1.

We will prepare our Reception children for the prep environment through weekly timetabled play sessions, dance, PE and assemblies with the older children at King Henry's Walk.

What equipment will the new indoor/outdoor area at Elmore Street have?

We follow a theme-based curriculum throughout the School and invest in a large number of creative and educational toys that support these topics. The children at the Early Years Centre at Elmore Street will benefit from a huge number of resources designed specifically for this age range, enhancing skills such as gross and fine motor and hand eye coordination. The new indoor/outdoor free flow area will allow children to move between activities independently, developing freedom and the independence to choose and distinguish between different environments, playing and learning simultaneously.

Will you provide transport?

If there is demand for it, we will provide a shuttle between the sites.

Will you have specialist facilities?

We are fortunate to have full-sized, professional sports pitches within close proximity to our King Henry's Walk site, which we will use for games lessons and competitive matches with other schools.

We will use the hall as a multi-use space for lunches, assemblies, music lessons, drama classes etc. Art is integrated throughout our curriculum, so this will continue to take place in classrooms, with Art and Design Specialist staff.

To enhance the physical play experience for the children at our Early Years Centre, we have weekly visits to the Almorah Gardens and, while it undergoes renovations, we are currently walking to Rosemary Gardens. These outings provide valuable opportunities for the children to explore, engage in active play, and develop their physical, social, and cognitive skills. With a diverse range of play equipment and supervised activities, we aim to create a nurturing environment that fosters creativity, problem-solving, and social interactions, ultimately promoting their overall development and well-being.

What new equipment will there be for the older years?

As we develop into Key Stage 2 we are investing in new educational resources that support older year groups. Many of these resources are suitable for whole school usage. For IT, we will continue using Google Classroom on Chromebooks to expand learning through our IT scheme: Purple Mash. Our library will be expanded to include books for older readers and PE equipment will also be renewed and upgraded for older children. Our playground at King Henry's Walk has been redeveloped to include more grown-up equipment and more space for children to play. Science equipment will be bought to meet the requirements of the curriculum.