



*The true mark
of a school
is what lies within*

Independent Nursery and Prep School
Cumnor House School, Nursery

Heads Welcome

The formative years of a child's education are filled with excitement, exploration and discovery. They begin to make friends, experience new play and learning opportunities and interact with adults beyond their immediate family.

As part of Cumnor House School, our nursery offers a warm and caring environment to our pupils, each child is treated as an individual and learning is tailored to their needs and progress. As the years progress, focus shifts from learning through play to a more formal learning of reading, writing and early mathematics preparing the children for their transition from nursery to Reception.

Do come and visit us and see for yourself the very special atmosphere at our nursery.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child.

Mr Daniel Cummings

Headmaster



First Steps

At Cumnor House Nursery, we provide a happy and nurturing environment with personal care and support for our children.

Our nursery is available for children from the age of 2 until they enter Reception in the September following their 4th birthday.

We understand that managing careers and childcare is not always easy for parents. That's why we offer two types of nursery provision to suit all parents considering Cumnor House as their school of choice:

Term-time provision

Our Purley nursery is set in a quiet, private, leafy road in a large converted house and has a naturally homely feel. The nursery follows the school terms and is open from 8am – 3pm from Monday to Friday in the term time only. There is the option to join the teatime club (3pm – 6pm) at an additional cost. Parents may opt for 2 to 5 days a week.

“Richly resourced environments, including natural and soft-surface outdoor areas, providing a wide range of easily accessible materials that motivate self-directed play and exploration.”

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Year round provision

Our South Croydon nursery provides year round care, and is open from 8am – 6pm Monday to Friday. The newly refurbished nursery is based within the Boy's school playing fields and provides children with a state of the art environment in which to learn and play. There are 3 inset days a year when the nursery is closed (as well as between Christmas and New Year). Parents may opt for 2 to 5 days a week all year round.





Teaching and Learning

Our approach to teaching and learning will give your child an excellent start to their education at this crucial stage. Our team follow the framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage, which provides guidance and outlines the requirements supporting the learning and development of children in our care.

Our aim is to ensure that a firm foundation is laid to each child's development and future learning; each child partakes in a curriculum of not only literacy and numeracy, but also specialist subjects such as music and sport.

Our nursery runs half-termly theme topics which are incorporated in to each subject activity, from language development to cultural events, the children learn about the wider world and have the opportunity to explore their imagination.

“Specialist teaching, in music.... Physical education and swimming..., significantly enhances the children’s experiences.”

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Meet the Team

Our well qualified and energetic team provides continuity to your children's learning throughout their time at Cumnor House. They are available to speak with you and discuss your child's progress throughout the year.

Head of Early Years Foundation Stage, Boys School

Mrs Maureen Collins, BA (HONS) Open, PGCE

Mrs. Collins is an Early Years specialist with many years' experience teaching in Reception. As Head of EYFS, Mrs. Collins has developed the schools outside environment to provide challenging and exciting surroundings which extend the valuable learning that takes place within the classroom. As an Early Years specialist, her greatest reward is seeing children gaining valuable skills, socialising with others and growing as individuals.

Head of Nursery

Mrs. Carole Finch, FdA NVQ L4

Mrs. Finch has been a Nursery Manager for 16 years, running outstanding private day nurseries. Her focus is on ensuring children are developing independent learning in all seven areas of the EYFS framework; with much of the daily learning carried out through play and focused academic learning in small groups.

Head of Pre-Prep, Girls School

Mrs. Nicola Mearkle, BA (HONS) Primary Education, Canterbury, MA (Open) Special Educational Needs.

With a wealth of experience, Mrs. Mearkle has developed a strong and passionate interest in working with young children and seeing them meet their individual potential. As Head of Pre-Prep, Mrs Mearkle focus is ensuring that all children's personalities can blossom whilst challenging them to work enthusiastically and creatively to the best of their ability.

Admissions

Our dedicated admissions team run personal tours of both settings and are available throughout the year to support you and your child's application to our nursery.

To arrange a visit, please contact us:
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“Every child has an equal opportunity to make significant progress and is well prepared for the next stage in their education.”

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