

Frequently Asked Questions:

How many children/classes are there per year? 60 children in two classes of 30.

My child sometimes struggles to settle, how will you support this?

We have a teacher and a TA in each class. We have a number of Stay and Play sessions in the Summer Term before your child starts and then home visits and a staggered start in the Autumn Term. The very large majority of our children settle very quickly and for those who find it harder we work with parents to find a plan that works for everyone

What is the usual child to staff ratio? 1:15 or even lower if there is a child in the class with additional needs that requires additional adult support. This year the ratio is 1:10 in both classes.

Do you offer school lunches and is there a packed lunch policy? We do have hot lunch and this is free for all of EYFS and KS 1. However, some parents do opt to bring in a packed lunch. We are a 'healthy school' so we recommend only one sweet item, water to drink and nothing with nuts.

Are there before and after school clubs? If so what are the details, eg timings, price etc? We have a Breakfast Club run by the school from 7.40 am to the start of the school day costing £5 per session. We also have an independent after school club that runs on our site and is managed by one of our TAs so she is familiar to all of the children, called Action House. Contact info@action-house.co.uk for further details. We also normally run a range of extra curricular clubs both in house (run by teachers) as well as some non-school run providers (eg dance, photography, French), however these are not currently running due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Is it fairly easy to make an appointment with teachers if there are any concerns to discuss? Teachers are very keen to resolve issues swiftly so if parents contact the school office via phone or e-mail teachers will respond within 48 hours and, if needed, also arrange a face to face meeting.

What is the schools policy on bullying? The policy is on our website

What is the staffing situation like and are there many long standing members? We have a very stable and happy staff with many being on staff for over 10 years.

Is there a recent parent survey or anything similar? We haven't done a formal survey recently but here are a couple of comments from parents in the last one we did "kind, caring, approachable staff", "lunches sounds great", "encouraging children's learning", "nurturing the child as well as the academic success", "parents involved and good communication", "good learning behaviours promoted in Reception", "happy community of children", "Amazing seeing the progress from child who barely knew a phoneme to a reading child in term and a half!"

Are you a feeder school to any secondary schools in the area? There are no formal feeder schools to secondary schools, but the large majority of our children go to either The Priory or The Ashcombe. Both are very good schools in Dorking.

How many applicants last year got a place at the school? Everyone who had us as their first choice ended up getting a place this year and we were able to take 2 children from the waiting list. The year group is full (at 60).