



FINBOROUGH **PRE-PREP** — 2-7 YEAR OLDS —

Start your own exciting adventure!

SCHOOL PROSPECTUS 2021




The start of our journey together...

Childhood is sacred. It's a proven fact that most habits are formed by the age of 7 so why not give your child the best possible start in life?

Finborough Pre-Prep is the start of our school. It is education for our 2 to 7 year olds who then progress into the prep school at Year 3 and into the senior school at Year 7. When a pupil leaves Finborough at 18 after completing their A levels, they will have experienced a first class all round education in and outside of the classroom.

"I like maths because it's fun"





☆
“All of my
friends
are here!”



Reaching their full potential...

From the age of 2, our pupils are surrounded by a group of dedicated professionals who provide a nurturing environment. The children are free to be themselves, alongside learning the basics in life such as manners whilst exploring and developing their character.

We are fortunate enough to have a generous staff to pupil ratio. This enables all staff to have an in-depth knowledge of each child and the ability to have the time to work closely with every pupil, allowing them to reach their full potential. We teach the children through a variety of techniques; we take on some aspects of Montessori, of the Early Learning Goals, of the 'Seven Habits of Highly Effective People' Philosophy and of Learnability. Combining these techniques allows us to have a unique creative curriculum, ensuring that each child feels confident to take a risk and is happy to make a mistake.

“Having lovely teachers”





**"I like P.E
because I
like running"**

Curriculum & Learning...

At Finborough our Pre-Prep curriculum is designed to immerse your child in a wondrous world of discovery. A learning journey that is mapped out for each individual ensuring they make the best possible progress from age two to seven years old, preparing them to progress into our Prep School with a seamless continuity of experience.

Our unique 'Learnability' approach coupled with the 'Seven Habits' lays the strongest foundations for our children to grow in confidence as their skills, knowledge and understanding emerge at such a vital early formative time.

Through an enthralling thematic approach our children adopt the most beautiful social and interpersonal skills as they are prodigiously immersed in early English and Mathematics. Their reading and writing unfurls through a consistent and progressive focus on phonics establishing the strongest roots to support their enquiring minds.

This is further encouraged through forays into science and introduction to the constantly evolving world of technology.

Our immersive and progressive curriculum is characterised through a richness of experience. Core learning is complimented by specialist French, music, drama, art and sport lessons from day one in our Nursery. Whilst the adventure of 'Forest Schools' and the wealth of outdoor space our stunning setting provides ensures the natural world pervades all that we do.

The result is children who make exceptional progress because they are happy and inspired because we are feeding their naturally inquisitive minds and nurturing their many talents. Creating such an expansive approach ensures there are no limits to what our children can achieve every day at Finborough.

Steven T. Clark
Headteacher



☆
“I love Finborough,
it is always
full of fantastic
activities
and smiles” :
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A world of opportunity...

Specialist teaching takes place from nursery for French, drama, sport, music and swimming from reception age (4 years old).

“I like learning new things”





“Spending time
with my friends”



The heart of our school...

At Finborough there are three educators in a child's life: primarily the parents, secondly the teachers and thirdly the environment.

A good home-school partnership is essential and at Finborough we have an excellent relationship with our parents. We do this through our online learning journeys, recorded on 'Tapestry'. Tapestry is a tool that all staff utilise in Pre-Prep. It gives our staff the opportunity to capture a child's 'Wow!' moments, through photographs and videos, which are then posted to parents on the child's individual online learning journey account or site. Parents are then involved continuously in their child's school experience.



"It's so much fun here, I love it"





**"I like playing outside,
especially going
down the slide"**



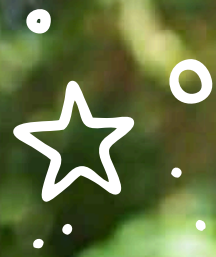
Forest Schools Programme...

Each week the children have a whole afternoon dedicated to the Forest Schools programme.

We have two staff trained in Forest Schools, at Level 3 and Level 2. The children look forward to this session as the activities enable the child to develop a variety of skills including social interaction, turn taking and problem solving. The children do not see their experience in our outside space as learning but more an opportunity to truly be themselves. Often, we find the quieter children in the classroom are the more vocal ones in the forest.

**“I love forest schools
especially swinging
on the tree”**





“Playing in the .  .
playground and
forest schools”

Seven habits of highly effective people...

Every half term the whole school focuses on one habit using age appropriate language and methodology. So our children in Year 1 will have written their mission statements (which is part of habit 2 – Begin with the End in Mind).

The sixth formers help to deliver the habits to the younger pupils, which in turn reinforce their learning. As Covey states you only truly start to live the habits once you have taught them. A common language is developed both in and out of the classroom so it is not uncommon to hear 6 year olds talking about being proactive and 7 year olds talking about filling up someone's bucket!

Coupled with the unique Learnability framework, the habits guide a culture at Finborough which is centred on understanding yourself and striving to be the best you can, respecting others and their differences, taking responsibility for yourself and your decisions and ultimately being successful in whatever you choose to do.

"I love lessons"



“I like Finborough
because I
love learning”

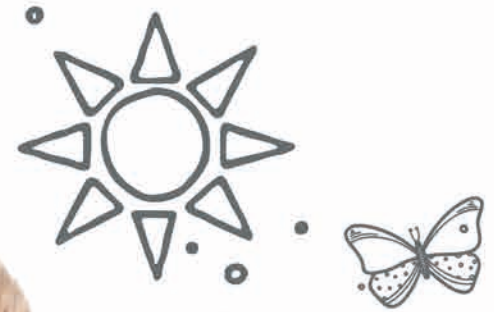


Exciting times are ahead...

A brand new purpose built Learning Centre for Pre-Prep will be opening this spring bringing the team of staff and pupils into one area.

This will allow an increased opportunity for outdoor learning, as classrooms will have direct access to outdoor space and woodland.

“I like dressing up”









**“I like being
outside
with my friends”**



Extending our care...

**Another exciting development
is the introduction of a 43
week school year alongside
the traditional 34 week year.**

From July 2019 our Pre-Prep children will be able to come to school during set weeks of the holidays to be cared for and developed by our existing team of staff. Forest schools, sport, arts and crafts, day trips and swimming are just some of the activities that will be offered during the holidays.

Children can attend for 3 full days or 5 full days depending on what suits you best and we will be open from 8am through to 5.30pm so breakfast lunch and tea will be provided.

**“I like
to paint”**





A day in the life at Pre-Prep...

“As I jump out of my mummy and daddy’s car and we grab my bookbag, we race into my Nursery holding hands. We check on the board outside what we are doing today and then it’s time to say bye to mummy and daddy and hi to my teacher.

I look for my name and find it, today it is on a bee and I stick it in the beehive. Then I look around for the morning activities to have a go at. My teacher does my register, I’m after Oliver and I say ‘good morning’. I love Wednesdays as we do some French and I know how to count ‘un...deux...trois’ and we do PE. I can change some of my clothes myself and I like my red PE top but my teacher helps me with my socks... they are tricky!

Then it is playtime and I want to have a go on the trike today with my friends I am Spiderman and I ate a pear, they are my best.

My teacher shows me a book about an elephant called Elmer he is lots of colours so I do lots of coloured patterns on some paper and they look lovely. Then it is lunch and my teacher shows me how to hold a knife and fork and say my pleases and thank yous. She asks me to try green beans which I do and I like them but my daddy doesn’t like broccoli. I am very helpful as I hold the door open for everyone when we leave and I get a sticker. It has a bear and I like bears.

In the afternoon we do Forest Schools which is like having school in a forest. We go into our school’s woods and have to make mud pies in the kitchen and I build a den out of sticks, I love my den and could live in it. Then I stay with my friends and have tea, it is sausage and mash and gravy, sometimes mummy or daddy join me and eat tea too. Then it is time to go home and show everyone my sticker... **I have had a great day at Finborough.**

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For further information...

To find out more about these developments
and what Finborough Pre-Prep has to
offer your family please see our website:
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