



Kingsgate Primary School



Prospectus



Welcome to Kingsgate Primary School

We have a lovely school over two sites and we are proud of the high standards that we set in all areas of school life. We want all our children to be successful and to go on to secondary school as confident learners. We make sure that children have lessons that interest and challenge them. Children enjoy a range of first hand experiences. They go on many different trips. Visitors, workshops and investigations keep learning exciting. For example, children visit a science laboratory and they make their own shampoo.



Sports coaches teach children sports, games, dance and gymnastics. Children go to lots of competitions and compete with other children. In after school clubs children practise new skills and have fun. We prepare children for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life. We emphasise the importance of cooperation and teamwork.

We want all our children to enjoy school and to do the best they can. If you have any questions, please contact us and we will be happy to help.

Kingsgate values and aims

Our vision, core purpose and values underpin everything we do.

OUR VISION

- Our vision is a school where all children achieve.

OUR CORE PURPOSE

- Our school should give children a skill set that will maximise their positive life chances in the future.
- Our school should give children a particular set of values in the interests of individuals and wider society. These values should prepare our children for life in modern Britain.

Our Values

EXCELLENCE

Getting better never stops
Pride in our school and our successes

RESPECT

Respect for different beliefs and faiths
Respect for our rules
No bullying

RESILIENCE

Cooperation
Keeping going



We praise each other
and recognise and
share our successes



ADMISSIONS POLICY

If you are a parent considering sending your children to us, you are very welcome to contact the school and make an appointment to be shown around. You need to contact Camden Education Department: 0207 974 1625 if you wish to apply for a place in Reception for your child. In all other year groups you should come to the school office to make an application. We will need to see your child's birth certificate or passport, and proof of address. If you accept a place at the school, we will invite you to a meeting where we will ask you to tell us more about your child. You will need to bring your child to this meeting too.

Camden and the school will give priority for admission to any child who has an Education and Health Care plan, under the 1996 Act, where the plan names Kingsgate Primary School as the appropriate school.

Children are admitted in accordance with the LA's admissions policy for this area:

Autumn Term (September):

Children whose fifth birthday occurs on or between 1 September and 31 August

THE SCHOOL DAY

KINGSGATE PRIMARY EYFS & KS1

Liddell Place

School starts at 9am

Early work starts at 8.45am

Breakfast club is 8am -8.45am

The school day ends at 3.30pm

*After school clubs start at 3.30pm
and finish at 4.30pm*

KINGSGATE PRIMARY KS2

Kingsgate Road

School starts at 8.30am

Early work starts at 8.15am

Breakfast club is 7.30-8.15am

The school day ends at 3pm

*After school clubs start at 3pm
and finish at 4pm*



THE EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE

We help the children make the important transition from home to school as smoothly as possible. We want the children to settle into school life, and to feel secure and confident so that they can learn well.

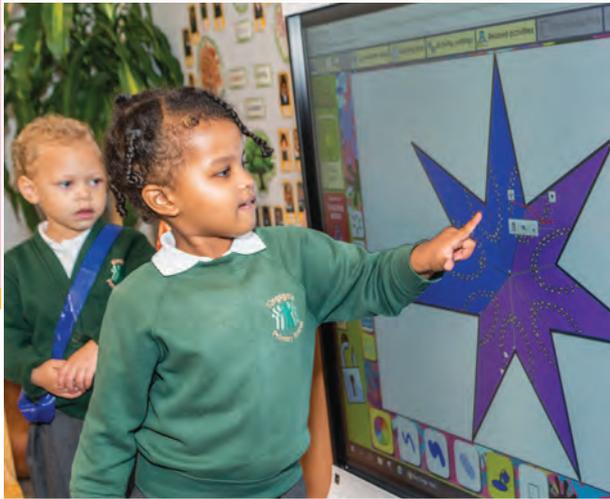
The curriculum for Nursery and the Reception year is called the Early Years Foundation Stage.

It focuses on six areas of learning:

Communication and Language; Literacy; Maths; Personal, Social and Emotional Development; Understanding of the world; Physical development; Expressive Arts and Design.



Working together... Communication, Partnership,



THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM

From Year 1 children follow the National Curriculum which consists of the following subjects that all children study at school:

English

Mathematics

Science

Computing

Art and Design

Design and technology

Geography

History

Music

Religious Education

Physical Education

French

Friendship, Harmony, Acceptance

We offer an exciting curriculum where all the work is planned to engage, challenge and interest children. Children develop the skills, knowledge and understanding they will need in their future lives and they also develop a sense of themselves as citizens of the world.

We aim to strengthen our children's thinking and reasoning skills and to enable them to become articulate speakers. They also learn to respect a range of other views.

Expert sports coaches teach children physical exercise and games. Children in Year 3 go swimming once a week.

A specialist music teacher teaches music and also leads a choir and school band.

More details of the curriculum are available in school or on the school website. We send a curriculum overview home every term or you can speak to your child's teacher for more information.





Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6)

In Key Stage 2 we expect children to read with an adult every evening or to read on their own.

We set them homework every week.

Children who speak a language other than English at home will easily transfer their skills from their home language into English. Please be confident that you can help your child with their learning even if English is not your first language.

We expect children to bring their book bag to school every day with their reading book and homework book



HOMWORK

Foundation Stage

We like children to share books at home.

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)

We like children to read regularly with their parents or another adult. Your child will bring books home regularly from school and we think setting aside some time every day to read with your child is the best way for them to learn to read. We want children to develop a love of books that stays with them all their lives. The children will also bring home some spellings to learn.

From Year 2 the children start to bring home more written homework as well as their reading and spellings.



ASSESSMENT

At the end of each Key Stage (Year 2 and Year 6) there is a national assessment in English and Mathematics. These tests are national assessments called Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs). In Year 2 the teachers' own assessment is the main way of assessing the children. In addition, all the teachers assess the children's learning in every lesson so that they know what each child's next steps are.



THE SEX AND RELATIONSHIPS POLICY AT KINGSGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

At Kingsgate Primary School we do not teach SRE outside the national curriculum, except in Year 6. We teach children the statutory science national curriculum programmes of study.

In Year 6 where aspects of the science taught go beyond the national curriculum, these will be taught in two discrete lessons. Parents will be invited to look at all the materials used and discuss the content of the lessons and will be able to withdraw their child if they wish.



EDUCATIONAL VISITS

We think the children learn a huge amount from visits and we try to take advantage of all the museums, galleries and other exciting places that London offers. We supervise the children in accordance with strict guidelines and parents are generally welcome to accompany the class. We give parents details of any such trips and we always ask for written permission.



Health & welfare of your child

- Each year we ask you to give us details of your address and telephone number. Please make sure you tell us of any changes. We need at least two telephone numbers to contact in case of emergencies.
- First Aid: All of our Learning Support Assistants are qualified First Aiders and receive First Aid training on a regular basis.
- We always tell parents about school trips. We carefully plan all trips and make risk assessments.
- Procedures are in place to ensure your child's safety at school, e.g. all contractors have to sign in and out of the school site, and all staff and visitors have a police check before they can have any contact with the children.

Medicines

Medicines can be brought to school when prescribed by a doctor. No child will be given medicines (prescribed or non-prescribed) without their parent's written consent and the head teacher's written permission.

Asthma

If your child needs an inhaler please contact the school office regarding procedures.

ASSEMBLIES

We have regular assemblies where we reward children and classes for good learning, behaviour, attendance and punctuality. We also have singing assemblies. Collective worship at the school is in accordance with the 1988 Education Act. This means that all the children attend an act of worship at some time during the school day. This may be as a whole school or as a class. If parents wish to withdraw their children from collective worship or RE this is respected. We provide work for any child withdrawn.

BEHAVIOUR AND DISCIPLINE

Our school rules promote positive and responsible behaviour and are on display and constantly referred to by adults in the school:



We respect others

We listen to others

We work hard

We look after school property

We are always in the right place

We follow instructions

We expect children not to retaliate if another child hurts them, but to tell a member of staff what happened so that they can deal with it.

Adults must not approach other parents or children if there is a problem, but must always come and talk to a member of staff.

The ultimate goal should be doing your best.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

We expect children to attend school every day unless they are too sick. Please let us know either by phoning or sending a note if your child is not going to be in school.

If your child needs the dentist or doctor please try to make the appointment for out of school hours. If you cannot avoid making an appointment during school time, please inform the school in advance.

We strongly discourage holidays during term time and it is very rare for the school to give permission for children to be out of school. We report any unauthorised absences to Camden Educational Welfare Service who have the right to issue penalty notices or take legal action.

The school expects mothers, fathers and carers to ensure that their children are in class by the start of the school day.



AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

We offers a wide range of popular after school clubs, both sporting and non-sporting clubs.

There is a breakfast club which is held in the school's lunch hall and where children can

eat a healthy breakfast and enjoy a range of activities. This is a drop-in so parents do not need to book in advance.

There is an after school club on the Kingsgate Road site which is run by P3. The telephone number is 0207 624 8281. Children need to be registered and booked in before they can attend.



.. and enjoying it



Diversity is the one true thing we all have in common...

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

Kingsgate Primary School welcomes all children in the community. We make every effort to ensure that Special Educational Needs or disability will not be a bar to joining in the normal day-to-day activities that other pupils experience.

When we receive an application from a pupil with SEN or disability we work closely with parents, the Local Authority and relevant professionals to make sure that we can meet the child's needs.

Governors set out the school's objectives for SEN provision in the school's School Improvement Plan which is monitored, reviewed and evaluated termly. The school is committed to making the reasonable adjustments necessary to ensure equal access for pupils who have disabilities.

The school welcomes staff and pupils with differing physical abilities within the limitations of the school building and the practicalities of any work required. Governors ensure that equality of access, including access to the physical environment and to the curriculum, is addressed by keeping a School Accessibility Plan. A copy of the school's SEN policy is available from the school office or the school website. If you wish to discuss your child's special educational need, the school's Inclusion Leaders will be happy to meet with you.

HOME SCHOOL LINKS

We build close relationships between home and school because we know that children are happier and learn better if we work well together.

Teachers are busy in the morning but are usually available in the playground after school for a brief chat. If you wish to speak to them for longer, please make an appointment. We hold parents' meetings twice a year. School reports are sent out at the end of the Spring and Summer terms. We send newsletters and other letters with details of meetings, holidays and school events home in your child's book bag. Sometimes children forget to give their parents these letters, so please check your child's book bag regularly.

If you need an interpreter for a meeting or a translation of any school document, please ask at the school office.



Celebrate it every day



SCHOOL MEALS AND PACKED LUNCH

Our cook provides a range of food, including salad and fruit as well as traditional school dinners. Food is freshly cooked every day and popular with the children. All meat is halal. Children may eat a school dinner or bring a packed lunch. Dinner money is payable in advance on Monday for the full week. Please send the exact money in an envelope marked with your child's name.

Children can change from school dinner to packed lunch, or from packed lunch to school dinner only at the beginning of a half term.

Packed lunches should not contain fizzy drinks, chocolate, sweets or crisps. You should provide only water for your child to drink. Please send your child to school with a bottle of water so he or she can drink freely during the day without leaving class.

We give children in Reception or Key Stage 1 classes fruit every day. Children in Key Stage 2 can buy a piece of fruit or healthy snack at morning playtime.

If you receive Job Seekers Allowance or Income Support, your child may be entitled to free school meals. Please ask at the school office.



CONCERNS

We hope you will be very happy with the education and care your child receives at Kingsgate Primary School. If you are unhappy about anything you should first talk to your child's teacher. If you still have concerns please make an appointment to see a senior member of staff. If the matter cannot be resolved informally, then you may wish to raise it formally to be looked into further.

A copy of the school's complaints procedure is available from the school office or website.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Children in the school wear their school uniform with a great sense of pride.

Uniform list

Kingsgate white polo shirt (with collar), Kingsgate green sweatshirt or cardigan, grey trousers or skirt (grey shorts can be worn in summer), green dress for girls in summer. We also have Kingsgate bags, hats and warm fleeces for sale. You can order and pay for school uniform at the school office on any day and collect it on Wednesdays.

Clothing for Physical Education

All the children have weekly sessions of dance, gymnastics or games. They should wear trainers or PE shoes, white t-shirt, grey jogging bottoms or shorts, and a green Kingsgate sweatshirt in winter.

Please send your child's PE kit to school in a draw-string bag.

We advise you to label your child's uniform as we cannot accept responsibility if anything is lost. Marker pens are on sale in the school office.

Jewellery

Children may wear a wrist watch to school. If they have pierced ears they may wear stud earrings. We do not allow any other jewellery.

Lost property

Lost property is kept in boxes inside the KS1 and KS2 buildings. You are welcome to go and look if your child loses an item of clothing.

Mobile phones and electronic games

We do not allow children to bring mobile phones into the playground or into lessons. You may leave a mobile phone at the school office in the morning if you wish your child to have one after school. We do not allow toys or electronic games in school.

Working in partnership with parents

Where there are concerns of a child welfare nature the school has a duty to share information with other relevant agencies in the best interest of the child.



DATA PROTECTION

We transfer the information you provide on the admissions form to our computer system. Only the Headteacher, Deputy headteachers and administrative staff have direct access to that information although it is shared with teachers as necessary.

Under no circumstances will the information be given to any other persons. You have the right to ask to see any computer-based information about your child.



We are very proud of our school and we think that we are lucky to have your child here. We want the very best for your child in every way and hope that you will be happy with the education your child receives here. If you have any concerns or if you would like to tell us that you are happy with what we are doing, our door is always open.

