

2024/2025

# ADMISSIONS INFORMATION



Dear Parents

Thank you for attending our Open Morning. We hope you enjoyed your visit and that you were able to get a sense of the warm and inclusive environment that we are so proud of at Grimsdell Pre-Prep.

Our Admissions Information Pack includes a wealth of information regarding the Admissions process and other key School information. Many of you will have already Registered your child(ren) with us, however, if you are yet to Register and you would like to do so, please visit the Registration page on our website.

If you have any queries arising from your visit, I would be very happy to hear from you, so please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best wishes

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Grimsdell is a co-educational pre-prep school for children aged 3-7. Entry is available at 3+ (Nursery) and 4+ (Reception).

## 3+ NURSERY 2024

We are still accepting Registrations for children with a date of birth between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021, however, our initial registration list will close shortly, early registration is therefore strongly encouraged.

### Our Nursery

We welcome approximately 40 pupils into our Nursery every September.

We offer a full day Nursery provision, with children spending half of their day in our Nursery classroom and half the day in our Nursery Forest School, including our newly built outdoor classroom.

Scan the QR code to read our Nursery in Nature Brochure:



### Interviews and Assessments

Our Nursery assessments take place in the November prior to the year of entry. Each applicant Registered on to our Initial Registration List will be invited to take part in our interview and assessment process.

Our interview and assessment process consists of an informal parent interview with the Head and a child-led, play-based assessment for the child. The process takes place in our outdoor Cabin, our 'Cabin in the Woods' and the family group will remain together for the duration of the assessment.

Please note that it is not possible to defer offers for our Nursery to our Reception Year Group. If you are offered a place in the Nursery and you are unable to accept for any reason, you would be invited to join us for a further assessment the following year for a possible place in our Reception Year Group.

## 4+ RECEPTION 2024

We are still accepting Registrations for children with a date of birth between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, however, our initial registration list will close shortly, early registration is therefore strongly encouraged.

### Our Reception Year Group

There are three classes that make up our Reception Year Group. Two classes are largely filled by our Nursery children moving up to Reception, we therefore have one class, approximately twenty places, to offer to our external applicants.

### Interviews and Assessments

Our Reception assessments take place in the January of the year of entry.

We conduct a two-phase assessment process for entry into our 4+ Reception Year Group. The first-round assessment consists of a 'play-date' group assessment for children. Assessments take place in our Outdoor Learning Area and are overseen by our Early Years Team. Applicants joining us the second round of assessments will take part in a family assessment, consisting of an individual pupil assessment with our Early Years Team and an informal interview for the parents, conducted by our Head, Mrs Simon.



## Registering Your Child

If you are ready to Register your child with us, please complete our on-line Registration Form making payment of the non-refundable Registration Deposit of £150.00.

## Sibling Policy

We do operate a Sibling Policy and priority is given to applicants who have a sibling in the Foundation, subject to our assessment programme.

## Chance Vacancies

Occasionally there are places available in other years, known as 'Chance Vacancies'. Please contact us to find out about possible places.

## The Best Way to Visit Us

We love nothing more than welcoming new families to our School and sharing with them all that we have to offer at Grimsdell Pre-Prep. Our School is surrounded by nature and we take full advantage of this, the children are fully immersed in their outdoor learning and our outside facilities are a real highlight of a visit to Grimsdell.

We also host a number of small group/family tours throughout the year. To register your interest for any of these events please visit the Open Morning and Tours page on the School website. We look forward to welcoming you.



**School Fees applicable from 1 September 2023 will be as follows:**

Fee	Description	£
<b>Registration Fee</b>	The non-returnable charge for lodging a Registration form.  Payment of registration fees must be made through the online payment portal Flywire which provides you with an easy and secure way to make payment. To make a payment, please visit millhillregistration.flywire.com	£150.00

<b>Acceptance Deposit</b>	The Acceptance deposit is payable on return of the completed Acceptance Form. This deposit will be repaid as a credit without interest after the final term, less any other sums due to the School on leaving subject to The Foundations Standard Terms & Conditions.	£2000.00
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Tuition Fee:	Per term	Per annum
<b>Nursery Full Day</b>	£5,400.00	£16,200.00
<b>Reception – Year 2</b>	£6,300.00	£18,900.00

The tuition fee also includes additional charges for curriculum expenses and additional contributions towards basic sports trips and visits.

**Notes:**

A full terms fees may be applicable in accordance with The Mill Hill School Foundation Standard Terms and Conditions in the circumstances where a pupil is being withdrawn from the School prematurely and without proper notice.

**Payment Arrangements:** The Foundation prefers that tuition fee invoices be paid by Termly Direct Debit. New / prospective parents will only be able to access the form once their Firefly account has been setup by the school.

**Due Date:** Each term's invoice for fees and extras is due for payment on or before the first day of term.

**Late payment Charge on Overdue Accounts** are applicable in accordance with The Foundations Standard Terms and Conditions.

**Queries:** For any fee related queries please contact the fees department by email to [fees@mhsfoundation.org.uk](mailto:fees@mhsfoundation.org.uk)

‘Early Years’ encompasses all children in our Nursery and Reception classes.

Our play-based curriculum enables children to learn in a variety of ways; through their senses, through investigation, experimentation, listening, watching, social interaction, questioning and exploring. A safe, secure environment is provided for the children in which to interact and explore rich and diverse learning opportunities both indoors and outdoors.



Children are encouraged to initiate their choice of activities and tidy them away, teaching them to care for their environment and developing key skills in independence.

The children engage in both adult directed and child initiated activities, offering learning styles to suit all children.

## Nursery

Our Nursery for three to four year olds offers a stimulating and secure environment. The children’s day is divided between the classroom and our dedicated Nursery Forest School.

### Format of the day

	<b>Hedgehogs</b> (3 members of staff) 	<b>Squirrels</b> (3 members of staff) 
<b>8:30am – 11:30am</b>	Forest School	Nursery
<b>11:30am – 12:30pm</b>	LUNCH TIME	
<b>12.30pm – 3.15pm</b>	Nursery	Forest School

Our Nursery team is led by Miss Adene Davey, she is supported by a Forest School Leader and a team of Nursery Assistants, together they provide a programme of activities both in the classroom and the Forest School, which offer variety and are developmentally appropriate to the individual child.

The activities are organised to allow children to explore and learn following the Early Years Foundation Stage. The children are given time to investigate, experiment and engage in open-ended play. Each term the children work on different topics using the ‘Early Years Foundation Stage’ as a framework for planning.

The Nursery class is an integral part of the whole School. The Nursery classroom offers a home corner, reading and listening area, a painting, sand and water area, as well as a wealth of construction toys and puzzles. It has its own quiet, fenced outdoor play area, offering a safe adventure playground. Whilst the Forest School at Grimsdell offers children the opportunity to take supported risks appropriate to the environment and to themselves. It allows them to attempt new challenges that they would not face in a classroom. There are opportunities for children to experience the ‘classroom’ of the outdoors engaging in activities such as tree climbing, making dens and reading in the fresh air.

## Reception

Reception is for children aged four and five. The three Reception classes each have a teacher and a teaching assistant. The timetable is organised to give each class one day a week to base themselves in our outdoor classroom, providing the children with free-flow access to the outdoor learning environment.



The Reception classrooms offer a variety of different areas for the children to explore; designed to meet the needs of each new cohort. These include a role play area, reading and listening area, a creative area, sand and water, a wealth of construction toys and puzzles.

Children learn to work independently as well as part of a team. The children are supported and encouraged throughout the year to ensure a smooth transition into Year 1.

Progression is carefully tracked against the Early Learning Goals and learning is enabled to suit each individual's needs and interests.

### Language Development

Phase 1 phonics are introduced in Nursery to develop listening skills, through a range of activities, which offer a wealth of opportunity to discover a love of books, stories, poems, songs, rhymes and storytelling.

The school follows the 'Anima Phonics' scheme of work and during the Spring and Summer term Nursery children are introduced to all the single sounds of the alphabet before they move on to Reception where they progress through phase 2, 3 and 4 phonics.

Writing skills are developed through a range of activities designed to strengthen fine motor skills. This encourages independent mark making in a variety of ways leading on to writing.

Speaking and listening is an integral part of everyday life in our Early Years. The children are encouraged to share their ideas with each other, as well as listen to and understand instructions.

### Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy

Practical activities provide the foundation for numeracy. The children use mathematical language, become familiar with number rhymes, songs and stories and begin to use their mathematical understanding to solve practical problems. Numicon is used throughout the year to encourage and stimulate mathematical development.

### Music

The Children are given the opportunity to sing, move and use musical instruments and listen to a variety of music with our specialist teachers. In Reception this culminates with a production at the end of the year.

### PE

Dance, movement, apparatus and games take place in the Hall with our specialist teacher.

### Technology

Grimsdell children learn to be creative and active in their approach to Computing. We teach it as a discrete subject, with a specialist teacher, from the age of three, using programmable toys, a range of software and resources. We have 1-to-1 iPads in Year 1 and 2 to enhance their learning and link to the creative curriculum wherever we can and also a class set of iPads in EYFS class. In EYFS and KS1 we also use online journals to document their learning and share children's work with parents.



# BREAKFAST CLUB

**Our Breakfast Club runs weekly Monday – Friday, from 7.30am.**

Open to all pupils in Nursery – Year 2, Breakfast Club is held in the School Hall and offers a fun and friendly start to the day.

The children can choose from a variety of cereals, toast and fruit, water and milk is available and, as a special treat on Fridays, children enjoy pancakes and croissants.

**£8**  
per session

**from**  
**7:30am**

**1:8**  
Staff to  
pupil ratio

Stay & Play is our flexible after school care provision for children who wish or need to stay at School beyond school hours and are not in a club.

We provide children with a fun and productive experience with a wide choice of planned activities.

**£7.50**  
per hour

**3:15-  
5:30pm**

**1:8**  
Staff to  
pupil ratio

#### **Who can attend?**

Open to all pupils in Nursery - Year 2.

#### **When / Where?**

Daily between the times of 3:15–5:30pm. Stay & Play sessions are held in either a Reception or a Nursery classroom, with the option of outdoor play (weather depending) as well as games and activities being held in the Hall.

#### **Prices and Collection Information**

£7.50 per hour charge. To incur just the one hour charge you would need to collect by 4:15pm. You are welcome to collect your child at any time during the late room session providing it is no later than 5:30pm.

#### **Refreshments**

All Children will be provided with a snack which will consist of crackers and cheese or bread and butter, a selection of fruit and crudités and a drink. This is followed by a choice of a plain or chocolate biscuit.

#### **Activities**

A variety of activities will be available for the children to choose from. These include, but are not limited to, artwork, role play, construction play and board games. Our Grimsdell Teaching Assistants provide a fun and interactive Stay and Play facility.



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