



Claremont

PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL



Welcome



Welcome to Claremont Primary and Nursery School and thank you for your interest in our school.

We are a Local Authority maintained school which is also a part of Nottingham Schools Trust (NST), an umbrella organisation that provides support and guidance to many other schools across the city.

The school is a Grade II listed building and was first opened in 1884. We have an inclusive ethos and enjoy educating children from a wide range of cultures and faiths. We celebrate that diversity and look for the bonds that unite us rather than the differences that separate us. Indeed, that ethos crosses over into everything that we do. Our children are at the heart of everything that we do. We aim to provide a broad and balanced curriculum supported by an extensive range of extra-curricular activities. Through high aspirations and high expectations our children make rapid progress during their time with us both academically and personally. We aim to establish an environment that is safe, friendly and focused on providing the very best for every child every day.

I look forward to welcoming you to our school. We are very proud of what we achieve and hope that you want to join us on our journey.

Rob Campbell
Headteacher



Vision & Values

Our Vision is:

To be an **inclusive school** where everyone is encouraged to **fulfil their potential**, **discover new talents** and **develop a love for learning**.

We have 3 school aims:

1. To ensure our children are happy, safe and secure.
2. To raise standards by having high expectations of the teaching and learning in our school
3. To encourage all children to be polite, well behaved and to take responsibility for their actions

Our school has 7 core values:

- **Achieve excellence** – “Be the best you can be.”
- **Work, play and have fun with others** – “Collaborate as a family”
- **Embrace diversity** – “Be proud of who we are and where we come from”
- **Show respect** – “Everyone is different but everyone is equal”
- **Overcome obstacles** – “Show resilience and challenge yourself”
- **Make memories** – “Be inspired and follow your passions”
- **Enjoy the journey** – “Love learning for a lifetime”

Through learning these AWESOME values as we go through school, we grow to love and care for each other and the world around us and learn to live and thrive in our exciting futures.

Learn it! Love it! Live it!





The Curriculum

Children are taught through a project-based approach and each theme is launched with a spectacular start and ends with a fabulous finish.

Our curriculum is an exciting blend of key academic skills, development of important knowledge and the building of vital skills that all combine together to make learning that is challenging, relevant and fun!

Our curriculum will enable our children to develop and demonstrate their creativity, lay the foundations of a solid base of knowledge and understanding that can be built upon in the future and experience the challenge and excitement of learning.

Through a broad and balanced approach to learning our children will have the opportunity to develop self-esteem and confidence in their abilities, learn to respect themselves and others, build respectful friendships and relationships, be comfortable when they make a mistake and use it as an opportunity to learn something new and reflect and think mindfully about their learning, themselves and others.



Early Years

Foundation Stage

The early years are known as the Foundation stage for a reason.

They provide the blocks upon which we build our futures. With firm foundations, children can build on their knowledge and skills and apply it in all areas of their lives. We strive to ensure that the children in our Nursery and Reception classes have the chance to play, learn, grow and develop in a safe and happy environment. Our children have access to a vibrant and thriving learning environment which encourages them to find things out by asking questions, making mistakes and building on their learning. Our children are encouraged to use language as a tool for thinking, exploring and expressing their ideas. The provision is tailored to meet the needs of all of our children and foster independence in our youngest learners.



Inclusion

Claremont is an inclusive school where all children, regardless of ethnicity, culture, gender or Special Educational Need or Disability, are encouraged to be the best that they can be.

We embrace diversity and celebrate our differences as well as our similarities. Claremont is a friendly, welcoming school where all of our pupils aim to achieve and do their best. We are ambitious for our pupils, providing them with opportunities to dream and pathways to help them to achieve their dreams. Our high expectations of work and behaviour are shared by all of our children and their parents or carers. We want all of our pupils to experience the joy of discovery and the satisfaction of putting that new knowledge to good use in a variety of ways. We want our pupils to...

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Wrap Around Care

At Claremont we want to support the needs of our children beyond the school day.

We offer a breakfast club that starts at 7.30 every morning. The children can come in and join each other for breakfast and take part in a range of fun social activities before starting the school day. We also offer a wide-range of extra-curricular clubs after school as well as an after-care facility which runs until 6.00pm. During this time the children get a snack and take part in fun activities which engage their brains and their bodies. Both these facilities run at a small cost that can be supported by the Pupil Premium for those who are eligible.



Learning Environments

We feel that the environment is key to the learning, development and well-being of our pupils and staff.

Each classroom has been updated with a new interactive screen, the pupils have access to i-pads and laptops as well as having the opportunity to learn musical instruments. We have one small hall which is used for dining, breakfast and after-school clubs, teaching and assemblies. We also have a large gym which is used for curricular PE, after school sports such as basketball and yoga and assemblies. Outside we have a large playground with an artificial football pitch and cricket pitch, a large adventurous climbing frame and spaces for the children to socialise and chill! Our smaller playground is equipped with a stream, a climbing frame and some tree-houses for the children to play and explore. Our Early-Years department also has exciting outdoor areas to continue their provision from inside their classrooms. If you want to see it for yourselves, why not contact the school office and book yourself in for a visit? We would love to see you!



The Journey

Our children and families can start their journey with us in our Nursery where we offer 15 hours of free provision – that is 5 mornings or 5 afternoons a week.

In some cases, funding is available to support 30 hours per week. The learning is child-centred, play focused and introduces our children to the Claremont way. After leaving the Nursery children move into our Reception classes where they begin to learn their key sounds and number bonds. We have 2 Reception classes with a maximum number of 60 children in total. Our aim is to serve our community and we encourage our parents to join us often and help their children to learn at home. The children then move through Key stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) and Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) until they are ready to go on to secondary school. We hope that everything about our school reflects our community and children here make excellent progress. We are very proud of who we are and where we come from.



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