



ST GEORGE'S
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

NURSERY

FROM AGE 3





'The quality of the staff in terms of academic qualifications, relevant experience and personalities is beyond impressive.' Parent



We listen, they learn.

Nursery education at St George's is from age 3 for girls and boys. We welcome boys up to the start of their pre-school year.

Set in a beautiful parkland environment in the heart of Murrayfield, we aim to offer your child something wonderful: the best possible start in life; educational excellence inside and outside the classroom.

One step at a time, we'll help your child develop the skills, independence and confidence to prepare for starting school.

How will we achieve this?

By listening to the children and you, the parents.

We also aim to offer you the flexibility you want whilst giving our nursery children the individual care and attention they need.

LISTENING

We pride ourselves on getting to know all of our children well. Their happiness is at the heart of all that we do.

LEARNING

We provide a high level of individual attention and tailor our curriculum to best meet the needs of each learner.

FLEXIBILITY

Our wrap-around care services offer parents flexible timings to suit their needs.

In our nursery, we focus on children learning through play, outdoor learning and laying a solid foundation in pre-literacy, writing and numeracy skills. All our nursery staff are experienced primary teachers and Early Years Practitioners. They have an excellent knowledge of the ways in which children develop and learn, and a clear understanding of possible next steps in children's education.

Specialist teaching

Individual expression, creativity and enquiry skills are encouraged through weekly specialist lessons in PE, music and art, with regular opportunities to experience science, drama, dance and yoga.

Extensive facilities

The nursery accommodation is housed within a wing of the Junior School giving our children access to facilities that are beyond most nurseries. There are six playrooms over two floors with large wooden play houses, art areas, baking, dressing-up resources, messy play areas and more. French windows give immediate access to spacious outdoor purpose-built play areas including the Fantastical Forest (our outdoor forest classroom), all weather surfaces, playing fields and landscaped gardens.

Outdoor learning

Outdoor learning, with its practical hands-on approach, is a vital component of nursery education at St George's. We provide the perfect environment for children to experience the excitement and enjoyment that comes from spending time outdoors. Through outdoor play, children learn to explore, investigate, ask questions and problem-solve. Children learn through play, becoming more responsible and independent, taking risks in a safe environment.

In our extensive outdoor areas, our children's experiences include building dens, planting vegetables, handling a wide range of loose parts and art activities. Our children have freedom to move and space to play.

All our facilities offer many opportunities for imaginative role-play, adventurous play and environmental learning.

Timetable

Morning sessions

During the morning, children participate in learning experiences through planned for, child-led and spontaneous play. The children experience sessions in PE, ballet, music, drama, art, library (with stories, instruments and songs), outdoor learning and woodwork.

Afternoon sessions

Afternoons include trips to the beach for coastal learning, where children explore and learn about the environment. We visit Murrayfield House Care Home, where children play games and hear stories with the elderly residents. There is a nursery art club for the children to explore all types of imaginative creativity and free expression whilst developing their fine motor skills, a yoga club and our science afternoon with themed science activities.



'The size and use of the school grounds are superb as they base a lot of the learning on playing outdoors.' Parent





‘Love the focus on child-led learning and the flexible approach which is adopted around listening to the children and creating topics they are interested in.’

Parent



6 fast facts about the step-up from ante pre-school to the pre-school year

The pre-school year

- 1 Led by a qualified primary teacher
- 2 Specialist teachers for PE and Music
- 3 Small class size with lots of individual attention
- 4 Emphasis on learning skills to prepare for Primary 1, ensuring a smooth transition
- 5 A myriad of experiences for developing pre-literacy, pre-writing and pre-numeracy skills
- 6 Biannual parent consultations and annual formal written report

The pre-school year (4-5 year old girls)

St George's pre-school continues to provide the building blocks for a lifetime of learning by laying a solid foundation in pre-literacy and pre-numeracy skills.

Through play and high quality learning experiences, we focus on fostering positive social and emotional skills and learning techniques to improve concentration, attention and communication. The girls learn to interact positively, to socialise, to share and to take turns enabling them to build friendships and become successful negotiators.

Smooth transitions to Junior School

As an all-through school, we guarantee smooth transitions at all stages. Children feel secure and known in Nursery, and that feeling of belonging continues throughout the school. During their time in the nursery, the children enjoy lessons in the Junior School gym, music room and library, and enjoy lunch in the school dining hall.

Our pre-school girls also join Junior School girls in assemblies in the hall, visit classrooms and meet up with the Primary 5 girls who will be their buddies when they move to Primary 1.

Parents are invited to events, performances and special visits to the Junior School to further assist their child in making the transition to school.

Sessions and times

Morning half day session	Morning half day session with lunch	Full day session
9.00 to 12.00 noon (arrival from 8.30 am)	9.00 to 1.00 pm (arrival from 8.30 am)	9.00 to 3.00 pm (arrival from 8.30 am)
Minimum sessions To build stamina, increase learning, engagement and smooth transitions at each stage		
Ante-preschool (3-4 year olds) – 5 mornings, building up to 2 full days and 3 mornings (by Summer Term)	Pre-school (4-5 year olds) – 2 full days and 3 mornings, building up to 5 full days (by Summer Term)	
Wrap-around care available from 7.45 – 8.30 am and 3.00 – 6.00 pm during term time		

Holiday Club – For children from 3 – 8 years, Holiday Club opens at 8.00 am and closes at 5.00 pm, Monday – Friday. This runs during all school holiday periods apart from Christmas. There are part day and full day sessions available.

Not sure if St George's is right for your child? Ask about our free nursery 'taster' sessions.

Read our reviews to find out why our parents rate us with a 9.8 out of 10 review score

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'We chose St G's as we love its size and the feeling that you get whenever you approach the school. It is so much more than just a place of learning. There is a real tangible sense of community and belonging.' Parent

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