



# TRURO PREP SCHOOL

## **Pre-Prep Frequently Asked Questions**

**2018 - 2019**

**Who helps my child choose a balanced meal?**

The teachers, assistants and kitchen staff will all encourage the pupils to make sensible choices. Parents are given the menus and may indicate to the teacher their child's preferences for each day.

**Do the children learn a foreign language?**

**Yes.** German is taught in Nursery and **French** is taught from Reception to Year 2.

**Do the children have music lessons?**

**Yes.** Each class has one music lesson every week.

**Can my child learn a musical instrument?**

**Yes – from Year 2 onwards.** All pupils in Year 2 learn an instrument and may also learn another instrument, such as the guitar, violin, cello, drums or piano, but only with the consent of their Class Teacher. We also offer singing lessons.

**Do you offer swimming and, if so, how often will my child have swimming lessons?**

**Yes. We have our own heated indoor pool on site.** Pupils swim at least once per week (subject to attending on one of the swimming days).

**Can my child have ballet lessons?**

**Yes.** Parents can opt for their child to attend ballet classes, which are taught by a specialist teacher, for an additional charge.

**Do you have an Early Birds' Club and an After School Care Club?**

**Yes.** Early Birds' Club is available for pupils in the dining hall from 7.45am. **Supervision is free.** The usual charge of £2.50 applies if your child requires a breakfast. For those who are not eating, there will be simple games and activities.

There is an **After School Care Club** that runs from 3:45pm to 5:30pm and is held in the Pre-Prep building where a variety of activities are available. Pupils can also order a packed tea for £3.20 for them to take away for the journey home. At 5.30pm, all pupils still at the club will be brought across to the Dining Hall to join the Supper Club, from where they should be collected.

**Supper Club** starts at 5.30pm and continues until 6.15pm. There is a **supervision charge of £6** made for all children who attend for any part of this time.

Further information can be obtained from Ms Kate Williams, EYFS Coordinator or Peter Sharp, KS1 Coordinator, Tel: 01872 272616 or Mrs Simone Weston, Head's PA/Admissions, Tel: 01872 243120

**How much or how little can my child attend the Nursery?**

Pupils may join the Nursery for a minimum of two full days per week up to full time. The number of days can be increased during the course of the year. The exact arrangements can be discussed prior to joining and will depend very much on each individual child and their ability to cope with the academic and social demands of school.

**Can I claim the Early Years Funding at Truro Prep?**

**YES.** The funded hours to which all parents of pupils aged 3 and 4 are entitled run from 12.30pm to 3.30pm each day. There are no charges for these sessions, but if parents want their child to attend for more than these hours, ie for full days, then they must do this through a separate agreement with the school, and these additional hours are charged at the full fee rate for the school.

**What is the Reception Class?**

This is the class your child will join in the September after their fourth birthday.

**Will my child still be able to attend part-time when he/she joins the Reception Class?**

**No.** All pupils who enter the Reception Class are required to attend full-time from 8.40am to 3.30pm, Monday to Friday.

**Can I use Childcare Vouchers when I pay the fees?**

**Yes.** We confirm that we are able to accept Child Care Vouchers for fees until the term following the child's fifth birthday as long as all other conditions surrounding the use of the vouchers are satisfied.

**Does my child have to wear school uniform?**

**Yes.** All pupils wear an age appropriate version of the school uniform.

**Do you cater for pupils who require special diets and do your menus include foods from other world cultures?**

We have a fantastic in-house catering team who will do their best to meet any special dietary needs the pupils may have. The menus are designed to reflect different world cultures. There is always a vegetarian option available.

## INTRODUCTION

It gives me great pleasure to extend a very warm welcome to you from all of us here at Truro Prep School. In joining our school, whether as a parent or as a pupil, you are becoming a member of a unique community, where, above all, the lasting impression will be one of warmth and friendliness.

I hope that you enjoyed your experience at the school today and that all your questions were fulfilled. However, after leaving us you may still have some questions unanswered.

This booklet is based on frequently asked questions from prospective parents and is designed to help you prepare and to provide a useful compendium of information about how the school operates. If, after reading this, you need further guidance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sarah Patterson  
Head of Truro Prep School

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# Questions Frequently Asked by Prospective Parents

## Children aged 3 to 7 years (Pre-Prep):

### **I want my child to come to this school, what do I need to do?**

**Come and visit us.** We run Open Days each term, informal guided tours on most Tuesday mornings or you can make an appointment to have a tour with the Head or the Head of Pre-Prep. We would be delighted to see you and your children. For more info, check the welcome page on the website or contact the Head's Secretary.

### **I have already visited the school. What do I do now?**

**Complete the blue registration form** which is found inside the Prospectus and return it to the Head's PA with the registration fee of £50.

### **Does returning a registration form guarantee my child a place?**

**No.** There may be a waiting list for your child's class. We will, however, immediately confirm in writing whether your child has secured a place or been placed on a waiting list.

**For children aged 5 years and over** (for entry into Year 1 and Year 2) there is an entry process, which entails your child joining a class here for at least a day. This will be explained in detail on a preliminary tour of the school.

### **What does Nursery mean at Truro Prep?**

This is the section of the school for pupils **aged 3 to 4 years** old.

### **At what age can my child start in the Nursery?**

Pupils may join the Nursery from the start of the half-term after their third birthday.

### **Are there taster days for Nursery?**

**Yes.** In the half term prior to joining you and your child will be invited to attend taster days as an introduction to school life, during which you will be able to discuss your child's needs with the staff.