



YEARS 1 & 2

Parent Handbook 2024



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A Warm Welcome

It is my absolute pleasure to welcome your child to Lingfield College Prep. We are delighted that you have joined our school community and that you have chosen us to share in this exciting journey of education.

Lingfield Prep is a happy, caring, family school where every child feels valued as an individual and encouraged to flourish and fulfil their potential. I consider myself fortunate to be able to witness first-hand these unique and curious learners grow and develop as they move on up through the School. Each day brings with it an opportunity to learn, a new experience, an exciting discovery, a moment of revelation and a reason to laugh and smile.

I hope you find this parent handbook a useful tool to help you navigate through the first few months here. We do always welcome communications from parents if you feel you need further information or would like a helping hand. Our door is always open.

The staff team and I look forward to getting to know you and your child in the coming years and helping them thrive throughout their time here.

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Inspiring Exciting Futures

At Lingfield College, we believe the definitive measure of a school is in preparing pupils to take a positive and contributing role in society. We believe every child can be inspired and empowered to be the best and happiest they can be. As a School we are ambitious for and with every pupil, devoting our resources to provide an outstanding education that opens doors, inspires a love of learning and develops the skills and characteristics needed to become future leaders.

Pupils who leave Lingfield at the end of their school career are academically ambitious, well-rounded individuals with the strength of character, humility and social mindset to make their mark in the world.

Our Purpose

We are guided by a simple philosophy that:

"Together we can inspire and enable every pupil to truly flourish socially, academically and creatively to fulfil their aspirations and lead exciting, meaningful lives."



Our School Aims

- To be a safe and trusted foundation for our pupils to achieve their individual academic, social and creative potential.
- To cultivate the skills, knowledge, self-awareness and academic credentials our pupils will need to confidently meet the challenges of our rapidly changing world.
- To instil and nurture a strong sense of social responsibility, moral justice and environmental awareness so our pupils can positively contribute to a sustainable and just society.
- To guide each child in the discovery, delight and development of their unique gifts, talents and character.
- To create and sustain an inclusive and contemporary school culture, where diversity, difference and individuality are recognised and celebrated.
- To prioritise physical and emotional wellbeing across every facet of our school community.

Prep School Motto



"I CAN...I KNOW I CAN."

It promotes confidence, resilience and self-belief that guides every member of our school family as we learn and achieve together in a happy, supportive environment.

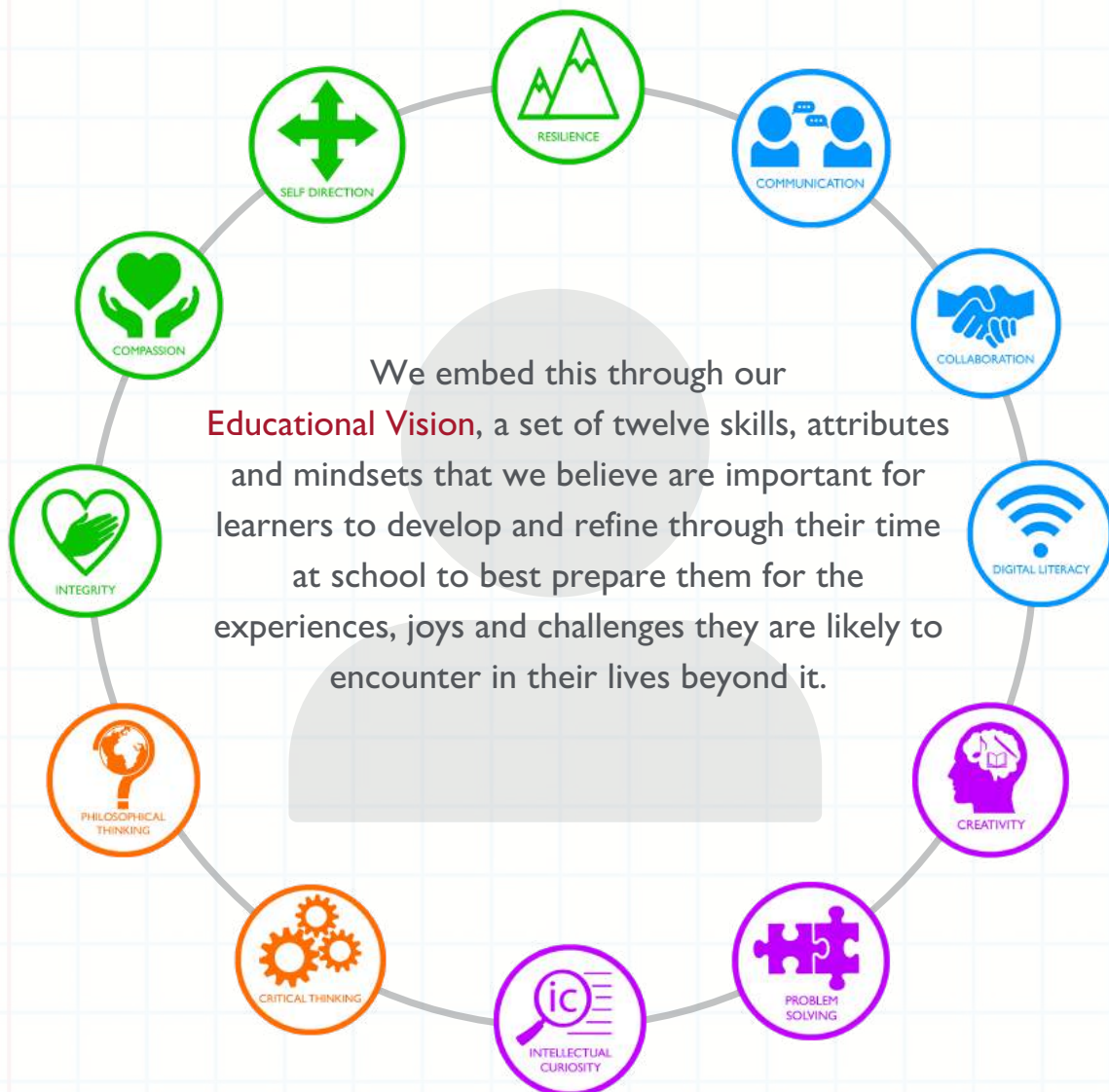


Learning for Life

A great education is so much more than a set of impressive academic grades. At Lingfield Prep, we believe that a child's character and mindset profoundly affect their academic and social success. Those who show determination and resilience in their learning and who have high standards in what they do are better equipped for the challenges and opportunities that come their way. Academic learning and cultivating character go hand-in-hand in building confident and robust children



Our Educational Vision





Communication:
Sharing information
with others



Critical Thinking:
Analysing and Evaluating



Collaboration:
Working well
together



Philosophical Thinking:
Asking thoughtful
questions.



Digital Literacy: Use
technology
confidently



Integrity: Making the
right choices



Creativity: Exploring
new ideas



Compassion: Caring
about others



Problem Solving:
Searching for
solutions



Self Direction:
Learning on your
own



Intellectual Curiosity:
Wanting to know
more



Resilience: Not
giving up

The School Day

Arrival & Registrations

- Year 1 & Year 2 classrooms open at 8.30 am, registration is at 8.45 am, and lessons begin at 8.50 am.
- Your child enters the KS1 Department through the double doors next to the dining hall from 8.30 am; they will hang up their blazer, put their snacks, bookbags and water bottles in the designated area and begin morning activities.
- In Year 1, parents are welcome to drop children at their classrooms. In Year 2, we encourage independence and say goodbye at the doors.
- The dining room doors close promptly at 8.45 am, if your child arrives after this time they should report to the Prep School office.

Collection

- At home time, your child should be collected at 3.30 pm from the gate at the back of the dining hall.
- If you are delayed in picking up your child after school, or there are any changes to your collection arrangements, please get in touch with the School so that their teacher can be informed.
- All children must have a password on record which will be requested when the child is collected by anyone other than the parent or regular carer.
- Children attending after-school clubs or TeaRex will be escorted to their respective locations.

Late Room

A late room is available until 3.40 pm for parents with older children in the Prep School who finish at a later time of 3.45 pm.

Drop Off & Pick Up

We operate designated year-group parking zones in Prep School to ease traffic flow. Y1 & Y2 parents' parking zones are located behind the dining hall. Disabled parking is available in front of the Drama Studio/Assembly Hall, and badges must be displayed. Parent and child parking bays are available and identified by symbols. We ask all parents to park considerately:

- To park strictly within bays and not on yellow lines.
- To observe the speed limit of 5mph.
- To turn off engines when parked.
- To ensure children are supervised at all times.

Bus Transport

We operate four bus routes (Route 4,5,7,9) directly from Prep School for children in Year 5 and above. Routes and booking information are available under [Parent Information](#) on the School website. School rules apply when travelling on the buses, and we expect all pupils to maintain the highest standards of behaviour while travelling to and from school.

Bikes & Scooters

We encourage children and parents, where possible, to walk, scoot or cycle to school but realise this is not always practical. There are secure bike and scooter racks located at the front of the assembly hall. We recommend they are clearly named and identifiable.

School Meals

We have recently been awarded the **GOLD HEALTHY SCHOOLS AWARD** because we really believe that healthy bodies lead to healthy, active minds. Our in-house catering team from Holroyd Howe freshly prepares our school meals daily.

Our priority is to ensure that the children are offered nutritious and balanced meals that they will eat and enjoy to sustain them throughout the school day.

The School regularly reviews menus in collaboration with our caterers, and the pupils have regular input into menus via the School Council. Each term has a new seasonal and locally sourced menu with a 4-weekly menu rotation. They can be viewed on our website under [Parent Information](#) or outside the School office. New parents to the School will be asked to complete forms highlighting any allergies, intolerances or special dietary requirements.

Children should bring a water bottle which they keep in their classroom. No other drinks are permitted.

Snacks

The children enjoy a daily morning snack. We ask that children bring bite-sized fresh fruit, vegetables, or hard cheese. Cereal bars, crackers, biscuits, fruit flakes, yoghurts, and kiwi fruit, are not allowed. Parents should prepare fruit to avoid any choking hazards especially grapes which should be cut lengthways. Containers should be small enough so that they can be stored appropriately in your child's tray. Prep School has a strictly no-nuts policy.

PE / Sports

They will participate in various activities and sports such as dance, gymnastics, fun fitness, ball skills and games, striking and fielding games, mini athletics, and tennis.

When your child has their games' lesson, they should wear their PE kit to school. Which includes: (Some items are optional, please see the the Monkhouse website for more details.)



- Sky blue polo shirt
- Black PE shorts/jogging bottoms
- Lingfield navy sweatshirt
- White sports socks
- Lingfield canterbury sports socks
- Lingfield sun cap - during hot weather
- Lingfield shoe bag
- Velcro trainers
- Mouthguard
- Shin pads

Music Tuition

We have a number of fully qualified visiting music teachers and can offer tuition for most instruments and singing. Most of our pupils begin tuition in Years 2 or 3, following a series of taster lessons in Year 2 as part of the school music curriculum. However, bright, and motivated children from Reception upwards may begin lessons on piano, cello and violin after consultation and with parental support.

Lessons are 30 minutes long and organised on a rota so that the same classroom lesson is not missed each week.

Please get in touch with our Head of Music, Miss Naomi Aves, if you would like further information or to enquire about availability for your child via our music administrator, cottrelln@lingfieldcollege.co.uk, or you can visit the [Music Tuition page](#) on our website.

Wrap-Around Care

Breakfast club is open to all years from 7.30 am Monday - Friday in the Dining Hall and is under full supervision.

Hot Breakfast is served from 7.45 a.m; items include bacon, sausages, eggs, pastries and toast. We also serve a selection of fruit, yoghurt, and cereals. Breakfast club is chargeable and can be booked by emailing the Prep School Office. Parents are invited to join us for breakfast on the last Friday of the month.

TeaRex After School Club operates daily throughout the term from the end of the timetabled school day until 5.30 pm/6.15 pm in Orchard Lodge.

It includes supper and is run by our own staff, who organise various fun and engaging activities. TeaRex booking information will be sent out to parents via SchoolPost at the start of every term.

Updated prices for the breakfast club and TeaRex are located on our website in the [parent information](#).

Holiday Clubs

During the School holidays, Fun Days Holiday Club is available for children in Reception to Year 6. Additionally there are a number of external providers. Bookings are via our '[Holiday Clubs' website page](#).

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Club timetables and booking information are sent to parents via SchoolPost at end of the previous term.

Our [Prep Co-curricular and enrichment brochure](#) on the website should give you an idea of all the clubs we run throughout the year.

Sporting Fixtures

For children in Reception & KSI, sports is about physical activity, having fun, learning new skills and laying the groundwork for good sporting behaviours.

Starting in Year 3, your child will play competitive fixtures against other schools. All scheduled fixtures are published on the School Sports Website SOCS lingfieldprepsports.co.uk. This is also accessible from the homepage of our school website; a shortcut can be made to your phone and fixtures are also displayed on the information board in the Sports Hall Corridor. At the end of each week, we will upload team sheets, venue information, match start times, and collection times for the upcoming week's fixtures.





School Life

Pastoral Care

The wellbeing of all our pupils is at the heart of our nurturing and family ethos. We champion the importance of emotional wellbeing, kindness, friendship and respect for others at every stage of school life.

Our pupils have a keen awareness of the needs of others as well as an acceptance of diversity and difference, which is demonstrated in how they care for those within the school and the wider community beyond.

We believe every child is unique, and our role is to guide them to reach their potential and be the very best they can be.

Class teachers and teaching assistants play a huge role in ensuring the wellbeing, happiness and academic welfare of each pupil in their class. The staff build strong relationships with the children and their families and watch their progress with interest and pride as they move through the Prep School and onto Senior School. Our open-door policy and clear communication channels mean they can act quickly and offer support when needed.

Wellbeing

We prioritise physical and emotional well-being for our entire school community, including educating our pupils about positive mental health. We are proud to have received the Silver Mental Health Award in 2022. We promote mental health through wellbeing activities, such as yoga and mindfulness, "Wellbeing Wednesdays," Mental Health Awareness Week, and themed assemblies and talks throughout the year. By offering these programs, we aim to teach our pupils the tools they need to maintain good mental health and well-being.

School Houses

We have a thriving House System at Prep School. Our four houses provide a sense of belonging, promote teamwork and friendship, encourage healthy competition and normalise learning to fail.

Your child will be allocated to a house when they start Prep School. They know them by both colours and by their names:

- St Andrew
- St George
- St David
- St Patrick

We run House events each term, such as talent shows, quizzes and sports days. Achievement is recognised by awarding stars and the year culminates in a prize-giving ceremony.

Assemblies

The School enjoys regular assemblies for specific year groups and the whole school. We encourage active participation, which is seen as important collective and collaborative events. We also welcome visitors to talk about interesting subjects and different perspectives.

Buddy Classes

Each class is paired with another class in a different year group, and every term, they have playtime together and work on activities, such as crafting or reading. This builds strong, supportive and nurturing relationships among the pupils and builds our connected community.

Rewards & Awards

We believe in rewarding pupils for their good behaviour and academic effort. We do this through our house points system, where pupils are awarded points for demonstrating positive attitudes towards learning and school life, and the Housepoints Cup is presented termly.

We have a Star of the Week assembly where pupils are presented with badges and certificates by the Head of Prep School for their efforts. This may include awards for being an academic 'Star' in your class, recognised for showing one of the characteristics of our Educational Vision, and also praiseworthy standards and efforts across the curriculum.

The Head of Prep School gives pupils who have been observed being helpful or kind around the school special stickers. Finally, we celebrate all the individual achievements of our pupils at our annual prizegiving event, Celebration Day. These programs serve to motivate and inspire our pupils to be the best they can be in all aspects of their school life.

Anti-Bullying & Discipline

We are committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for all our pupils so they can learn in a secure atmosphere. Our class teachers discuss school rules regularly with the children, and every year the pupils establish their own 'Classroom Code', setting clear behaviour standards. If a child misbehaves, the teacher reprimands them, and in the case of anti-social behaviour, the whole class discusses the incident during circle time. Sanctions are age-appropriate, from missing 'Curious Learning Time' in Foundation Stage to detentions in Key Stage 2.

Bullying of any kind is unacceptable at our school, and we take it very seriously, regularly reminding pupils of its importance in assemblies, class talks and displays. All pupils have a responsibility and a right to consult in confidence with any member of staff or the Head of Prep School if they suspect that bullying or intimidation is occurring.

In 2022-2023 we raised £8730 for our Prep School Charity!

Our robust Anti-Bullying policy can be found on the School website. We welcome feedback from all members of the school community on the efficacy of our anti-bully measures.

If parents have any questions, you can contact your child's class teacher (in the first instance), Key Stage Leader and then the Head of Prep School.

PSHE

We recognise that pupils' moral, social and cultural development plays a significant role in their ability to learn and achieve. As part of a whole-school approach, we focus on the qualities and attributes children need to thrive as individuals, family members and global citizens.

We provide children with ongoing opportunities to explore and develop their values and beliefs and to maintain their high standards of personal behaviour. We place great emphasis on cultivating positive and caring attitudes towards other people and the importance of understanding and accepting social and cultural traditions that are different to their own.

Pupil Voice

We believe every child's voice should be heard both by their peers and by the adults in the School community. We offer several formal opportunities to ensure this happens throughout the school year.

- Class roles and responsibilities
- School Council
- Year 6 leadership roles and Head Team
- Year 6 Captains for Drama, Sports, Music, Languages and Art who work closely with our specialist teaching staff
- Pupil focus groups to discuss ideas and school matters with Mrs Shackel
- Eco-Council
- Marketing Ambassadors
- Anti Bullying Ambassadors
- Year 6 Digital Leaders

Child Protection & Safeguarding

We take our responsibility for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all the pupils in our care very seriously.

Please read our [Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy](#), available on our website, which sets out the policies and procedures we have in place. We will take appropriate action if we have concerns about a child's physical, emotional or social well-being.

Our website also lists the members of our Safeguarding Team, offers families further information, and signposts several key organisations to get advice.

Charity & Community

At the Prep School, we encourage the children and their families to have a positive impact on the wider community. This might be bringing food for a local food bank, singing in the local care home, raising money for local or national charities or working closely with other local schools.

Our pupils very much lead our charity work. Each year we nominate a charity and do fundraising throughout the year. Working with charities and making links with the local community allows our pupils to become respectful global citizens.





Academic Matters

Teaching

Our class teachers are responsible for most curriculum areas, with specialist teaching for Music, Drama, PE Art and Modern Languages.

We pride ourselves on providing a high ratio of teaching staff to children.

Teaching assistants support in every class up till year 4. In Years 5-6, the children work more independently, so this provision is reduced to one Teaching assistant per morning per year group. Our teaching assistants are a valuable asset, many with individual talents and skills which they share with the children. Several are even qualified teachers themselves.

English

High quality, engaging texts are the backbone of our challenging English curriculum. Literacy and communication skills are vital for children to succeed in English lessons and in life, and we are passionate about teaching these skills in innovative and exciting ways. English lessons take place daily, with weekly spelling tests.

Reading

We hear the children read in small groups weekly. We use a variety of reading schemes and fiction, non-fiction and poetry books. Teachers support children with their fluency and also with an emphasis on a focus on comprehension, so they can deepen their understanding of the material.

All pupils have weekly access to our Prep School Library. There is a wide variety of books to choose from, including audiobooks your child may enjoy listening to.

Home Reading

Reading at home is not just about improving a child's reading fluency. It is also an excellent way to help them develop their comprehension skills, which over time, will not only benefit them academically but will also help them to better understand the world around them. We strongly encourage parents to promote reading at home as much as possible and to engage in meaningful discussions with their children about what they are reading. Encouraging children to ask questions about the material and to check their understanding helps to develop their comprehension skills and deepen their understanding of the material. By making reading a part of their daily routine, children can improve their reading abilities, expand their knowledge, and develop a lifelong love of learning.

Children in Year 1 and 2 are expected to read daily for a minimum of 15 minutes. Levelled books are sent home every week, and the pupils develop their love of reading sharing independently chosen books with an adult at home.



As a family-focused school, we believe family time is precious and should be cherished, so we set aside one week per term for our special "Family Focus Time." During this week, we only assign spelling and reading homework, allowing families to enjoy quality time together and enjoy the valuable learning opportunities that it presents.

Maths

Practical maths lessons are stimulating and engaging at Prep School, and the children can access various resources and apparatus to support their learning. Our programs incorporate mathematical investigations, rich learning tasks and problems, and collaborative and independent work.

We also use Mathletics, an online programme that engages with the children, helping learners to enjoy maths and improving their results. Maths home learning is set on Mathletics by all class teachers once per fortnight. Classes compete against one another to achieve points, and certificates are awarded. The Mathletics trophy is awarded in assembly each half term, and the Mathletics club runs once a week for pupils to do their home learning.

Creative Curriculum

Class teachers bring the curriculum to life with various engaging and purposeful topics, themed activities and projects across all year groups. These cross-curricular topics help pupils to discover and appreciate the connection between subjects, giving them a real opportunity to gain a greater depth of knowledge and to inspire their interest in the world around them.

Trips & Outings

School trips are an integral part of the curriculum at Lingfield Prep, and every outing is seen as an opportunity to enrich the children's experiences.

You will be informed about these in advance, and when there is sufficient notice, costs will be added to your school fees account

Parents sign an 'Activity Consent Form' when starting Prep School. This permission for all activities arranged by the school will remain valid during the course of their time at the School. You may withdraw this consent in writing at any time. Thorough risk assessments are undertaken before taking any children on a trip. Ordinarily, pupils will wear their school uniform or PE tracksuit when attending a trip.

Forest School

The children enjoy visits to our on-site Forest School. It has been professionally designed to provide exciting and practical experiences that enable children to better understand the world around them. The woodland setting promotes a sense of freedom, and pupils become more relaxed in the open. We take great delight in watching them have fun and become more confident.

Homework

As a Prep School, we believe that homework is an important component of our educational approach, developing pupils to become independent and self-disciplined. The setting of regular homework establishes a partnership between school and home and encourages parents to become an active part of their child's learning. By establishing a structured approach to homework from Reception onwards, important foundations are laid which help pupils cope with increasing work demands, not only as they progress through the Prep School but also in their transition to Senior School.

We request that parents support their child's home study by creating an appropriate environment for studying, providing assistance when needed, and offering positive reinforcement for their efforts.

Year group homework may be set in relation to a particular topic, or in the case of individual pupils, to catch up on work not completed in lesson time, although this will not be regularly. Children will be given clear guidelines regarding the expectations for the work to be undertaken to ensure they complete the task effectively.

Setting & Streaming

All Pupils are assigned work that matches their individual skill level to provide them with a suitable level of challenge. Children are set for Mathematics from mid-way through Year 3 until Year 6. In English, children are set from Year 5. Pupil's progress is monitored regularly by both informal and formal assessments. Additional support is provided in Maths and English where appropriate and resources are available.

Stretch & Challenge

Some abilities and talents may be identified when children perform above expectations for their age or if they demonstrate particular strengths or talents. Pupils that are identified as 'very able' will be offered differentiated learning through extension activities within the classroom and specialist projects. Outside the classroom, there are various Extension and Enrichment clubs on offer designed to develop the application and thinking of specific skills and concepts to support pupils' interests and aptitudes in these areas.

Scholarships are awarded to Prep School children who demonstrate a particular talent or aptitude academically or in music and sport. These scholarships are awarded from Year 5 through to Year 8 at Senior School. Assessments for these are held in year 4.

Learning Support

Learning Support helps our pupils to maximise their potential and to achieve their learning goals. The school's ethos promotes individualised approaches to learning and positive emotional well-being. We recognise that children learn at different rates and have individual needs and learning preferences. We aim to empower all pupils to fulfil their personal, academic and creative goals. At the Prep School, we have the services of a Special Educational Needs Coordinator, Mrs Dickinson, who can be contacted directly by [email at dickinsonp@lingfieldcollege.co.uk](mailto:dickinsonp@lingfieldcollege.co.uk)

Tracking Progress

Assessing children in school involves acknowledging the power of providing positive and constructive feedback to promote a healthy self-image and foster a desire for ongoing learning. Informal testing of the children's learning continuously takes place in Prep School, with formal Maths and English assessments occurring twice a year. Children's attainment levels are tracked and monitored closely to ensure progress is being made.

Moving Up

We aim to foster a strong sense of community, promote inclusivity and discourage exclusive groups by shuffling pupil classes yearly.

During the summer term, our teachers thoughtfully place pupils into their new classes based on their individual needs and strengths. All children will have a 'moving up day' where they see their new classroom and meet their classmates and new teacher.

We also host annual Transition Information Evenings for parents, which provide important information about the upcoming year.



Academic Matters cont.

Keeping Parents Informed

Parent to Teacher

Teaching staff are always open to having in-person conversations with parents, although it's important to note that the start of the day may not be the most convenient time as they are preparing lessons. However, they may be available for short discussions during pick-up times. If you require more time with your child's class teacher, you can arrange a specific appointment by emailing the School Office.

Additionally, parents can also email teachers via the Prep School Office, but it's worth bearing in mind that there may be a delay in response time, as staff are not expected to reply outside of regular working hours (evenings and weekends).

Firefly

The School have an online digital learning platform called Firefly which allows staff to upload group learning experiences with photos. These are uploaded weekly for you to see first hand some of the exciting learning opportunities your child has experienced that week. Homework is also put on here.

Termly Letters

At the beginning of each term, parents receive a curriculum letter outlining the activities and learning the children are scheduled to engage in, as well as other useful information.

Written Reports

We provide parents with 3 written reports across each academic year (1 per term) to highlight your child's recent learning, achievements and next steps in their development. Each term, reports for Years 1 - 6 will be uploaded to your FireFly dashboard on a specific date. The Prep School Office will email parents when they are available to view. If a pupil is not meeting expectations, our staff will make every effort to communicate this to the parents at the earliest opportunity. Additionally, the class teachers will closely monitor the pupil's progress, and appropriate interventions will be put in place to help the pupil meet the expected academic standards. Pupils who demonstrate they are exceeding expectations will be recognised through our reward system.

Parents' Evening

Twice yearly, in the Autumn and Spring Terms, we hold Parents' Evenings which provide a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and address any queries you may have. To offer greater flexibility to our parents, we have implemented a hybrid parent consultation model, enabling both in-person and virtual meetings on separate dates.

For class teachers, we offer 5 minute appointments, while subject specialists in Maths, English, Languages, PE, Music and Drama are also available for additional appointments, depending on the year group.

Our Parent Evening appointments are booked in advance through the 'School Cloud' system, with the School Office emailing parents about the booking process, including when the bookings will be available. You can access the booking link on our Digital Learning Platform, Firefly.

Curriculum Information Events

We hold a curriculum information event for parents on topics such as Maths, English, PSHE and E-Safety.





Ready for School

Getting Ready

We aim to settle your child into school life happily and confidently. Some children settle very quickly, and others may take time. Here are some ways which may help.

- One of the most beneficial ways of preparing your child for school is to try to involve your child as much as possible ahead of the move. Show them the online map, attend school events to help them get used to the new surroundings.,
- Be positive about the move and talk about all the new opportunities they will have. Show them our social media channels with all the exciting activities.
- Let your child talk about their worries or concerns. Younger children may worry about where to leave their things or finding a toilet.

First Day

The first day of attending our Prep School in September promises to be a welcoming experience for both children and families. As parents enjoy refreshments in our Assembly Hall, they'll have the opportunity to meet with our Head of Prep and her staff team, as well as other parents.

Meanwhile, children will be paired with their new buddies from their class, and together they will go to meet their new classmates and teacher. Their buddy will remain with them throughout their first week. Staff keep a close eye on the new children and will make contact with the parents within the first two weeks to check the child has settled in happily.

Children starting in-year will still be part of our successful buddy system.

School Uniform Shop

The Lingfield College uniform provider is Monkhouse. They are based in Tunbridge Wells. School uniform is also available to purchase from the Monkhouse website:

www.monkhouse.com. You will also find videos and garment information.

Preloved Uniform

Our preloved uniform shop operates from the conservatory at Batnors House at the Prep School. It is open to Nursery, Prep and Senior School parents on Tuesday afternoons between 3.15 pm and 4.15 pm. For our pay-and-drop system, please email shop@lingfieldcollege.co.uk to request the required items and their size/ages. A team member will source the uniform, send you a payment link and deliver your order to the Prep or Senior School office to be collected for a specific date.

Forest School Clothing

For Forest School sessions (up to year 2), please ensure your child has:

- long-sleeved t-shirt
- jogging bottoms/leggings
- jumper/fleece
- spare socks
- waterproof coat & trousers
- wellington boots

These items will remain in School.

Wet Play Clothing

All pupils should have wellies and waterproof trousers available for wet play times.

These items will remain in School.



WHAT ELSE TO BRING?



WATER BOTTLE

This should be named., clear and ideally with a straw to reduce spillage.



SNACK CONTAINER

This should be named. Small enough to fit in the child's tray.



BOOK BAG

School branded only. Until Year 3.



DOCUMENT CASE

School branded only. Years 4 - 6.



OUTDOOR WEAR

Suitable for the weather. School branded black waterproof coat, black waterproof trousers, wellington boots, fleece hat, scarf and gloves.



PE KIT

PE kit on the days they have Games lesson.



FOR SUNNY DAYS

Branded sun hat and sun cream.



BIG SMILES

✦✦ Appearance

Pupils are expected to take pride in their appearance, and we appreciate your support in ensuring that your child looks smart.

- Winter Uniform is usually worn from after October Half term until the School breaks for Easter.
- Summer Uniform is usually worn from the beginning of the Summer term until the half-term holiday in October.



Our uniform should be worn as follows:

- **Blazers:** Blazers must be worn to and from school and for assembly.
- **Ties:** Ties are compulsory if wearing a blue shirt. They must be worn neatly. Shirts must be tucked in with top buttons done up.
- **Skirts:** Skirts must be no shorter than two inches above the knee.
- **Shoes:** No boots or open-toed shoes are permitted. Shoes should be flat.
- **Socks:** White ankle socks should be worn with the summer dress, and plain navy tights should be worn with the kilt. Grey socks should be worn with the trousers/shorts uniform.
- **Hair:** Hair should be worn in a neat and manageable style. No hair dye is permitted, and hair gel is permitted only to keep hair tidy, not for elaborate hairstyles. Shoulder-length or longer hair must be tied back, and short hair must not touch the collar or fall below the eyebrows. No extreme hairstyles or tramlines are permitted.
- **Make-up and Jewellery:** A named wristwatch may be worn from Year 3 upwards. Those with pierced ears may wear studs or sleepers only. These must be removed during PE. This is required for health and safety reasons. Nail varnish and makeup are not permitted.





School Structure

Lingfield College comprises of two school sites, Lingfield Prep School and Lingfield Senior School, which are situated adjacent to each other. Despite being separate sites, we operate as a single school with a shared purpose, aims, and principles.

To maintain a cohesive approach across all areas of the school, our management is divided into three areas: Prep School, Senior School, and Sixth Form. The leadership teams of these departments hold regular meetings to ensure that our whole school approach is consistently applied both operationally and academically.

Prep Leadership Team

Headmaster - Mr Richard Bool
Head of Prep School - Mrs Jacky Shackel
Director of Studies - Mrs Christina Hubbard

Key Stage Leaders

Nursery Manager - Mrs Tiffany Vickery
Head of Early Years (Academic) - Mrs Jen Bowler
Year 1 & 2 - Mrs Kirsty Lester
Year 3 & 4 - Mrs Tracey Barrie
Year 5 & 6 - Mrs Helen Roe

Teaching Staff & TAs

We have a wide number of class teachers, specialists, and teaching assistants. To read more about our wonderful teaching staff, [please visit our website.](#)

Support Staff

Head of Prep School PA - Mrs Kate Rider
Prep School Office Manager - Mrs Vicki Herriott
Prep School Administrators - Mrs Heloise Dennehy / Mrs Liz Chatfield
Early Years Administrators - Mrs Clare Wilson / Mrs Kate Ratsma
Music Administrator - Mrs Nikki Cottrell
TeaRex Manager & Librarian - Mrs Laura Canova
Breakfast Club Manager - Mrs Kate Eakins
Senco - Mrs Paula Dickinson

Prep School Safeguarding Team

Safeguarding Governor - Mrs Amira Cooper
Designated Safeguarding Leader - Mrs Jacky Shackel
Deputy DSL - Mrs Christina Hubbard
Deputy DSL - Mrs Helen Roe
EYFS Deputy DSL - Mrs Tiffany Vickery
EYFS Deputy DSL - Mrs Karen Ovington





Communication

We recognise that parent engagement is key to learning success, and there are a number of ways we keep you informed, involved and updated.

Parent to Teacher

Teaching staff are open to having in-person conversations with parents, during pick-up times. If you require more time with your child's class teacher, you can arrange a specific appointment by emailing the School Office. Additionally, parents can also email teachers via the Prep School Office, but it's worth bearing in mind that there may be a delay in response time, as staff are not expected to reply outside of regular working hours (evenings and weekends).

Website

Visit the [Parent Information](#) section of our website to access term dates, school policies, fees, uniforms and transport information. You can also keep up to date by visiting our [news section](#).

Famly App *Reception only

Our GDPR-compliant digital platform can be downloaded via Android and Apple devices. It allows us to communicate with Foundation Stage parents daily, logging learning, eating, playing and sharing photos for parents to see their children. Parents can stay in touch with the teachers.

FireFly

FireFly is our school's Digital learning platform. Here you can view academic timetables, see what the pupils have been learning, check homework, parents' evening bookings and find contact details of class teachers.

SchoolPost

SchoolPost is the system we use to send whole school or year group emails and text messages.

School Calendar

The School calendar can be viewed via the calendar icon on the [landing page of the website](#). Here you can see many activities and events at Prep School.

Socs Sports App

SOCS App provides information on fixtures, team sheets, directions to opposition venues and results. These can be accessed from the home page of the School website. To do this, log on via website www.lingfieldprepsports.co.uk

Newsletters

A weekly Lingfield Link newsletter is sent out each Friday. This summarises everything for the week ahead, key dates, what has been happening at the School, success stories and news from the School community.

Every term, parents of children in Years 1 - 6 are sent our curriculum newsletter.

Class Reps

Each year group has between 2 - 4 volunteer parents, whose role is to act as a regular contact between the class teachers and the parents. There is an opportunity to meet with the Key Stage Leader once a term to discuss any questions raised. They will also organise social gatherings, coordinate volunteers for LCPA events and share date information.



School Office:

prepoffice@lingfieldcollege.co.uk
01342 832407

Parent Engagement Group

Headmaster, Mr Bool and Head of Prep, Mrs Shackel meet with parents (by year group) several times yearly. The group is a platform for idea sharing and providing feedback and information on School life from the perspective of the pupils and their families.

Classlist

Our new community app Classlist helps parents communicate with one another. You will receive an invite to join via email.

Social Media Platforms

Our Social Media Platforms - Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn are a great way to keep up to date with what is happening in the School and our pupils' achievements. We would love you to share our news and engage with our stories.

Parents' Association

Our active parent community (LCPA) is a valued part of the School, and everyone is welcomed as a member of the association. They organise various fundraising events throughout the year, such as the Christmas fair, Summer Fun Day, and discos. Information about this is available on the school website.

Volunteering Opportunities

Prep School has always valued the time and talent so generously shared by our families. We welcome your help with various activities and events such as reading with pupils, talks, sporting fixtures, clubs, educational visits and art days. If you are willing and able to help in any way, please email the Prep School office



Useful Contacts



Headmaster

MR RICHARD BOOL

If you require a meeting with the Headmaster, you can do this by contacting the Headmaster's Executive Assistant.



Head of Prep School & DSL

MRS JACKY SHACKEL

If you require a meeting with the Head of Prep, you can do this by contacting the Head of Prep School's PA.



Executive Assistant to the Headmaster

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Personal Assistant to the Head of Prep

MRS KATE RIDER

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Director of Studies

MRS CHRISTINA HUBBARD

For academic concerns or advice, parents may contact the Director of Studies via the Prep School Office



Head of Finance & Resources

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School Office Manager

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TeaRex After School Club Manager

MRS LAURA CANOVA

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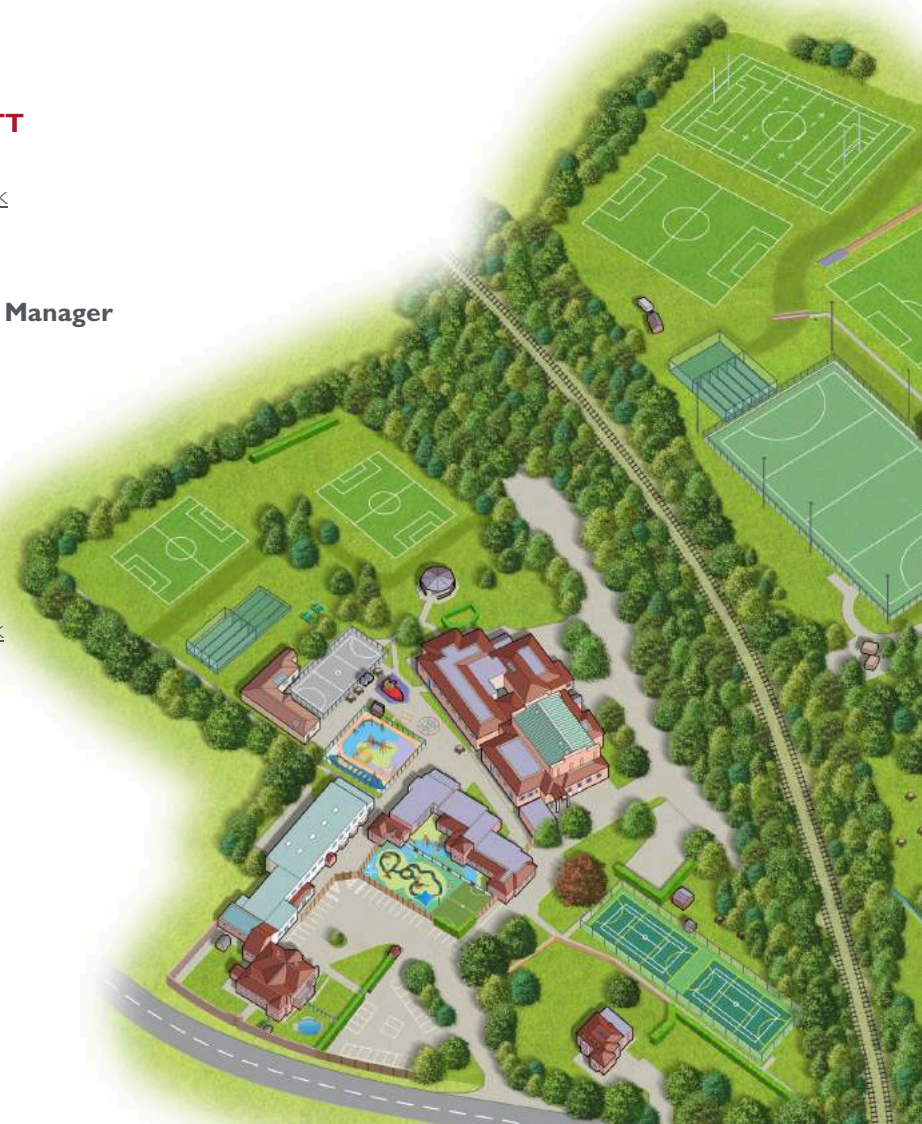
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Breakfast Club Manager

MRS KATE EAKINS

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What to do if...

...You Have Concerns About Your Child.

If you have any worries, contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. They are best placed in understanding your child's needs and requirements regarding their general wellbeing and academic progress.

...Your Child is Going to be Late for School.

If your child arrives after 8.45am, they should report to the Prep School office to sign in. Parents must not enter the School premises during the day without signing in first.

...Your Child is Unwell.

Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell. Please email or telephone the school by 10 am. Ring 01342 832407 ext. 2 and leave a message on their absence line or email prepoffice@lingfieldcollege.co.uk Please contact us every day of your child's absence.

Any child with vomiting or diarrhoea should not return for a minimum of 48 hours from the last episode. If your child is absent for more than 5 school days, parents must obtain a medical note from their GP. If your child is absent for a significant length of time, an email to the headmaster explaining the circumstances is required.

Should your child be taken ill at school, they will be cared for by our staff, who will make every effort to contact you. It is, therefore, vital that the Prep School office has a list of current contact numbers.

...You Might be Delayed in Collecting Your Child or There Have Been Changes to Arrangements.

If you are delayed in picking up your child after school, or there are any changes to your collection arrangements, such as them not attending a club, please contact the Prep School Office so that their teacher can be informed.

...There is Heavy Snowfall or Extreme Weather Conditions.

In the event of adverse weather, the Headmaster may take the decision to close the school. We will endeavour to communicate this decision by 6.45 am on the morning of the closure. The information will be on our website, and parents will be informed by email. Teaching staff will ensure work is available for pupils via FireFly or Family App.

In the event of bad weather during the course of the school day, we will email parents and pupils will remain supervised until they can be collected.

...You are Planning a Holiday.

We believe that consistent attendance is vital for your child's education. We kindly ask that you schedule any holidays during the designated Lingfield College holiday dates, which are posted on our school website well in advance. Parents who are considering taking their children on holiday outside of term time should note that additional work will not be provided, and any missed tests may not be rescheduled.

If your child must miss school due to exceptional circumstances, we request that you submit an 'Application for Absence' form to the School Office at least 14 days before the absence dates. We understand that sometimes things come up unexpectedly, but please remember that unauthorised holidays will result in a penalty charge from the school. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us to provide the best possible education for your child.

...Your Child Requires Medication.

We encourage medicine to be administered at home unless there is a special reason why a pupil needs to take it during the school day. Medication brought into school must be handed directly into the Prep School Office, parents must complete a Consent to Administer Form, which can be emailed in advance.

Medicine for potentially life-threatening conditions will be administered by staff such as inhalers for asthma, auto-injectors for anaphylactic shock and diabetic treatments. If a child does not have their inhaler or EpiPen in school, they may not be allowed to participate in physical activities, a sporting fixture or a trip. The Prep School holds an emergency supply of paracetamol, which parents are requested to give consent for prior to administering.



Further Information

Lost Property & Personal Possessions

Please ensure that all uniform and property is clearly named to be returned quickly to their owners. Lost items will be placed in coloured bins at the end of the Oakleigh building for parents to check through. Named items will be returned to the owners. Unnamed items will be collected at the end of term and taken to the Uniform Shop.

Pupils must not bring valuable items, electrical items or money into school. The School cannot be held responsible for any lost or damaged items. Parents should note that the School does not carry insurance for pupils' possessions, including clothing or glasses.

Mobile Phones

Pupils are not allowed mobile phones or Smart Watches at School. Permission may be granted in exceptional circumstances by the Head of Prep School. In such circumstances phones should be handed directly in to the School Office at the beginning of the day and collected before the journey home. Urgent messages to pupils may come via the School Office. The school can accept no liability for a phone, that is lost, tampered with or stolen.

If you are visiting the school site in whatever capacity (Including visitors, parents, governors, volunteers and senior school students), please be aware that:

- Personal mobile phones, cameras and recording equipment cannot be used in the presence of children on the prep school site.
- In Foundation Stage (Nursery & Reception), all mobile phones are strictly prohibited and must be stored securely (locked away) out of reach within the setting until such time as the individual leaves the building

Photography at School Events

Images/videos taken by parents of their own children at School events, such as award ceremonies, sporting events, concerts and productions, are reminded that such images should be used for personal use only.

A parent/carer publicly sharing images of other pupils with no controls on privacy may be in breach of data protection rules. Parents are therefore asked that images that may, expressly or not, identify other pupils should not be made accessible to others via online or social media channels without the prior agreement of that pupils' parents or shared/published in any other way.

Parents are asked expressly not to interfere with the smooth running of the event or compromise health and safety to take images.

The School reserves the right to refuse or withdraw permission to film or take photographs from any parent who does not follow these guidelines or is otherwise reasonably felt to be taking inappropriate images.

Complaints

Lingfield College is a busy place with lots of pupils taking part in a great many activities taking place in any given week, over a given term. While we pride ourselves on maintaining a positive and cooperative community, we understand that occasional conflicts of interest, misunderstandings, and disagreements can arise between pupils, parents, and teachers, although these instances are infrequent. We are committed to addressing any issues that arise promptly and fairly.

If parents have a complaint, they can expect us to handle it in accordance with our complaints procedure, which is readily available on our website. The Headmaster's decision will be final in interpreting all school rules.

First-Aid

Our fully equipped medical room is located next to the School Office. First aid boxes are situated in key areas of the school, and we always take first-aid kits with us on trips or excursions or when participating in sporting events.

Most members of our teaching staff are trained to provide basic first aid. We record all accidents and injuries, make parents aware and have a procedure in place to review this to minimise the likelihood of reoccurrence.

We will always contact parents if a child needs anything more than basic first aid, if they become unwell, or if we have any worries or concerns about their health. It is therefore important we have your current contact details.

Safety in the Sun

From the end of Spring term, throughout Summer term and at the beginning of Autumn term, we advise pupils to wear sunhats during break times, when appropriate. Parents should apply high factor long-lasting sunscreen before school, as staff are not allowed to administer this.

Serious Incidents

If a major crisis occurs at the School, such as severe weather, power outages, serious accidents, or major incidents in the local or wider community, our priority will always be the safety and wellbeing of our pupils. We will make every effort to communicate with parents as fully and comprehensively as possible, although if we don't have all the details, we will inform you of that.



Digital Learning Platforms



Family App (Reception only)

Family is the Foundation Stage Secure App used for the recording and planning of your child's educational development. It allows children, parents and teachers to work closely together, celebrating your child's individual achievements and personal development journey until the end of Reception. We also encourage every parent to submit observations, videos and photographs that you make of your child, thus enhancing our holistic and collaborative approach to learning.

Create Your Account

As part of your sign-up, you will complete forms to give us permission to set up an online profile and initiate your child's account. Once we have received this, you should receive an email with unique login details to the portal on the App or via desktop.

Features of Family

- Communication - Send instant messages, get daily updates and automatic reminders
- Personalised Journey - Parents and teachers can share any child information, observations, videos, and mealtimes.

NB. Reception Parents will require access to FireFly for parents' evening bookings.



Firefly (Years 1 - 6)

Firefly is our secure, collaborative learning platform that allows teachers to set work, track progress, communicate with parents and share learning resources.

Create Your Parent Account

- Go to the Firefly page on our website and click 'Prep School Portal.'
- Click on the blue box that says 'Logging in for the first time? Activate your account.'
- Enter your email address, which must be the same as registering with the School. If both parents have an email address, you may have a separate login.
- Activate your account via a link sent to your email address.
- Create a new password.

Accessing Your Child's Account

- If you are helping your child log in. Please click the Office 365 button on the Firefly Portal.
- Use your child's school email address. This is their cohort number, the first four letters of their surname and the first letter of their first name. Followed by @lingfieldcollege.co.uk
- Enter their password. For the children, this is the 4-digit numerical password and the same one they use to log on to School computers.

Features of Firefly

- See Timetables
- Access Homework & Home link letters
- Parents Evening Booking Portal
- View School Reports
- Contacts for teachers
- Showcasing our lessons & pupils' work

Children Will be Able to Access

- Relevant Digital Resources
- Year group pages
- Support videos for homework



Policies

Our policies are all listed on the [Policies & Safeguarding page](#) of our website. We ask all parents to read these policies before their child starts at the school.

- Admissions Policy
- After School Club & Breakfast Club
- Anti-bullying & Cyberbullying
- Attendance
- Behaviour Management
- Complaints Policy
- Curriculum
- Educational Visits
- Failure to Collect
- Foundation Stage
- Health & Safety
- Holiday Club
- Homework
- Inclusion & SEND
- Medical Conditions
- Missing Child
- PSHE
- Relationships & Sex Education
- Safeguarding & Child Protection
- School Closure (Nursery)
- Use of Cameras & Mobile Phones (EYFS)
- Use of Digital Images



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