

# Nursery

## Background information





## *BACKGROUND*

The Peterborough School is an independent school with nursery for boys and girls from 6 weeks to 18 years. It is a Church of England school owned by the Woodard Corporation, known as Woodard Schools, the largest group of Church Schools in England and Wales. The Peterborough School is led by its own board of governors known as the School Council.

The School was founded in 1895, as a girls' school and from September 2010 the School expanded to allow the admission of boys into Years 7 and 12, becoming the City's only independent co-educational school for pupils aged 4 to 18. To reflect this change the School's name was changed to 'The Peterborough School'. The School ceased to offer boarding places from September 2013, to allow the boarding house to be converted in to classrooms for day pupils, which is now completed. The School's new Sports Facility, including fitness suite, climbing wall and state-of-the-art sports hall marked a significant investment in the advancement of sport at The Peterborough School. In 2002, a Nursery was opened in the grounds of the school. The two-storey house has been adapted to cater for the Early Years Foundation Stage children, between the ages of six weeks and four years. It also includes various outdoor areas. The Nursery is open all year, excluding Bank Holidays, from 7.30am until 6.30pm. Reception children are educated in the main school building



## AIMS

The aim of The Peterborough School is expressed simply to:

*“Unlock the potential of each and every child”*

The School’s main strategic goals are to promote pupils’ **Learning** and **Wellbeing**, underpinned by its five core values:

- **Hope** – a confident expectation of success in the future
- **Compassion** – be kind to each other
- **Community** – we have a real sense of community spirit in School; we look out for each other and celebrate each other’s success whilst supporting in times of need
- **Justice** – we have high expectations of behaviour in School and a belief in doing the right thing
- **Wisdom** – children work to develop both intellectual and personal development; we believe in an holistic education here at TPS

The School will develop, nurture and achieve:

- \* **Academic Excellence**
- \* **Passion for Learning**
- \* **Confidence**
- \* **Teamwork**
- \* **Creativity**
- \* **Leadership**
- \* **Spiritual and Moral Values**

in a stimulating learning environment and will enable pupils to achieve success in an ever-changing world, from Nursery to Sixth Form and beyond.....

The Nursery is situated on the western approach to the City Centre, within 15 minutes' walk of the train station, within 45 minutes of London, and a short drive from the main parkway and the A1. The beautiful campus setting provides an oasis in which children can learn and grow up, while enabling access to the amenities of Peterborough. The School has a variety of excellent facilities and has invested heavily in recent years.

The Nursery is a 57 full time place Nursery and there are currently over 100 children registered at the Nursery. There are three rooms at the Nursery – Baby, Toddler and Pre-School. Children come from a wide range of backgrounds, including professional and business families in Peterborough and surrounding area.

The Baby Room is located upstairs and is self-contained with a separate kitchenette, changing and sleep area within the room. The babies have the opportunity to sleep in 'Dream Coracles' instead of cots.

The Toddler Room is also upstairs and has two rooms as well as a separate toilet/changing area which is attached to the room. The Toddler Room children have a short Group Time every morning and afternoon session as well as special key person times. Both the Baby and Toddler Room children have the opportunity to go outside throughout the day and to go on walks in the school grounds.

## *ABOUT US*





## INSPECTION

The Nursery was last inspected in November 2019 by The Independent Schools Inspectorate.

- Overall Effectiveness: the quality and standards of the Early Years provision is **outstanding**
- The effectiveness of leadership and management is **outstanding**
- The quality of teaching, learning and assessment is **outstanding**
- Personal development, behaviour and welfare are **outstanding**
- Outcomes for children are **outstanding**

The parents from the Baby and Toddler Rooms are also invited to several events throughout the year; for example Valentine's Day Tea and Teddy Bear's Picnic.

The Pre-school Room is located downstairs and three separate rooms and the children have the opportunity to play outside throughout the day. The Pre-school Room has a Smart Screen Television in the main room and is well resourced with ICT including iPads and Beebots.

Additional extra-curricular activities are also available during term time and these are held at the school. These include Ballet, French and Key Sports.

The children have opportunities to use the School's Sports Facility and the School's Head of Creative Arts undertakes Music sessions with the children.

During the summer term the older Pre-School children attend Forest School sessions and are part of the School's weekly celebration assembly. The children also participate in:

- Christmas Nativity Play
- A Summer Show
- Sports Day
- Moving on party
- Bonfire Night party

Partnerships with parents are extremely important and parents are regularly invited to attend sessions at the Nursery: Mothering Sunday Tea, Father's Day Tea, Stay for Breakfast Sessions and Grandparents Tea.

There are also three well-resourced outdoor play areas, which include a digging area, Mud Kitchen, Nature Garden, fixed play area, as well as a paved area for the children to use bikes and a vegetable patch.



## WOODARD

The Peterborough School is a Woodard School and shares an educational vision which empowers, celebrates diversity and adds value to a child's development.

Founded in 1848 by Priest and educational visionary, Nathaniel Woodard, the schools provide the highest academic standards with an unrivalled effective and supportive environment, where each individual is valued and encouraged to give of their very best.

Today, Woodard Schools have a sense of 'faith, unity and vision' that has never been stronger. A Woodard education values both the spiritual and moral development of each person, giving strength, confidence and respect for others.

Young people from all faiths and traditions or none at all, flourish in the rich, diverse culture of our schools, enabling them to lead full and creative adult lives.

The Woodard family of schools provides many inter-school opportunities, the sharing of best practice and a strength and expertise within education. Woodard Schools offer a rich variety of extra-curricular activities, professional teaching and effective pastoral care.





## *Why work at The Peterborough School Nursery?*

You will find that all colleagues are friendly and helpful and we seek a new manager who will promote the Nursery's caring ethos whilst striving to enable each child to achieve their very best.

We are committed to staff development: this will take place firstly in the form of induction and other professional development opportunities to consider how best to develop your career.

There are many benefits to a career at The Peterborough School. The School is a very pleasant place to work, set in a beautiful campus.

- Happy, friendly children
- Dedicated and approachable colleagues
- Supportive parents
- Competitive rates of pay/School Salary Scales
- Pension Scheme
- Opportunities for professional development
- Practitioners provided with own work iPad to use Tapestry to record observations
- Excellent working environment
- Uniform provided
- Good quality lunches (free of charge)
- Tea and Coffee making facilities for break times
- Free use of School's Fitness Suite/Gymnasium
- Campus Setting close to the City Centre.
- Free onsite parking
- Planned Social events
- Job Security – the Nursery is part of the School



## *What to do next?*

For questions about the contents of our recruitment pack, please contact the School Office on 01733 355343 or email [hr@tps.ch.co.uk](mailto:hr@tps.ch.co.uk)

You are invited to provide further information in support of your application. Please make full use of this section on the application form. Please refer to the person specification for the post and also include:

- The reasons why you are applying for this post;
- The personal qualities and experience that you feel are relevant to your suitability for the post;
- Key responsibilities and achievements in your present or most recent job which are relevant to this application;
- Details of any relevant interests or activities.

Please use the application form provided and email to [hr@tps.ch.co.uk](mailto:hr@tps.ch.co.uk)

Or by post to Human Resources at The Peterborough School, Thorpe Road, Peterborough PE3 9AP