

The Pre-School at Brighton Girls is a leading independent nursery in Brighton and welcomes children into a warm and inclusive environment which always puts their well-being first. It is here that the seeds of a life-long love of learning are first sown and curiosity and creativity are encouraged. The safe and happy environment ensures girls will have the very best start to their education in preparation for entry into Reception Class.

Our teachers are highly qualified and get to know and understand each of the children in their care. They will ensure the first steps taken in school are happy ones with exciting things to try and new places to explore. Brighton Girls offers an outstanding start for girls and boys from the term of their third birthday (rising 3) up until they join Reception Class.

How to Apply

Girls and boys from the age of 3 can join our outstanding Nursery.

Step one – Registration

Simply complete our on-line registration form and send with the registration fee of £35.

Step two – Visit

On receipt of your registration form, we will invite you in for a visit, and confirm the places and sessions that we have available. We can currently only accommodate a visit early in the morning or straight after school, as we cannot have visits during the school day.

Step three – Offers and acceptance

On making an offer of a place for your daughter or son, we will ask you to complete our acceptance documentation and to make the deposit payment (£250 for Nursery places; £500 for places in the Prep) to secure your place with us. The deposit will be refunded to you when your daughter or son leaves the school.

Step four – Settling In

You and your son or daughter will be invited to 'Settling In' sessions with the Nursery to help settle in and to introduce you both to our routines.

For further information about our outstanding Nursery please get in touch, we would be delighted to help you.

Email: nursery@brightongirls.gdst.net

Practicalities - Autumn Term 2020

All children will have their temperature taken upon arrival.

Unfortunately, parents cannot come into Nursery with the current restrictions in place. Whilst the weather is lovely, we are able to socially distance outdoors in our playgrounds to meet new parents.

We are therefore asking new parents to arrive at the main entrance and office staff will meet you and direct you to the Nursery entrance. There they will take you through the playground to meet Alison Cardownie Clare, Head of Early Years.

Age and Practicalities

Girls and boys have to be 3 years old to join. They can join in the first term (or half term) after their third birthday. EYFE cannot be claimed until the following term if joining after the 1st Jan/April/September – and turn 3 years old after this date.

All our nursery children should be fully potty trained.

Nursery children should not be using another nursery setting.

Our Fees

Full Day, Morning and Afternoon sessions are a mix of Nursery, Breakfast (Early Morning) Club and After School Club.

	EYFE	Hours	Price per session	Weekly price
Full Day	2 sessions	8am - 5.00pm	£60	£300
Morning	1 session	9am - 12.00noon	£30	£150
School Day*	2 sessions	9am – 3.20pm	£45	£225*
Afternoon	1 session	1.30pm - 5.00pm	£30	£150
Lunch (inc. play supervision)		12.00noon - 1.30pm	£10	

**Costs for Breakfast Club and After School Club can be booked in addition.*

Registration Fee: £35 Nursery Deposit: £250

Hours and Fees

The Pre-School is open throughout the school term from 8.30am to 3.30pm. Morning sessions run from 8.30am to 11.50am and afternoons from 12.30pm to 3.30pm.

The current fees for the Pre-School are £30 per session (morning or afternoon) or £45 per day (morning and afternoon). The annual fees are divided into 3 instalments. Each instalment for full-time attendance is £2,461 per term. As a school, we invoice our fees in advance per term. Although we take pupils mid-term the shortest time period we can invoice for is half a term.

Our Waiting Room Service

Girls and boys can be dropped at 8.00am and after school they can wait until 4.00pm for collection. There is no charge to use the Waiting Room.

Sessions

We politely request a minimum of 5 sessions per week. We prefer consecutive days in terms of bookings in order to deliver the best routines and activities for our girls and boys. The new routines that we have in place for pupils returning to school are easier for our children to remember if they attend consecutive sessions – rather than spreading them through the week, and we really appreciate your support with this.

When settling in we will consider fewer bookings, but only for the first half term. After this you will be changed for a minimum of 5 sessions. EYFE can be used to claim 3 free sessions.

Free Entitlement for 3 and 4 Year Olds (EYFE)

Brighton Girls Prep School is a registered provider for Early Years Free Entitlement (EYFE) which provides your daughter with 15 hours (5 sessions) of free education a week. EYFE is available from the term after your daughter's third birthday. When registering please check the application date for EYFE with our admissions team. This is set by the local council and not Brighton Girls – if you miss the deadline for application we cannot make a late application and full fees will be charged.

In line with GDST policy, we do not participate in the 30 hours scheme which was introduced in September 2017. If starting at a state maintained school in Reception EYFE cannot be claimed in a staggered entry circumstance.

Autumn Term EYFE application deadline 1 October 2020.
Spring Term EYFE application deadline 11 January 2021.

Nursery Drop off and pick up times and locations (Autumn 2020)

We will be continuing to take temperatures on arrival at school.

Morning Drop off 8.55am– 9.00am Delivery Entrance

Lunch time Pick Up 1 2.00pm Delivery Entrance

Please note, late lunchtime pick up is possible but arrangements must be made in advance with Nursery staff, and can only be facilitated if it fits in with staff and Nursery arrangements for that afternoon.

Afternoon Pick Up 3.20pm Delivery Entrance

Uniform

To ensure that we do not get too much lost property and avoid children getting changed for sports we ask that you follow this guidance below. Please do not worry if you get it wrong one day – we know it can be complicated!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Uniform	PE kit	PE kit	Uniform	Own clothes

Uniform is available from our School Shop on Montpelier Road or online from our school website.

Food

All children should bring a water bottle, healthy snacks (no nuts please) and a packed lunch.

Top Tips for Nursery

STARTING NURSERY IS A BIG CHANGE FOR FAMILIES AND WE ARE VERY MUCH HERE TO SUPPORT YOU IN THIS CHANGE. WHETHER YOU HAVE ATTENDED A NURSERY PREVIOUSLY OR IF THIS IS THE FIRST TIME AWAY FROM PARENT CARE, WE HAVE OUR OWN SPECIAL ROUTINES TO HELP NEW CHILDREN SETTLE IN.

1. OUR WELCOME BOOKLET

We have an 'All About Me' Booklet for you to complete when you first join. This will include valuable information such as names of people who are special to your child, their interests, favourite books, any anxieties etc. This is a wonderful way to introduce your child to our staff and means they can select the favourite books etc. to make your child feel settled.

2. SETTLING-IN SESSIONS

Settling-in sessions give children and parents an opportunity to experience a Nursery session and hopefully have lots of fun.

3. ESTABLISH A NEW ROUTINE

Give yourself plenty of time in the morning (or afternoon) before drop-off whilst you adapt to new routines, especially in the first few weeks. A calm routine that is repeated each nursery day will help to make your child feel settled

In normal circumstances we would be able to invite you to stay with your child to settle them, but with the new regulations we are having to adapt our usual routines. We can therefore meet you in the playground and have a chat – we will then invite your daughter (or son) into Nursery to meet the other children and have a play. It will really help your child if you can leave with a wave and smile.

4. STAY CALM AND SMILE

Our Nursery team have many years of experience of settling new children and always look forward to welcoming a new child. Remember that you are not on your own. We are as keen as you are for your child to settle into nursery. And don't forget, it's only a first for you. Our Nursery team has many years' experience and expertise. You are in safe hands, it's what we do!

5. YOUR FAMILY JOURNEY

Whilst your child is settling into nursery, it is normal to feel anxious about how they are and what they are doing. Please be assured that if there were any issues at all we would contact you. Our Nursery staff will drop you a line to let you know that your child has settled. Your child will be having fun as they play and learn, in a stimulating environment

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU.