



# Breaside

## Preparatory School





# Welcome

Breaside is a happy school with a kind and caring ethos. Our aim is to provide excellence in education. Our children enjoy learning, are well motivated and have very high expectations of their own individual achievements.

At Breaside we believe education to be a three-way partnership between parent, teacher and pupil. We are keen to develop and promote this important relationship.

Breaside provides a rich learning environment for your son or daughter. Our curriculum will prepare your child for the senior schools of choice through a balanced and broadly based education, from their first days in the Kindergarten through to the age of 11. We believe in getting the basics right and teaching the core subjects with a mixture of traditional teaching styles and the more modern approaches to learning. Coupled together with a strong work ethic and an enriched learning environment, we are confident that we help each child to develop towards their individual potential.

We very much look forward to welcoming you in person to Breaside in the very near future and would like to thank you for the interest you have shown in our school.

## History

Breaside was founded in 1950 by Colonel Chater and the khaki connection continued under the direction of another military man called Major Hudson.

Between 1973 and 1990, the School was owned and run by the Armstead family. When they retired, a group of parents took over.

By 1994, Breaside needed investment, although it still enjoyed an excellent local reputation. It was at this point that Asquith Court Schools acquired the School.

In 2004, Asquith Court Schools were purchased by Cognita Schools Group, a new education company chaired by Mr Chris Woodhead, the first Chief Inspector of Schools. Cognita Schools Group has over 66 schools in its portfolio and is the largest independent schools provider in the UK, Europe and Asia.

“A school should not be a preparation for life. A school should be life.”  
Elbert Hubbard





# Kindergarten

Our children enter the Kindergarten at 2½ years of age and Pre Prep at 3 + .

Our Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum is broad and balanced with great emphasis being placed on the child's individual needs and progress. We combine a variety of teaching and learning activities to help the children learn through play as well as starting their journey with the learning of phonics and numbers. By working with small groups, we are able to help the children develop in many ways and to prepare them for their life in the Reception classes.

The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum is organised in:

### Three Prime Areas

- Communication and language
- Physical development
- Personal, social and emotional development

### Four Specific Areas

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design

These areas of learning are incorporated into the children's every day practice. Our collective aim is to make learning fun, giving our children many opportunities to become independent individuals, well prepared for their journey through the school.

The Kindergarten has a wonderful ethos where our youngest children can experience their first taste of Breaside, learning in a colourful and stimulating environment. Our Kindergarten and Pre Prep children develop their confidence and self-esteem in other areas too, such as in their performances to parents and friends at Harvest Festival, Christmas Festivities, Mother's Day, Easter Parade, as well as regular concerts and musical medleys.

Children start to learn about the world around them from the moment they are born. The care and education offered by Breaside helps children to continued to do this by providing all of the children with interesting activities that are right for their age and stage of development.



“Life in our Pre Prep is extremely busy. Daily activities include - Gymnastics, French, Spanish, Music, Cooking, Painting and much, much more.”

“The Kindergarten is a wonderful place where children can experience their first taste of Breaside.”





# Infants

## Reception Foundation Stage

At Breaside our Reception Classes continue their learning through the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum and then progress to the Key Stage One Curriculum.

## Key Stage One

Our Key Stage One Curriculum follows on from the Early Years Foundation Stage taught in the Reception Year. In Years 1 and 2 Children then progress following the Key Stage One Curriculum, together with many other learning strategies to develop their individual learning. Our Year 2 children currently take end of Key Stage One Assessments that follow through to the Key Stage Two Curriculum.

Children continue to be taught by our Specialist Teachers in Physical Education, French, Spanish and Music, with the addition of ICT from Reception onwards. In addition, Year 2 children are also taught by the Science Teacher.

Independence is once again the key to learning in the Infant Department. Children are given many opportunities to gain confidence in all areas for their future development.

“Happiness is the key in our Infant Department. If you are happy you are learning!”





# Juniors

Our Key Stage Two Curriculum is tailored for the transition from the Infant Department, following on from Key Stage One Curriculum and developing into areas of the Key Stage Three Curriculum. Children's learning is at different levels which we recognise and address throughout their time at Breaside.

In the Junior Department the focus is on preparation for Entrance Exams for the many Senior Schools that our children transfer to at the age of 11 years. This includes the 11 + tests for Selective Grammar Schools, Independent Entrance Exams and end of Key Stage Two Assessments. This preparation also includes Non-Verbal and Verbal Reasoning papers and Creative Writing Tasks which are often required as part of the assessment criteria by many of the Secondary Schools our pupils transfer to.

We have an excellent record of places gained to local Grammar and Independent Schools. Our 11 + results are outstanding with pupils being offered academic, creative and sports scholarships.

Parents are given guidance on the schools that we recommend for their children throughout their time at Breaside and we pride ourselves on getting the children into the right school for them as individuals.

“Respect for oneself,  
Respect for everyone and  
taking full Responsibility  
for ones's own actions.”

The 3 'R's  
at Breaside.





### Music

Music is an integral part of the curriculum and under the guidance of our Director of Music, each child is encouraged to participate in music making, whether it be in the choir, instrumental groups or by taking individual lessons from a team of experienced and dedicated professional peripatetic teachers. Many enter for the Associated Boards of music examinations.



# Specialist Teaching

At Breaside all children from Kindergarten through to Year Six are given the opportunity to be educated by our team of Specialist Teaching Staff.

**Science** - Science is taught by a specialist teacher in a dedicated, fully resourced classroom to pupils from Year 2 to Year 6. We have an interactive whiteboard and IT resources including a variety of computer simulations for teaching topics such as the Earth, Sun, Moon and Gases around us. We have a wide range of biological models, measuring and circuits equipment together with vibrant, colourful posters and textbooks.

**MFL** - French is taught from Kindergarten to Year 6 and an annual trip to France in Year 6 gives our children the opportunity to practise the language skills that they have learnt. Spanish and Latin clubs are also on offer.

**Art** - All our children participate in art and craft activities where they can develop their powers of observation, technical skill, presentation and individual creativity.

**Sport** - At Breaside, we encourage healthy competition in PE and Sports, offering fixtures

with other schools and the teaching and practising of skills in lessons. We consider sport to be an integral part of education and development. A calendar is published at the start of each term which contains a full programme of matches and tournaments with other schools.

In all areas of sport, a sense of fair play and team spirit are encouraged as well as a healthy desire to win fairly and to lose graciously.

Our Sports Days are held in the summer term to which all parents are invited. As well as making full use of our own facilities, the school also has use of the local cricket club for lessons and this is where some of our fixtures are played against other schools.

**ICT** - ICT is taught from Reception through to Year 6. Many opportunities are provided for all of our children from photography, computerised toys, interactive whiteboards and of course our fully equipped ICT suite.



### Dance and Drama

Children take part in a variety of drama activities to develop their imaginations and creativity. All pupils have the opportunity to participate in plays, recitals and seasonal performances as well as to lead school assemblies. Dance is taught by specialist teachers.

Junior children also have the opportunity to take speech and drama lessons after school and many are entered for LAMDA communication and performance examinations and take part in the Bromley Kent Festival of Music and Speech. Which provide each and every learner with the skills and the confidence to succeed in life.



# Friends of Breaside

Friends of Breaside (FoB) simply would not exist without the involvement of parents who want to actively support the school that their children attend. We work in partnership with the Executive Principal and Breaside staff to achieve the FoB objective of providing a strong link between parents and the school.

FoB was set up as a social committee (with charitable status) to raise funds for those little extras that the school budget might not stretch to with a winning combination of fundraising and socialising.

Annual events include the Christmas and Summer Fair and the Breaside Ball along with a magic party for Kindergarten/Reception and a disco for the older children.

The Class Representatives who make up the FoB committee are the representatives or "voices" when we decide where funds should be spent and also, in true Breaside tradition, organise various coffee mornings and meals out - all with the aim of making parents feel part of school life. We are fortunate enough to have a strong core of parents who work alongside the Friends of Breaside and we are grateful for their continued support and enthusiasm.



"Friends of Breaside (FoB) have given us all so much at Breaside. Thank you all."

Children, Staff and Parents

# Out of hours childcare provision

Breaside recognises and understands the need for out of hours childcare for our parents.

We operate an Early Morning Club for parents to drop their children off at school from 7:30am and an After School Club that operates until 6:00pm.

Obviously places are limited, but we are here to help and will do everything in our power to accommodate your children.

There are many other Teacher and Specialist run Clubs for your children to attend at the end of the day too.

**Please contact the school office for further details.**



## How to find us

**Breaside can be easily reached by rail, bus or car.**

**By train:** The school has easy access to four main line train stations, Elmstead Woods, Chislehurst, Bromley South and Bromley North with direct links into London and Kent. These are all within 10-15 minutes of the school.

**By bus:** The 314 bus stops just a short walking distance from the school.

**By car:** Please follow the directions via the map or visit [www.theaa.com](http://www.theaa.com), [www.rac.co.uk/route-planner](http://www.rac.co.uk/route-planner) or [maps.google.co.uk](http://maps.google.co.uk)







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