

LION HOUSE SCHOOL



PRINCIPAL'S STATEMENT

GENERAL

Lion House School is an independent, non-selective, fee-paying school for children between the ages of three and eight.

Facilities at the school include a large hall, and bright airy classrooms. There is an equipped outdoor play area with a small children's garden. There are computers in all the classrooms, as well as a designated IT room. The older children are able to take advantage of the facilities at the local swimming pool, tennis club and Barn Elms Sports Ground.

AIMS

At Lion House School we aim:

- ✍ To maintain a high academic standard of education.
- ✍ To offer a wide and varied curriculum encompassing the National Curriculum.
- ✍ To help all children reach their full potential, whatever their ability.
- ✍ To help all children harbour an understanding of fellowship and sharing, and to foster an understanding of the world around them.
- ✍ To teach respect for each child as an individual, and to help each child develop respect for others.
- ✍ To encourage curiosity and creativity and an enjoyment of learning in all children.

The school consists of two sections: Early Years (EYFS) and Pre-Preparatory (Key Stage 1).

EARLY YEARS: The Foundation Stage - Nursery and Reception

Children may enter the Nursery at Lion House School the term they turn three years old. Lion House offers a minimum of three mornings in the Nursery (8.15am - 12.15pm). They are divided into groups under a Key Person. Children who attend the Nursery are given priority places in the Pre-Preparatory section. Children move into Reception at the beginning of the academic year in which they turn five years old.

In the Early Years we aim to cover the following areas in Nursery and Reception:

The Prime Areas:

- ✍ Communication and language
- ✍ Physical development
- ✍ Personal Social and emotional development

Specific areas:

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

Within each of these areas we introduce the children to new resources, ideas and activities which will help to promote their confidence and independence and prepare them for the next steps.

PRE-PREPARATORY: Year 1 – Year 2 (Key Stage 1)

The learning environment at Lion House School is small and secure and the children are introduced to a broad and varied curriculum with particular emphasis on numeracy and literacy.

Children enter Year 1 at the end of the Reception year. Each year has a class teacher with whom the children spend that academic year. Peripatetic staff teach specific subjects such as Music, Art, Drama, IT and Sports.

Children are prepared for entrance into a variety of local preparatory schools, some of which have a highly competitive selection procedure.