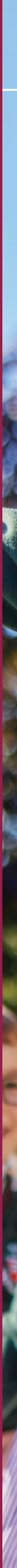
BRONTË HOUSE

A Captivating Beginning

Ages 2-11

A great education needs
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Writing their first chapter...

Brontë House is the Junior School of Woodhouse Grove, enjoying its own facilities on a superb site situated half a mile from the Senior School and including our purpose-built Nursery and Pre-School, Ashdown Lodge.

Set in a Victorian mansion, the school is an appealing blend of traditional and modern, where we have the privilege of teaching over 300 children from age two to eleven.

Brontë House has the happiness and well-being of its pupils firmly at its heart, and many of our visitors comment on the warm and friendly feel of the school. We endeavour to nurture a love of learning, and our children are encouraged to be individuals and think and speak for themselves whilst being empathetic to the needs of others. Brontë children leave us as independent and thoughtful learners, ready for the next stage of their educational journey at Woodhouse Grove.

Life at Brontë

Brontë is a busy and exciting place where children are constantly challenged to give their best.

The school operates a popular extended day from 7.30am – 6pm, with breakfast, lunch and tea included. This home from home aspect of Brontë is highly valued by both parents and pupils, enabling the school to fit seamlessly into family life.

Brontë House children enjoy many school trips, residentials and visits. Starting in Year 3, pupils are offered overnight stays, ranging from 2-5 days, at carefully selected centres on the East Coast, in the Lake District and further afield. These experiences enable the children to learn about the world around them, building their sense of adventure and independence.

Each child at Brontë belongs to one of four Houses, earning House Points for excellent behaviour, work and effort. The House system provides opportunities for friendships to be formed across different year groups in a range of academic and sporting activities and competitions.

All children have the opportunity to represent Brontë House in our school sports teams and to participate in the many music and drama productions on offer. By the time children reach the end of Year 6, they will have performed on stage and represented the school in sport on numerous occasions.




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Brontë House Pre-School and Nursery

The curriculum in Ashdown Lodge provides children aged two to four with high quality learning experiences, both through play and more structured teacher-led activities, following the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum.

Our highly-trained and experienced staff deliver activities with the children's individual needs in mind. We often take a child's own interests and structure tasks around them, making learning both fun and meaningful. Developing vocabulary and language skills is very important to us, along with nurturing emotions, creativity and a thirst for learning. We capitalise on the children's naturally inquisitive nature by providing interesting and varied resources for them to use.





Reception

Our Reception curriculum combines high-quality, formal teaching in English and Mathematics with carefully planned learning opportunities accessed through continuous provision, supporting children in developing their independence and confidence.

Our specialist Reception classrooms offer free-flow access to a newly designed outdoor play and learning space, enabling children to explore, investigate and extend their learning through purposeful play. Experienced, specialist staff in Games, Performing Arts and Languages further enrich the curriculum, inspiring children and providing expert guidance. Learning experiences are carefully planned to reflect children's interests and next steps, ensuring every child is supported and challenged, while strong relationships with adults help them feel safe, valued and ready to become enthusiastic, lifelong learners.

Our Curriculum

The Brontë House curriculum in Key Stages 1 and 2 is stimulating, challenging and wide-ranging. It covers all National Curriculum subjects but extends the content and level beyond that normally taught by a primary school.

Teaching is topic-based to excite and motivate the children and give them a context for their learning. Reading and writing is centred around carefully selected English texts, with punctuation and grammar skills embedded into each lesson and spelling taught separately.

At Brontë House, we understand the importance of maintaining daily contact with parents, as well as providing updates on each child's progress at regular Parents' Evenings. We pride ourselves on developing positive parent teacher relationships in order to best support each individual child on their educational journey.

Key Stage 1

Class Teachers are supported by a team of highly experienced Teaching Assistants. Specialist teaching in Music, PE, Games and Languages offers our pupils high-quality learning experiences from experts in their field.

At this stage of their education, the children's development in English and Maths skills is particularly rapid, and the curriculum becomes more structured and learning more formalised.

Our intention is to build confidence and self-esteem, enabling our children to grow in independence.




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Key Stage 2

When Brontë House children enter Year 3 at age seven, they have already mastered many of the skills they need to become effective learners.

In Key Stage 2, we encourage children to become more independent and take responsibility for their learning. They are expected to organise their own resources and equipment and follow class and homework timetables.

Homework is set, encouraging good study habits from an early age. Most subjects are taught in mixed ability groups, although maths is set-based in Upper Key Stage 2, enabling children to progress at an appropriate rate.



By the time children reach Year 6, they will be quite accustomed to moving around the school for different lessons taught by a range of teachers. This is good preparation for secondary school life, enabling them to move seamlessly on to Woodhouse Grove.



Our Facilities

At Brontë House, we understand that having the right facilities can be the difference between a good education and an outstanding one.

Alongside bright and spacious classrooms, the Brontë House Library provides a quiet, welcoming space for our children to select books and read – and the fully equipped science lab helps bring lessons to life.

Brontë's extensive grounds offer exceptional opportunities for learning and development. The school benefits from purpose-built Early Years outdoor environments, serving both children in Ashdown Lodge and Reception. Children are further enriched through access to the garden and outdoor classroom, where they can take part in more specialist ventures.

Outstanding sporting facilities include netball courts, a games field and provision for cricket and athletics. The Brontë House Sports Hall houses activities such as gymnastics, basketball, hockey and dance, whilst rugby and netball players benefit from the use of the excellent facilities in the grounds of Woodhouse Grove.

In the summer, our cricket square provides an idyllic setting in the most picturesque of locations. From Reception, Brontë House children use the Jubilee Swimming Pool, which is situated at Woodhouse Grove.

Our Music Department enjoys superb facilities including six practice rooms, a percussion studio and a well-resourced teaching classroom. Our productions are often staged in style within the 240 seat McCarthy Theatre at Woodhouse Grove.





With over 50 activities on offer each week, Brontë's co-curricular programme offers something to spark the interests of every child. We encourage all pupils to find an activity to enjoy out of the classroom, knowing how beneficial this is to developing both social skills and confidence – and, of course, having fun at Brontë House!





Sport

Brontë House has a proud sporting heritage. We aim for excellence whilst promoting participation and enjoyment for all.

From a young age, the children benefit from specialist teaching in all aspects of physical education. Involvement in team sports starts at Year 3. A full programme of fixtures against local schools is followed, enabling all children to represent the school regularly throughout their Brontë career.

The main winter sports at Brontë are rugby, netball and football, with a wide range of additional sports taught in PE. In the summer, we move on to cricket and athletics. The children also enjoy swimming lessons and galas in the Woodhouse Grove Jubilee pool.





Music and the Performing Arts

The Performing Arts have a strong presence at Brontë House, with specialist teachers employed from Pre-School to Year 6.

Pupils are encouraged to learn a musical instrument and to participate in concerts and productions throughout their time at Brontë House.

We have a well-qualified team of visiting instrumental staff who provide individual music lessons to pupils on orchestral instruments, piano and voice.

There is a school choir and band, as well as other ensembles to suit all musical tastes and abilities. Brontë House pupils enjoy an excellent record in ABRSM, Trinity and Rockschool music examinations. All pupils in Years 3 and 4 receive weekly dance tuition from a professional choreographer, whilst Years 5 and 6 enjoy regular lessons in the Performing Arts. Individual Speech and Drama lessons are also available.

With excellent facilities and teaching, there is the opportunity for everyone to get involved in this important part of school life.

We are confident that all our children will leave Brontë with the academic and social skills they need for a smooth and happy transition to Woodhouse Grove. By the time they reach the end of Year 6, all Brontë children will be comfortable with the Woodhouse Grove environment, having visited numerous times for sporting events, swimming lessons, theatrical rehearsals and to visit The Grove Chapel.

Brontë House Year 6 children attend an Induction Day at Woodhouse Grove towards the end of the Summer Term to meet their new teachers, see their new classrooms and experience a day at Senior School. This is an event all our Year 6 pupils look forward to with great excitement.

At Brontë House we know that it is a real privilege to be entrusted with the education and care of children at such a formative stage of their lives. As we see them pass through our doors for the last time, we know that we have done our utmost for every single child, helping them grow into the very best version of themselves that they can be - and instilling in them one thing that we hope they hold dear for the rest of their lives:

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To apply for entry into Brontë House, please fill in an Application Form.

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