

# RCGS

## THE GRANGE





# CONFIDENT. HAPPY. SUCCESSFUL.



*We provide education  
for boys and girls  
aged 2-11 years*

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# WELCOME

RGS The Grange is an outstanding prep school and an exceptional place to start a child's educational journey. It is full of happy, confident and successful children who are clearly inspired by a dedicated team of staff sharing a wonderful sense of community. We welcome children from ages two to eleven to an education within our beautiful 50-acre site on the outskirts of Worcester.

The key to all of this is the School's clear philosophy that 'happy children succeed'. This success is seen in the classroom, on the sports field, in the music department and during our varied enrichment opportunities. When exploring our site, you will gain a sense of what our children achieve and the different types of experience they have enjoyed, helping them to mature into confident, polite, successful and happy individuals.

I believe that children at RGS The Grange certainly experience the best start in life. An RGS The Grange education is unique and all of us encourage each child to achieve her or his best within the School's broad curriculum. We teach a wide range of subjects in small class sizes, combining our solid academic grounding with a full programme of sporting and co-curricular activities. This includes our comprehensive before and after school care provision, which offers wrap-around care from 7.45am until 6.00pm daily.

I am extremely proud of our school and I invite you to come and see the School in action. You will be sure of a warm welcome from happy children and enthusiastic, inspirational teachers and experience first-hand some of RGS The Grange's magic.

**Gareth Hughes, Headmaster**



# ACADEMIC

From their very first day at RGS The Grange, we teach our children to embrace every aspect of their learning, to have a go at everything, to face challenges, to work with others and to make discoveries about the world and the people around them.

We aim to make the decisive difference in the development of happy and successful children and, at RGS The Grange, we have the experience, the facilities, the staff and the confidence to do just that. While academic performance is of course at the heart of our school life we ensure that the environment that we create is caring, friendly and fun.



*“We help our pupils to learn to be resilient and kind. There is an air of mutual respect between pupils and teachers. These qualities, together with an understanding of the values of persistence and of knowing when to seek help, lead to the firm establishment of a platform for successful, life-long learners.”*



# CREATIVITY

RGS The Grange has a thriving Art Department and our philosophy is to inspire all children to explore a range of skills and experiment without fear of failure.

Children are taught through a skills-based approach, which means that independence, thinking skills, collaboration and active learning are developed. Whilst doing this, pupils develop their drawing, painting, printing, mixed media, textiles and sculpture skills each year.

All children take part in class assemblies and have the opportunity to take part in nativity plays, our annual talent contest 'Star Search' and theatrical productions. Additionally, we are fortunate enough to be able to take advantage of our strong links with the RGS Worcester Drama Department; children collaborate with older pupils, helping develop their confidence and performance skills, as well as having access to a LAMDA teacher.

Twice weekly music sessions for nursery, pre-school and parent toddler groups, ensure a love of Music is encouraged from the offset and this continues throughout their time at the School. The department's vision is to achieve high standards of music making whilst embracing new and innovative technology within the learning environment. From singing a Mozart Mass in Worcester Cathedral to performing Jazz improvisations, Djembe drumming, and the creation of Garage Band loops. Every child's interest is explored and we also work with Peripatetic teachers for individual lessons.

*"Children at RGS The Grange thrive in a rich creative environment, which begins from a very early age."*







# SPORT

At RGS The Grange we have created an outstanding environment to help children enjoy their sporting journey. This includes an excellent coaching team which draws the best out of children using current coaching methods while developing important teacher-pupil relationships outside the classroom. The school boasts outstanding playing facilities in 50 acres of grounds, that would rival any senior school.

This includes: Five Rugby Pitches, Six Football Pitches, Four Cricket Squares, Cross Country track, Full size Hockey Astro, Three Netball Courts and 200m Running track (summer only).

These sports are further supplemented by an opportunity for individuals to compete in sports such as Cross Country, Swimming, Athletics and Tennis. When required we will also seek out further opportunities for children who may play a sport externally to a high level in which the School does not yet specialise.



# NURSERY

Early Years at RGS The Grange includes our children being absorbed in fun and the adventure of learning as they rapidly develop confidence and a wealth of new skills, whether this is in our Nursery, Pre-School or Reception classes.

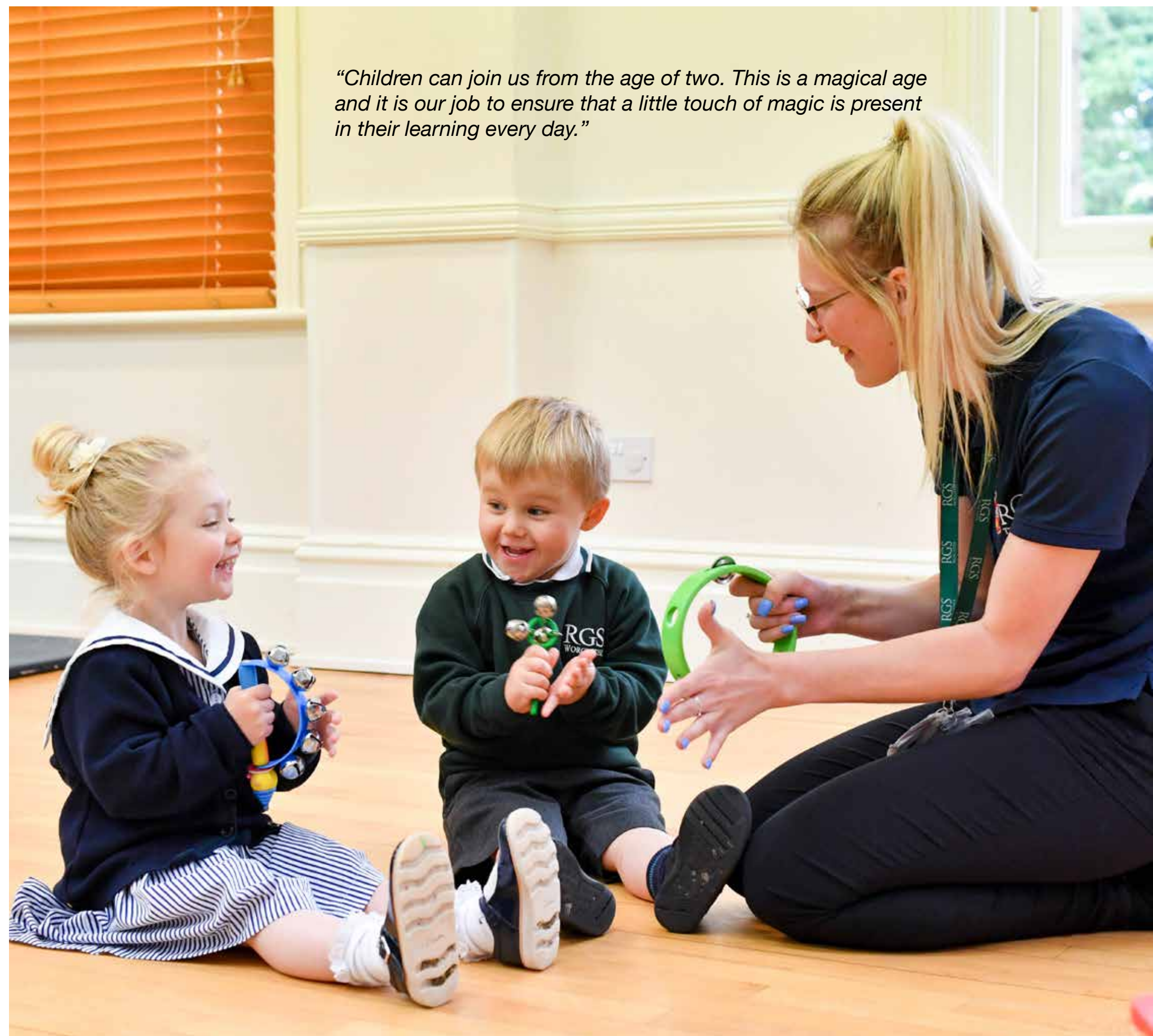
Early Years pupils have the added benefit of belonging to a larger school community and being in a position to take advantage of the excellent facilities and teachers on site.

As the children move into Reception, they work with class teachers and teaching assistants, continuing to follow the Early Learning Framework. The most important task here is to lay solid foundations for reading – a skill that will unlock so many doors as your child grows up.

We work closely with parents to build up a comprehensive and satisfying record of every child's progress and achievements.

We track the children's progress carefully as they move towards the Early Learning Goals at the end of Reception.

*"Children can join us from the age of two. This is a magical age and it is our job to ensure that a little touch of magic is present in their learning every day."*







# CLUBS

We work hard to provide a range of clubs before, during and after school that cater for all children's tastes and that provide a good balance and outlet for children. Although most clubs are run by our own staff, we also use the expertise of external staff to lead on other clubs.

The list below provides you with a flavour of the clubs that are offered during the year but we are always looking to our children for new ideas.

Athletics, Ballet, Choir, Cricket, Dance, Dodgeball, Fencing, Fitness, Flute, Football, Golf, Guitar, Gymnastics, Hockey, Karate, Multi-Skills, Music Theory, Netball, Rounders, Rugby, Running, Sailing, String Band, Tag Rugby, Table Tennis, Tennis, Ukelele, Wind Band, Yoga and EVERYTHING ELSE including: Art, Board Games, Boogie Bounce, Boot Camp, Chess, Computer, Construction, Cookery, Drama, German, iPad and Coding, Jewellery, Jumping Clay, Junk Modelling, Paper Club, Production, Writing.

We also host Holiday Club which runs throughout the holidays and makes life easier for those parents with commitments.



# WRAP AROUND CARE

RGS The Grange is open from 7.45am until 6.00pm during term time. Children are able to enjoy breakfast with their friends before the start of the school day. Once the school day finishes at 3.35pm there are a selection of clubs, as well as the opportunity for the children to play with their friends in a safe and familiar environment.







# PASTORAL CARE

*“Small class sizes where every child’s needs are catered for, excellent pastoral care and a school where ‘happy children succeed.’”*

Your child’s happiness and sense of security form the platform on which everything else at RGS The Grange is built.

Our key approach to pastoral care is to put your child’s happiness above all else. Having responsibility for children is not only about providing a good education but also about building a community that enables boys and girls to develop into mature young adults who have the courage to live by sound moral, social and spiritual values.



# MOVING TO RGS WORCESTER

As pupils enter Year Six, it is a time when they and their parents naturally start to think about senior school. The vast majority of our pupils make the move to RGS Worcester, our Senior School, into Year Seven.

Most will have attended an Open Morning at RGS Worcester and become entranced by the thought of working in the Design Technology Department, or joining the Dance Club, playing sport on Flagge Meadow or being part of one of the Houses. 95% plus of our Year Six pupils move on to Year Seven at RGS Worcester. A smooth transition is ensured, as pupils interact with staff from the Senior School throughout their time at RGS The Grange. They will get a taste of life at the Senior School and this invariably generates huge interest and expectation.

## THESE INITIATIVES INCLUDE:

- A Taster Day in the Michaelmas Term when the pupils are taught by Senior School staff in a variety of subjects such as DT, Science and Drama
- Visits by the Head of Year Seven to talk to Year Six pupils in class. These normally take place in the Summer Term before the Induction Day and produce plenty of excitement as pupils start to think about joining the Senior School and the myriad of new opportunities this will bring.
- The Induction Day in June when the pupils spend a day in the Senior School together with pupils from outside. They will be introduced to their new Form Tutor and given the opportunity to take part in a number of activities.
- In addition to these specific initiatives, the Heads and Deputies of both schools meet on a regular basis, when various individual and general academic and pastoral items are raised as appropriate.
- Parents attend a Transition Evening at RGS Worcester and are encouraged to ask questions about the transition process at any time.

For entry to RGS Worcester from RGS The Grange, the pupils are not required to sit an Entrance Examination since we already know the children and their academic abilities and co-curricular interests. Instead, they sit a Verbal Reasoning Test in November for which they are well-prepared at RGS The Grange and places are then offered at RGS Worcester. Pupils at RGS The Grange can apply for Scholarships and Bursaries and each year a number are offered: Academic, Art, Drama, Music and Sport.





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## DIRECTIONS TO RGS THE GRANGE

### By Road

The most direct route is via the M5. Leave at Junction 6 and join the A449. Travel through the first intersection and continue until you reach a roundabout. Take the first exit at the roundabout into Claines Lane. Travel to a T junction and turn left into Droitwich Road, A38. Take the second left turn into Grange Lane. Travel to a roundabout and take the first exit into the drive to RGS The Grange. There are several car parks on site and this is clearly defined on arrival.

### By Rail

Our closest railway station is Worcester Foregate Street. On arrival make your way to the taxi rank opposite and an approximate 5 minute drive (subject to traffic) will bring you to RGS The Grange.

