



Haberdashers'
Knights Primary

A TEMPLE GROVE SCHOOL



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Haberdashers'
Academies Trust
South



Welcome to Haberdashers' Knights Primary

Haberdashers' Knights Primary is a thriving primary school in nursery, which is proud to serve the community of Downham.

We provide a happy, safe, supportive environment in which children are encouraged to grow as individuals to achieve their personal and academic potential.

Our school was established in 2011 as the primary phase of Haberdashers' Knights Academy. The rich history and support provided by our association with the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers is complemented by the charitable donations of the Temple Grove Trust. This means that, as well as being proud of their heritage, Knights Primary children can benefit from a wide range of enrichment trips and experiences which enhance the high quality of classroom teaching.

At Knights Primary, we encourage every child to do their best in all aspects of school life. Within a caring environment, high expectations are set for behaviour and academic outcomes. Children are supported and challenged in their learning as we want to ensure that they leave us with the knowledge and skills required to be successful in the next stage of their educational journey.

We encourage children to become responsible local and global citizens. In addition to our diverse curriculum, there are numerous opportunities for pupil leadership roles where children can influence the continued development of many aspects of school life.

Our children are proud of their school. Whether as a prospective or current parent, a potential colleague or a local resident, I would invite you to explore our website and visit our school to see for yourself some of the exciting work happening each day at Knights Primary.

Jason Ofori - Principal

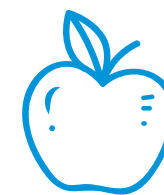




'The way they teach my daughter teaches me something new almost everyday she is always continuing her learning at home because she enjoyed her day'



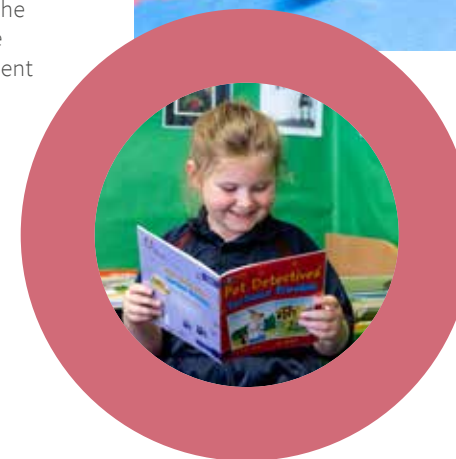
Equipping each pupil with skills and a love of learning



We believe that every child has the right to a good education. We provide the resources and inspiration to spark a thirst for knowledge in our pupils and develop a set of skills which will serve them throughout their learning.

Our curriculum ensures that children experience a full range of learning opportunities including child initiated, teacher directed and group learning. Learning takes place both indoors and outdoors. Reading and writing are taught through the use of synthetic phonics (Read Write Inc) and is supported by a structured book band reading system.

Pupils are assessed throughout their time in the foundation stage through observations, conversations and photographs. Parents, staff and the pupils themselves all contribute to the assessment process. In the Nursery class the developmental phases are used for assessment purposes and the Foundation Stage Profile (FSP) in reception.





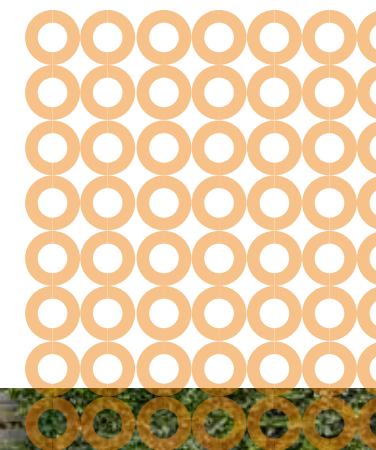
'I believe how the school operates, engagement from teachers, facilities, have improved in the last 18 months. It is good seeing the progress and improvements

Providing an outstanding start in life with our early years provision



Our early years provision is excellent and this lays the foundation for the rest of a pupils time at Knights Primary. Teachers are passionate and have excellent knowledge about early years development. We want to make learning fun, but also develop skills that children will build on as they progress in their Haberdashers' education.

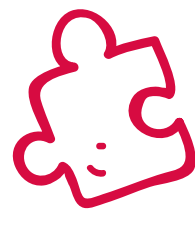
As part of the long term redevelopment of our external area and following a consultation process, we have recently refurbished our playgrounds. Our external landscape has been completely revitalised, with the whole early years playground having been redeveloped whilst our older children also have greater opportunities for climbing and keeping fit.

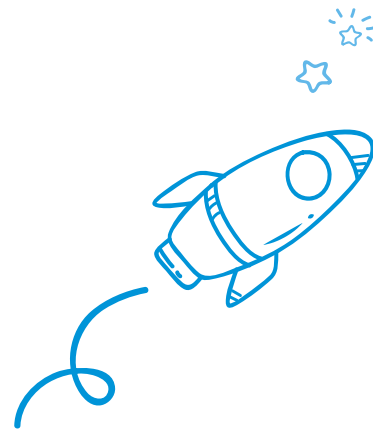


Developing a passion for sport and play



We want children to enjoy playing and taking part in sports at school so that they develop a passion for activity and want to keep fit and live a healthy lifestyle. We offer a range of sports in order to make it fun and offer something for each pupil. Children enjoy team activities like netball and football, cricket and badminton and lessons are taught by a qualified sports coach. We have recently invested in brand new sports equipment and a MUGA. Each pupil will be able to engage in a range of enrichment clubs which range from dance to martial arts.





Providing a safe and supportive environment



Every pupil deserves the chance to experiment and learn in a place where they feel comfortable and joyful. We ensure every child has this opportunity, building a secure community of people who look out for them and support their every endeavor.



Pupils who require individual and/or specific support and guidance may be referred to the SENCO for advice and input. There may be times when the needs of a pupil are such that a referral is made to an external specialist service for further advice and support.



Dream *Together*

'I value the teachers and teaching assistants and dinner ladies because those are who my two children come home and speak fondly of when my children have had day where they were either emotional or hurt themselves or even struggled in their learning with something. My children do feel supported at this school.'



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Advantage and Enrichment

Starting from primary through to sixth form, all Haberdashers' pupils will have opportunities to engage in meaningful character-building experiences, to help them take ownership and leadership of their futures. Many of these are made possible through our links with the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers and other key partners.

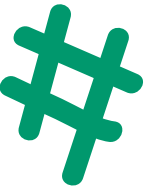
The Haberdashers' Advantage programme is unique to our schools and is designed to develop the 'advantages' that all our pupils possess – strengths, talents, resources and abilities. By encouraging our children and young people to focus on their 'advantages' they adopt a positive mindset and know that they can be their authentic selves and contribute to making their communities, and the world, a better place.

We want our children and young people to feel empowered and see that they can make a positive impact on the world around them. The Haberdashers' Advantage programme is structured around three strands that will help our children and young people find their voice and understand their responsibilities in helping to shape the world in which they live – pupil leadership, careers and community action.

Pupil Leadership

With support and encouragement, every child has the potential to become a leader in different ways, enabling them to take active roles in their school community. With opportunities to use their voice and develop leadership skills to drive change and share their views, children and young people will learn how to articulate themselves confidently and understand the power of their voice in positively impacting themselves and those around them.

School leadership and pupil councils enable our children and young people to contribute to decision making in their own schools and the Youth Advisory Board allows them to influence decisions that impact all schools in the Trust. They will have the opportunity to learn new skills from communicating clearly, diplomacy and organising events to strategy and planning.





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Careers

Helping our pupils develop the confidence to believe that anything is possible, our careers framework provides opportunities for pupils to meet and engage with a diverse range of people from the world of work. We want our young people to see themselves reflected in the people and industries they come across in our careers provision. We aim to challenge stereotypical views about the jobs people do based on their gender, ethnicity and social background.

Our primary schools introduce diverse stories and experiences about jobs and industries so that even our youngest pupils can begin thinking positively about their future prospects. This develops coherently and constructively through our secondaries and into sixth form with many opportunities to consider their options and aspirations, from career fairs, industry talks, webinars, mentoring, university links and more.



Community Action

All our schools are committed to being a positive and active part of their local communities. Our pupils will be able to get involved with community action projects and develop a long-term approach to life of doing the right thing, even when no-one is watching. A range of opportunities will be available for our children and young people to come together and help improve their lives and solve the problems that are important in their communities.

In an ever-changing world, our pupils will consider a range of issues that individuals and different communities face including health and wellbeing, environment, sustainability and inequalities.

Through the Haberdashers' Advantage, our pupils will recognise the power of being part of not just one community but often several. They will understand that everyone has a responsibility to make a positive difference in the world around them.



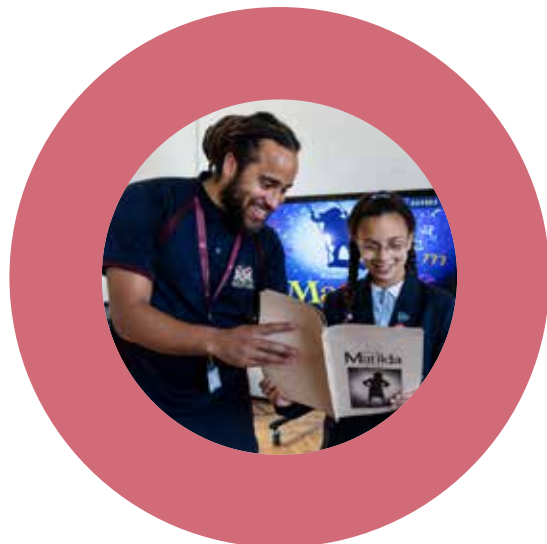
Together, stronger



Knights Primary is proud to be part of Haberdashers' Academies Trust South.

Our Trust has a history dating back to 1876, when our first school was founded, and upholds a rich tradition today. We are a strong network of five primary and four secondary schools and are fortunate to have excellent links with our wider family of Haberdashers' schools across the country.

Offering an all-through educational experience with a smooth transition from primary to secondary, our schools work together to ensure we share resources and opportunities for the benefit of all. Proud of our longstanding links with our local communities, we are an established name in education and are always striving to be better and continue to improve.



Every School an Excellent School

It is the Trust's vision for all schools to be excellent schools. Our mission is to ensure that every one of our children and young people flourishes at school so that they can be successful in their lives.

Our Ethos

Working together is a big part of who we are. Our schools and our communities are beautifully diverse – we make a point of showing appreciation and support to everyone. We have high standards and work to give everyone the tools and support they need to reach their goals.

Together we dream - we are ambitious for ourselves and each other

Together, we grow - we challenge ourselves and empower others to continually seek improvement

Together, we create - we celebrate our differences and our individuality, knowing these strengths make our community and the world a better place



Our Sponsors



The Worshipful Company of Haberdashers

Our main sponsor is the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers, one of the Great Twelve Livery Companies of the City of London. Education is hugely important to the Haberdashers' Company and today there are more than 12,000 children and young people in its family of 21 schools. The Haberdashers' network of maintained and independent schools stretch across the country, covering north London, Shropshire and Monmouth and our own Trust, in south London and Kent. We have regular opportunities to collaborate with the wider network of Haberdashers' schools on a number of initiatives and events.

The Haberdashers' Company supports our pupils in many ways. There are a number of educational and careers initiatives that are organised by the Company, such as the Livery Academy Award, Monmouth – City of London Work Experience, Haberdashers' Musician of the Year, an annual Year 7 visit to the prestigious Haberdashers' Hall, cross-school sporting competitions, mentoring, trips and much more. Each year, a number of Year 13 pupils receive scholarships that will support them financially through university and the Company fund a number of projects throughout the school year. The relationship with the Haberdashers Company is central to the success of the Haberdashers' Advantage enrichment programme, and pupils, parents and staff alike are proud of this relationship.

Each year, a Deputation – a group of representatives, drawn from the Master and Wardens, Liverymen, Freeman and Company Staff – visit the schools. These are important days in our school calendars and allow pupils and staff to showcase the very best of our schools.

The Company's Education Committee maintains close links with the schools and members are a welcome and active presence. The charitable dimension of their work is substantial. The Haberdashers' Company itself has distributed 241 grants totalling almost £900,000 in the last year alone. Over 150 of those grants went directly to the Haberdashers' networks of schools and their pupils.

Find out more at www.haberdashers.co.uk



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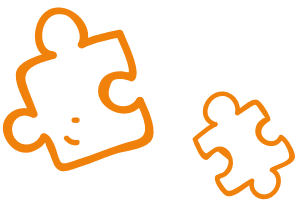
Temple Grove Schools Trust is a charitable trust dedicated to raising standards for primary education. The Trust was founded some 50 years ago and springs from one of the country's oldest prep schools, Temple Grove, founded in 1810. The Trust seeks to provide all children with a breadth and depth of learning opportunities in order to realise individual aspirations and potential.

Our primary schools are extremely fortunate to have a partnership with the Temple Grove Schools Trust – we benefit from bursaries that allow us the opportunity to give our children learning experiences they may not get at other schools; including music lessons, professional coaches and multiple trips.

Find out more at www.templegrove.org.uk



Our vision



Our vision is built from our values of aspiration and achievement, personal responsibility, self-discipline and mutual respect.



WE ARE CONSIDERATE AND COURTEOUS

We show respect to all members of staff, visitors to the school and to each other.

WE HAVE HIGH STANDARDS

Our parents, students and staff model high standards in language and behaviour and promote mutual respect between all.

WE RESPECT PROPERTY AND THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

We take care of furniture and books and have respect for display work and notices.

WE ARE ON TIME

We are punctual and regular attendance is expected from all members of our school community.

WE DON'T TOLERATE BULLYING

We recognise bullying inside and outside of school and report it.

WE PRACTICE GOOD SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

We move around quietly, keep to the right, and are thoughtful towards others by holding doors open and standing aside to let people pass.

WE WEAR OUR UNIFORMS WITH PRIDE

Including on the journey to and from school; sending out a positive message to each other and the community.



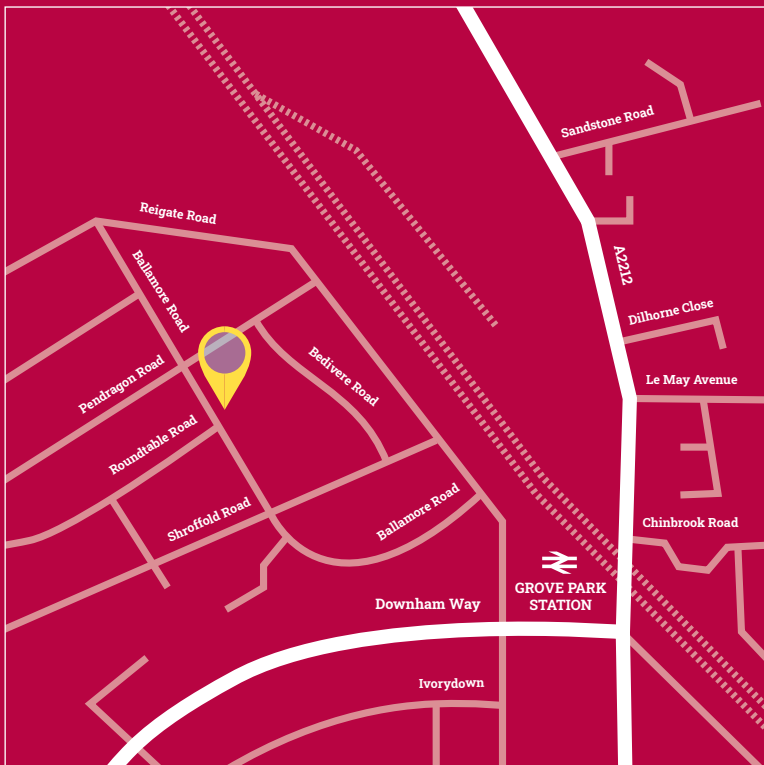
How to apply & key dates



Submit your application using the online primary school application via Lewisham Council, who handle our primary applications.

September and October	Attend one of our open events and view the school, meet pupils and staff and find out more about us. Open days can be found on our website. Applications open on Lewisham Council's online primary school application system.
January	Make sure that you apply by the deadline via Lewisham Council's online primary school application system.
April	All successful applicants will receive an offer letter. If you aren't offered a place at this first stage, you can join our waiting list to be offered a place over the following months, as they become available. Closing date for nursery applications.
May	Nursery place offers will be made.
June and July	Your child will be able to visit the school for a Taster Day at and take part in some fun activities designed to give them an exciting taste of primary school life. It's a great start to them settling in.
August	Home visits and letters will be sent home to new primary pupils and nursery starters.
September	We look forward to welcoming your child as a new pupil in September. Nursery places will have staggered start dates to help transition to the nursery.

Find out more about our admissions process on our website:
www.habsknightsprimary.org.uk



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