



Mill Hill

Grimsdell

NURSERY IN NATURE



Welcome



At Grimsdell we pride ourselves on our connection with the outdoors. We are firm believers that not all classrooms have four walls, and that outdoor education is vital for children's development and learning. Our approach and embedded ethos was recognised recently when we were voted Independent Pre-Prep of the Year at The Independent School Parent awards, with part of our success attributed to how we maximise our opportunities for outdoor learning.

We are very excited to take our Nursery and outdoor provision one step further by extending our part time Nursery offer to a Full Time setting with the children spending half the day in our Nursery setting and half the day in our newly refurbished Nursery Forest School. The children will have the opportunity to complement all of their learning in the Nursery session by spending an extended session in the forest, developing skills such as; self-awareness, motivation, empathy, social and communication skills, independence, self-esteem and confidence. In addition children will benefit from the development of physical skills, both gross and fine motor.

Kate Simon
Head

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START YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY WITH A HYBRID OF INDOOR AND OUTDOOR LEARNING ALL WITHIN OUR BEAUTIFUL GROUNDS.

Key Facts

Two Sessions

Pupils will split their day into two sessions; half the day in the classroom and half in the Forest

Expert Staff

Early years and Forest School Trained Staff

Small Class Sizes

Pupils receive close attention

Wrap Around Care

from 7:30am until 5:30pm

10 Miles

from Central London

150 Acres

of grounds and facilities belonging to The Foundation



Why Forest School?

'Pupils develop a deep affinity with nature through the Outdoor Education Programme and use of the extensive school grounds.'

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Forest school at Grimsdell offers children the opportunity to take supported risks appropriate to the environment and to themselves. It allows them to attempt new challenges that they would not face in a classroom. There are opportunities for children to experience the 'classroom' of the outdoors engaging in activities such as tree climbing, making dens, reading in the fresh air and building fires. This adds a sense of excitement and adventure for the children, who are free to explore and manipulate the environment around them using all of their senses. The weather has no impact upon forest schools, whether it be rain or shine, snow or light winds, the children will be outside making the most of the experience. Our newly built cabin will allow space for children to go inside 'within the outside' as an extension of the forest.

In addition to this, it also allows children to be physically active throughout the duration of their lesson, enjoying the fresh air and the new experiences the outdoors can offer. Over the course of Forest School, children's stamina will increase and they will become physically fitter, thus providing a healthier lifestyle.

Forest School offers an excellent opportunity for play and exploration, however, it is the practical tasks linked to the EYFS Foundation Stage which enhance children's development and drives the Forest School initiative. Many of the activities within forest schools are child-led, and the activities will follow the direction in which children choose to take them. They may decide to work independently, working on developing their own problem-solving skills and creativity, or they may join up with other children and work within teams. This is excellent for children's social development, as they will learn how to collaborate within a team, and how to share their ideas and to listen to others.





The detail...



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Lunch

Lunch is included and pupils will eat in our School Dining Room/Hall and will be given the same offer as the rest of the school. Meals are cooked onsite by our resident chef, Maggie. All dietary requirements will be catered for.

Format of the Day

	Hedgehogs (3 members of staff) 	Squirrels (3 members of staff) 
8:30am – 11:30am	Forest School	Nursery
11:30am – 12:30pm	LUNCH TIME	
12.30pm – 3.15pm	Nursery	Forest School

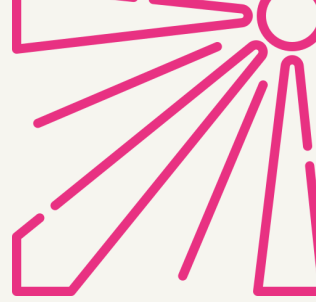
Each half term the groups will swap timings so all pupils can experience Forest School in both the morning and afternoon, ensuring they all receive an equal experience.

Wrap Around Care

We also offer wrap around care from 7:30am until 5:30pm daily.



Happiness and Wellbeing



The Grimsdell Way

Above all we value kindness, and expect our children to be responsible for their actions and have moral integrity. We:

- treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves
- are honest
- share
- forgive
- are kind and helpful
- are cooperative
- do our best to be our best
- share our worries
- listen to each other

Grimsdell is wonderfully welcoming. Our school is a friendly place where everyone feels part of our family. We will make sure your child feels safe and nurtured here.

Our Values

Grimsdell is a Christian foundation, based upon the principles of religious freedom. Our pupils represent a wide range of faiths and cultures, and our assemblies place a strong emphasis on moral and mutual respect. With our support your child will be ready to learn, develop their personality and become secure and confident in everything they do. Your child's class teacher and teaching assistant will get to know them well, we communicate often with you, and together with the specialist staff, Deputy Head and Head, your child will be surrounded by people who will always take care of their wellbeing.

School Houses

Each child at Grimsdell is in one of our three Houses, making friends across the age groups and joining in academic and cross-curriculum events and competitions. House activities allow our young pupils to experience team spirit, a sense of belonging and healthy competition; preparing them for the more sophisticated and far-reaching House experience that they will encounter at Belmont, and then at Mill Hill.

'Pupils develop a wide range of personal values and skills through the school's consistent use of strong pastoral guidelines.'

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