

Hallfield Pre-Prep

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A Very Warm Welcome

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Hallfield School. I am very fortunate to be the Head Master of this remarkable school. This booklet serves as only the briefest of introductions to Hallfield, providing a glimpse of the opportunities and excitement that lie ahead for your child.

Our traditions lay in our over 140-year history as the leading prep school in Birmingham, but our continued success is in our ability to adapt and evolve to the ever-changing world we live in. Our aim is simple: to equip our children with the skills, knowledge and attitudes to thrive as global citizens in a rapidly changing world.

At Hallfield we strike the perfect balance of focusing on both academia and the well-being of your child, ensuring their personal development is at the heart of everything we do. We offer a pathway to 11+ that supports pupils in going on to attend local independent and state grammar schools. Others continue their journey with Hallfield Seniors where they can expect a unique and tailor-made start to their senior education, preparing them for some of the most distinguished local and national independent schools.

We are the only prep school in Birmingham to cater for children aged 3 months to 13 years. Nestled in a 22-acre oasis with extensive grounds and facilities, we are just over a mile from Birmingham city centre.

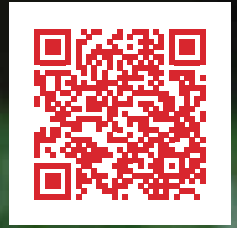
Our diverse community is founded on our Christian principles. Tolerance, respect, humility and generosity of spirit are interwoven into the curriculum and every aspect of our school.

Our children are bright, engaged and proud to be Hallfieldians. I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to visit and feel the “buzz of Hallfield” for yourself.

Mr K B Morrow

Keith Morrow

Head Master



Scan for even more
information on Pre-Prep



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**Video: Meet
Mr Morrow**



An Introduction to Hallfield Pre-Prep

At Hallfield School, Pre-Prep comprises of Foundation, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The department is a vibrant learning environment, which boasts wonderful outdoor facilities alongside extended and refurbished Foundation and Reception classrooms.

Children within Pre-Prep are aged between three and seven years and follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and Hallfield Key Stage 1 curriculum, which is based on the National Curriculum, but is much more extensive. The department has a simple philosophy: that the formative years of a child's education are the most crucial to developing the skills and attitudes that shape their journey through Hallfield and beyond. We seek to foster your child's natural curiosity about the world around them and fill their day with meaningful learning opportunities to inspire their sense of awe and wonder.


Located on the same site as Prep, Pre-Prep makes use of our excellent co-located facilities to provide the best possible foundations for a successful school life. The main point of entry for most children is Foundation (aged 3- 4); however, we focus at every stage on preparing your child for their next step throughout Hallfield and beyond.

Our highly qualified staff focus on providing exceptional pastoral care to your child and our nurturing and supportive environment is a hallmark of Hallfield.

Our focus is to support your child to enable them to gain strong foundations in all areas of learning through our extensive curriculum. From Music and Dance, to French and Forest School, your child will benefit from a range of opportunities beyond the classroom.



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A photograph of a classroom scene. A female teacher with dark curly hair, wearing a floral patterned top, is smiling and sitting on the floor. In front of her, several young children are sitting on the floor. Two children in the foreground are wearing red polo shirts and black pants. One child has dark hair and is looking towards the camera, while the other has red hair and is smiling. Other children are visible in the background, some also in red shirts. The background shows a classroom setting with a blue wall and a whiteboard.

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Introduction



**Pre-Prep is the
launch pad to your
child's successful
Hallfield career**

The Pre-Prep Curriculum

Within Pre-Prep, children follow the Key Stage 1 National Curriculum for England and this comprises the two years of schooling in Year 1 and Year 2. Children in these years are aged between five and seven, and at Hallfield are part of our Pre-Prep Department. In the Key Stage 1 curriculum, the children will be learning the fundamentals of the core subjects such as English and Mathematics.

Pre-Prep employs a set programme of study in the following subjects: English, Mathematics, Science, Creative Arts, History, Geography, Art and Design, Music, PE (including swimming), Drama, Dance, Computing, Modern Foreign Languages and Religious Education.

Our robust pastoral care is supported through discrete teaching of Personal, Social and Health Education

(PSHE). We believe this approach helps develop children's self-confidence, independence and the ability to form good relationships with others.

Assessments within Pre-Prep focus on English reading, English grammar, and Mathematics. They take the form both of written tests and teacher assessments, and parents are regularly informed of their children's progress through regular parents' evenings and an end of year school report.

The skills and knowledge developed through the Pre-Prep curriculum are fundamental to your child's success in the Prep school at Hallfield – and, of course, ultimately form the foundations for their future achievements in their chosen secondary school.



EYFS

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) in Pre-Prep is split into two elements: Foundation and Reception. This staged introduction to school life is part of Hallfield's commitment to providing your child with the securest foundations for a successful future. The EYFS' seven areas of learning is tailored and delivered according to each child's individual needs and interests:

- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design



Foundation begins from the September after your child turns three and consists of three mixed ability forms of approximately twenty-two children. Each form has a qualified Early Years teacher and a nursery nurse. Foundation children attend school 8:30 - 15:30 either three, four or five days per week. This can be term-time only or 48 weeks per year.

Foundation at Hallfield is the start of your child's formal schooling with a focus on independent learning.

Children learn through planned adult-led and child-initiated activities, in both outdoor and indoor environments. Our aim is to develop confidence and articulation in speaking, listening and responding, controlled motor skills and positive attitudes towards themselves and others.

Phonics promotes reading and writing and children are encouraged to use numbers and mathematical language. French is introduced to the curriculum, as is PE, Forest School and Music. Weekly visits to the Pre-Prep library situated in the Creative Cottage continues on from nursery. The children enjoy educational visits to places such as the Botanical Gardens, Wyre Forest, the theatre and Twycross Zoo.

Reception begins from the September after your child turns four and is located in bright, colourful and airy rooms with an attached undercover, free-flow, outdoor area. Reception builds on the concepts, knowledge, skills and understanding introduced in the earlier years. Specialist lessons continue: whilst the prime areas of learning (Communication and Language, Physical Development and Personal, Social and Emotional Development) remain a critical element of the Reception curriculum, there is an increased focus on the development of literacy and numeracy alongside Expressive Arts and Design and Understanding the World.

Children are assessed on entry to Reception to inform planning and ensure all individual needs are met. By the end of Reception, children will be self-sufficient in selecting their own equipment and resources and attending to their own personal needs. Children are well prepared for a smooth transition into Year 1.

A photograph of two young girls in traditional Middle Eastern or North African clothing. The girl on the left is wearing a green and gold patterned dress with a white and green checkered collar. The girl on the right is wearing a purple dress with gold floral patterns and a white and green checkered collar. They are both smiling and embracing each other. The background is slightly blurred, showing an outdoor setting with a yellow structure and a person in a white shirt.

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A woman with dark hair, wearing a red polo shirt, stands behind a young girl with red curly hair in pigtails, wearing a white dress with a green and blue pattern. They are in a lush green garden. A red circular graphic is in the top left, and a red vertical bar is on the right side.

There is a strong
focus on leadership,
team-building and
growing pupils'
confidence

Year 1 & 2

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Year 1 and 2 are taught in three forms, each with an assigned teacher and learning support assistant. Children at this stage follow the Hallfield version of the National Curriculum. This is enhanced by specialist teaching/subjects. Hallfield Enrichment is also introduced and provides children with an opportunity to learn lifelong skills such as mindfulness, First Aid, gardening and animal care.

There is a focus on phonics, with the Read Write Inc. scheme delivered daily. Regular trips to the beautiful Pre-Prep library (located within our Creative Cottage) is intended to nurture the children's love of reading. As children move through Year 2 and complete the Read Write Inc. scheme, a formal English lesson is introduced to prepare children for life in Hallfield Prep.

During English, the Read Write Inc. programme enables every child to learn at their own speed. The teaching of Mathematics focuses on challenging all Hallfield children to develop a deeper understanding through a mastery curriculum. PE, Music, Art and French are taught by specialist teachers to optimise their learning



experience. Hallfield believes that education is a partnership between home and school. Children perform at their best when they are encouraged to reflect on their learning at home and we ask that parents support with their child's reading and homework.

The curriculum is further enhanced every term in Year 1 and 2 with educational visits and workshops from external experts, for example: the educational mobile zoo service, 'Sir Teachalot', 'Major Mustard,' and 'Animals in Hands'. Trips to places such as Cadbury World enriches pupils' understanding of the famous Cadbury family and the positive impact they had on the local area. We are fortunate to have locations such as Avoncroft, Dudley Zoological Gardens and Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery located close by to continue our learning outside of the classroom.

Life at Hallfield in Year 1 and 2 is, in short, exciting – and always focused on your child fulfilling their potential. Year 2 is the capstone of what we believe to be the very best start for your child's education. At the end of their time with us in Hallfield Pre-Prep, they will be well on their way to achieving their full potential as they move into Hallfield Prep.



Communication

From Foundation to Year 2, children are given an academic planner. The planner outlines ways in which parents can support and help their child and aids communication between home and school. Parents are given the email of their child's teacher to make communication as easy as possible.

The Seesaw app is used across Hallfield First and Pre-Prep. Within the EYFS Seesaw enables teachers to share videos and photographs of children with parents. These videos and photographs will document learning that is taking place and provide reassurance to parents. Year 1 and 2 utilise Seesaw to share homework and work that children are proud of with parents.

Outdoor space

Across the Pre-Prep, we benefit from two playgrounds and a large amount of outside space. Hallfield School boasts two all-weather surfaces, a grass sports field and a wonderful, wooded, Forest School area.

Aftercare

Across Pre-Prep the school day finishes at 15:30. Any child not collected at this time automatically transitions into aftercare which is inclusive of fees until 17:00. Clubs run by teachers or external providers take place between 15:30 and 17:00. Aftercare is then chargeable from 17:00. All children staying for aftercare from this time are served a hot meal before enjoying activities that are more relaxing at the end of a busy day. Aftercare runs until 18:00.



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your child fulfilling
their potential*

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Get in Touch

For more information on the admissions process, scholarships and bursaries, please contact our Admissions Team: admissions@hallfieldschool.co.uk or **0121 454 1496**.

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