



# GLENESK

Pre-Prep & Nursery School

Specialists in educating 2-7 year olds



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# Welcome



**Welcome to Glenesk School & Nursery where we specialise in 2-7 year olds and pride ourselves on offering our pupils the very best start in their educational life. This is vital as the first school you choose for your child, in their formative years, will influence their attitude to learning throughout their education.**

Our staff are highly qualified and experienced in this age group and our classes are small to make the most of every learning opportunity. We also provide specialist teachers for PE, swimming, gymnastics, music, dance, ballet and drama, giving your child every opportunity to continue these activities to a high level in the future. Our facilities at Glenesk are designed for the Pre Prep age group: a beautifully warm and shallow indoor swimming pool, an indoor sports hall, a mini astro pitch and playing field, stimulating outdoor learning areas and a gardening area with chickens and guinea pigs.

Central to our ethos is providing a broad foundation in reading, writing and maths. We concentrate on building solid skills bases in phonics and Maths, so that by the end of Year 2 most children are working well above expected levels for their age.

Our culture of respect and community creates an environment in which traditional values of thoughtfulness, compassion and respect for others play an important part and where all children feel safe and secure and as a result can flourish and grow. Every day we learn about making good friends, sensible choices, staying safe, manners and table manners.

We have an excellent reputation for preparing children for entry into the best selective schools in the local area and are uniquely placed to advise you on the best destinations for your child, based on their academic ability, strengths and character. When your child is 2 years old, it is difficult to know which school will suit them and bring out the best in them, but by the time they are 6 it will be clear to us and we will work to advise you.

**Come to Glenesk and we will get to know your child, channel their energy and enthusiasm into learning, find out how they learn best and then advise you every step of the way in choosing the right school for the next step of your child's educational journey. This is a special and magical time in your child's life – welcome to Glenesk.**

*Sarah Bradley*

Mrs Sarah Bradley  
Headteacher





# Academic Excellence

As a non-selective school, we are extremely proud of our record of academic excellence. With small class sizes, all children receive individualised attention and are given the opportunity to truly fulfil their potential and grow in confidence.

**88% of our children achieved 'expected' or 'exceeding' scores at the end of Reception compared with the national average of 69%.**

Glenesk prides itself on the quality of guidance we offer our parents when it comes to choosing the right school after Glenesk. Head of Glenesk, Mrs Sarah Bradley has a wealth of experience in helping parents choose the best future school to suit their child's character and academic ability through close links with Heads and Registrars of all the top-tier schools in the local area.



We have a longstanding reputation as one of the best schools for preparing children for entry to the top Prep Schools in the area. Our pupils have a noticeable edge and distinctive confidence as they move forwards on their school journey and many of our leavers have won academic and sporting scholarships.

Aldro School

Belmont Prep

City of London Freeman's School

Cranleigh School

Cranmore School

Danes Hill School

Downsend School

Feltonfleet School

Guildford High School

Hoe Bridge School

Lanesborough School

Manor House School

Milbourne Lodge School

Ripley Court School

Rowan Prep School

St Catherine's School

St Teresa's School

Tormead School



## Working with parents

At Glensk we understand that educating children is a partnership between the school and home. Parents are invited into school to discuss our approach to reading, phonics and maths so that they feel able to support their children at home. By working together and adopting a consistent approach right from the start we can ensure that your child flourishes.



# Wraparound care and holiday cover

Family life is very busy and finding holiday care for young children can be difficult which is why we have excellent and flexible wraparound care at school from 7.45am to 6pm daily. Our before and after school care provides your child with a relaxed, sociable environment at the start and end of each school day. We run a holiday club every half term and school holiday to support busy and working parents.



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**Glenesk School Parent**

## Before school

Our Early Birds club operates from 7.45am until the start of the school day. Children can play both inside and outside, feed the chickens, sew, draw, play board games and with construction toys.



## After school

We run a very popular Stay & Play club after school from 3.30pm to 6.00pm where your child can play after the busy school day. We provide a hot meal in Stay & Play so when you collect your child they are ready for bath and bed.

We also offer a range of after school clubs such as Forest School, Ballet, Tennis, Cookery, Judo, Multisports, Gardening, Dance & Drama, Magic Maths, Swimming and Football.



## Holiday Club

Glenesk is open throughout the school holidays for all our children from Nursery to Year 2. The holiday club activities on offer are carefully crafted to feature a balance of sports, adventure and arts & crafts, so from clay modelling and ‘art explosion’ to messy play and Lego; whatever your child’s passion, there is sure to be something for them to enjoy.



At Glensk, we believe that sport and recreational play is crucial to every child's development and their well-being. Not only does participating in sport have physical and mental health benefits but it also encourages life skills such as learning to be part of a team, leadership, good sportsmanship and graciously accepting win or defeat. Emphasis is placed on participation, where pupils have every opportunity to learn new skills and develop their talents. We have specialist teachers for gymnastics, sports and swimming and we often participate in athletics and sports matches with other local schools.

Every child from the age of 3 has the opportunity to learn to swim in our indoor pool, and we build good foundations in a wide variety of sports including athletics, cricket, football, gymnastics, basketball, tennis and touch rugby ; even the youngest children in Nursery are taught by a Nursery Sports coach.

# Sport

## and swimming

## Extra curricular activities

We aim to provide a wealth of opportunities to complement, extend and enrich those already offered by the school curriculum

We particularly focus on the creative arts through dance, drama and art, all of which we incorporate into the curriculum, but offer additional opportunities to extend this outside of classes. Years 1 and 2 learn to play recorders in their music lessons and individual piano lessons are available. Other after school activities include a range of clubs such as dance, cookery, Forest School, football, yoga, gardening, judo and swimming.

We also enrich the curriculum with a wide range of whole school activities and regular visits to places of educational interest, such as the British Wildlife Centre, Windsor Castle, Kew Gardens and the Rural Life Centre.





## Specialist facilities for ages 2 to 7

Glenesk offers a fantastic range of age-appropriate facilities for our children to enjoy. Our bright, large and airy classrooms and purpose-built nursery building create an inspiring learning environment.

All our Early Years areas have dedicated outdoor learning spaces, with a variety of play-based educational equipment. We have a playground garden, with combine harvester climbing structure, sports field, mini astro pitch, a dedicated area for nature, a vegetable garden and an area for our guinea pigs and chickens.

Our main hall buzzes with activity for much of the day and is home to a large stage, used for our school performances. We have a dedicated music room for curricular and extra-curricular music lessons. We also have a woodwork studio where our older Year 1 and 2 children learn carpentry with our specialist Design Technology teacher. Our outdoor areas are ideal for our weekly Forest School activities.

### Our Food - No Sugar

We take our food very seriously. Our meals are wholesome and home cooked and we rarely use sugar. Our chef holds a qualification in Nutrition and knows all the children and their dietary requirements well. Daily snacks are vegetables, fruit and a protein option, such as cheese or sausage. A hot meal is provided for children in Stay & Play.



# Nursery

## ages 2-3

At Glenesk, we recognise that every child is unique. We understand how children learn and provide them with tools and opportunities tailored to the way they experience the world. This allows our children to learn through experiences and exploration, inspiring the joy of discovery.

Our children are given the opportunity to build on key learning skills, such as listening, speaking, concentration and learning to work together with their peers in a happy and secure environment. We use a successful Key Person system, so your child forms a secure attachment and bond with one of our highly-qualified members of staff.

If your child stays for the afternoon sessions, we run themed activities including Forest School, cookery, swimming, gymnastics and science discovery. We provide a healthy lunch, made freshly on-site.

Children start with us as soon as they turn 2 and they may attend our Nursery full-time or parents can choose the morning or afternoon sessions they require, with a minimum attendance of two morning sessions per week.



# Rising Reception ages 3-4

Rising Reception ensures a smooth transition between Nursery and Reception. We focus on stimulating our children's development through communication and language, physical development and personal, social and emotional development. We provide active involvement and relevant first-hand opportunities, in an environment filled with possibilities. Our outdoor learning opportunities develop focus and help build language skills

Our small class sizes and excellent pupil teacher ratios means we can focus on teaching small groups, with work tailored to every pupil, to ensure your child's learning is designed uniquely for them. In the afternoon sessions, we run different themed afternoons including Forest School, cookery, swimming, gymnastics and science discovery. Our children also learn to swim in our indoor pool as part of the curriculum.

Your child may attend Rising Reception full time or morning or afternoon sessions, as required. Lunches are made freshly on-site and your child is welcome to stay for lunch even if they go home in the afternoon.



# Reception

Your child's happiness and success is at the heart of everything we do here at Glenesk and as your child takes the first formal steps along their educational journey, we will provide them with exceptional teaching, small class sizes and superb pastoral care.

We place an emphasis on first-hand learning and well-structured play activities enhanced with a range of rich learning experiences and activities. Throughout the school, every classroom has a challenge area and a creative area to encourage our children to be independent learners. Our own extensive reading scheme develops breadth in reading skills.

Our pupil's social development is very important and we put a strong emphasis on traditional values, such as good manners, friendships, respect and responsibility.

You will receive regular updates on your child progress with an opportunity to meet with their teacher regularly. Parents are invited in to find out how we teach reading and writing so you can support your child at home.



*"The quality of education provided by the school is outstanding. Achievement is outstanding because teaching is consistently of a very high quality."*

**Latest SIS Inspection**



# Years 1&2

Our provision for children in Years 1 and 2 is an enhanced and creative programme with plenty of opportunities for hands-on investigation and problem-solving and includes additional specialist activities and lessons. Teaching and learning opportunities promote active engagement, depth of learning and motivation.

In addition, small class sizes are hugely effective in providing a high level of focused teacher involvement with each child.

We place a great emphasis on courtesy, good manners and the ability to work and play as part of a team. Children in Year 2 are also given posts of responsibility becoming House Captains, Librarians, Music Monitors and Lunch Helpers.

During Years 1 and 2, we also focus on preparing your child for entrance tests and attaining scholarships to the schools of your choice in Year 3.



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*Glenesk is proud to be a Cognita School*

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*"Lovely school, high quality teaching and learning, fantastic pastoral care"*

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