



Oakleigh House Prospectus

... best for your child... best from your child...



Welcome

Oakleigh House parents can be assured that the school will provide the best education for their child and ensure the best response from their child. Each pupil has a strong sense of their own identity and is a valued member of the school community.

Oakleigh House is a co-educational primary school, taking pupils from 2½ - 11 years. It is situated in the Uplands area of Swansea, adjoining the beautiful Cwmdonkin Park. It houses a separate Nursery department, a multi-purpose hall, modern dining facilities, an Astroturf sports surface and a light and airy library.

There is a designated Nursery play area, a large soft play surface for all and a wooded area, which has been developed into a nature reserve by staff and pupils, providing a valuable on-site resource.

There is a distinctive family atmosphere, with a caring ethos and a positive attitude to learning.

Discipline is firm and expectations high, with pupils of all abilities suitably challenged in order to realise their potential in a safe and supportive environment.

A dedicated team of staff is well qualified to deal with children across the age range. Teachers plan a broad, modern curriculum, set clear goals and attach great importance to good manners and the development of self-discipline.



Early Years

...mighty oaks from little acorns grow.

Our spacious bright Early Years department is a happy, stimulating environment where caring, dedicated staff foster enthusiasm for learning in their pupils, while encouraging self-confidence and consideration for others.

There is a dedicated Nursery building and play area with a wildlife garden where the children are encouraged to investigate and explore the world around them.

Literacy, Numeracy, scientific thinking and basic motor skills are part of the early learning process, together with constant opportunities

for the children to express themselves through a range of creative activities.

Our aim is to produce confident, independent young people.

Nursery pupils may attend on a full or part time basis from 2½ years of age. Reception pupils attend school all day, gradually integrating with the main body of the school.

"Excellent friendly school with supportive staff, my children are very happy" Mrs Lewis



Years 1 & 2

Pupils in Years 1 and 2 follow the National Curriculum.

Positive attitudes to learning are encouraged and a thorough grounding in all academic areas established. Particular emphasis is placed on reading which is considered the cornerstone of each child's academic development. Teachers and parents are encouraged to read aloud with their children on a daily basis.

The use of mobile devices including iPads and laptops forms an integral part of the children's learning.

Work in all areas is enhanced by visits to festivals, museums, environmental centres and other places of interest.

Pupils also experience the benefits of regular physical activity in the form of football, gymnastics, hockey, short tennis and rounders for both boys and girls.

Our aim is that every pupil should enjoy taking part in sport and in so doing build up a real sense of teamwork.



"The Teachers are kind and they make learning fun." Evie



Years 3 & 4

In Years 3 and 4 the class teacher is responsible for delivering the core curriculum together with the pastoral care of the pupils in their charge. Specialist teaching is provided in Music, Drama, Spanish and Sport.

At this stage, pupils are encouraged to become independent learners and to take more responsibility for themselves. They are set 20 minutes homework four evenings a week together with daily reading. All pupils will be expected to keep their homework diary up to date.

There is a close school/home partnership. Pupils are regularly assessed with written reports sent to parents twice a year and termly parent evenings to ensure an on-going dialogue with staff.

High standards of behaviour are insisted upon and a house point system is in place to encourage good work and behaviour.

Physical exercise remains a vital component of school life. As well as the traditional team sports, pupils also have the opportunity to play tennis and hockey and to swim in the Wales National Pool. Matches and tournaments against other schools allow pupils to put into practice the skills they have learned in their lessons.



Years 5 & 6

By the time pupils arrive at the top of the school, they will have developed a sound work ethic and their abilities will have been brought into focus.

Lessons across the curriculum prepare pupils for entry to Senior School. Oakleigh House maintains robust transition links with a number of independent and maintained secondary schools, who warmly welcome our pupils as they enter Key Stage 3.

All Year 6 pupils are given a position of leadership and the opportunity to take responsibility for themselves and for the younger pupils in school.

The school continues to foster a love of the expressive arts and pupils in Years 5 and 6 play an important

role in choir, orchestra, dance and dramatic productions. All this plays a significant part in confidence building and supporting teamwork.

Pupils are encouraged to form links with the community and do this in a variety of ways, mainly through performances at significant times in the year and through fund raising for a wide range of charities.

We are confident that the foundations laid at Oakleigh House will equip all our pupils well for the next stage in their education. We always follow their progress with interest and take pride in their success.

"Oakleigh House is great academically and it caters for children with a wide variety of interests" Mr Minney





Sport

At Oakleigh House, we endeavour to introduce our pupils to a range of sporting opportunities.

Physical Education lessons are developed further by the many extracurricular activities that take place during the lunch break and after school. These include netball, hockey, cricket, football, tennis, cross country, dance and fit club.

Pupils have the opportunity of taking part in Team Sports at all levels. The pupils travel to schools across South Wales for away matches and are fortunate to play fixtures at the superbly equipped University sports centre. We have a large all weather

sports surface in the school grounds where netball matches take place.

Swimming is an excellent sport for achieving high levels of fitness and all pupils in Years 3 - 6 have the chance to swim in the Wales National Pool in small, closely supervised groups.



Life at Oakleigh

Oakleigh House offers wrap around care from 8am to 6pm daily and an activity club every holiday. The Early Bird Club allows parents to bring children to school from 8am and the extended day means that children can remain in school after the usual time for activities, clubs and tea.

Pupils eat together in the dining hall. Healthy hot and cold lunches for all, are prepared daily in the school's own kitchen.

Pupils contribute immensely to the busy and varied life of the school through team sports, art, chess and a variety of other after school and lunchtime clubs. All pupils take part in the annual Christmas production and there is a choir of note.

In addition to class Music and

Drama lessons, optional extra lessons are offered in a range of instruments, Speech, Singing and Ballet.

Examination results in these subjects are consistently outstanding.

Two pupils from each year group are elected annually to the School Councils. These pupil bodies meet regularly to make suggestions about the school, its environment and how they can help local, national and international charities.

"Every Monday I can't wait for the next wonderful week" Isla







How to find us

A warm welcome awaits you at Oakleigh House. See for yourself our delightful Nursery and School.

You will experience the nurturing family atmosphere that defines us and will meet our articulate, well-mannered and confident pupils.

We are happy to meet interested parents by appointment at any time during the school term. Taster sessions or days, depending on the age of the child, can also be arranged. Our doors are always open: come and visit us.



"Oakleigh House feels like home"

Lucas, Year 5



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