



THORPE HALL SCHOOL

Why is Thorpe Hall the best start to your child's education?

We believe there are many features and factors that set the school apart. Here, we have picked **just ten things** we thought you would probably like to know.

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Early Years Attainment

The attainment levels of Thorpe Hall pupils at the end of their Reception Year have repeatedly exceeded the national average by a substantial margin as measured against 17 Early Learning Goals in all schools across the country. 90% of our pupils achieved a Good Level of Development in 2019, compared to 72% nationally.

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Exceeding in Literacy

The Local Authority sets the target of 25% of a Primary School's pupils to be reading 'beyond the expected level' by the end of their Reception year. At Thorpe Hall, the figure is 43%.

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Pupil Wellbeing

Our initiatives and structures to support pupil wellbeing were recognised with an Independent Schools Association Award for Excellence & Innovation in Pupils' Mental Health and Wellbeing this year. The school has also been shortlisted by the Times Educational Supplement for The Wellbeing Initiative of the Year 2020.

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Per Pupil Funding

In 2019/20 the budget allocation per pupil in UK state-funded primary schools was in the region of £4,000 per pupil. By comparison, our funding per pupil is more than double, enabling us to create an award-winning provision with small class sizes, specialist teachers and outstanding facilities.

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Average Class Size

In Southend, the average class size at Key Stage 1 was 28 in 2019 (above the national average), with 6% of pupils in classes bigger than 30. Our average class size in Key Stage 1 is 12, enabling more focused teaching and individualised learning.

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Pupil/Teacher Ratios

Our average pupil teacher ratio is 1 to 11. Nationally, there is an average of 20 pupils per teacher in UK state funded primary schools, and in Southend the ratio is reported to be even higher, at 26 pupils per qualified teacher.

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Success through STEM

Children in reception start their STEM journey with CREST, a national programme providing a series of hands-on science challenges to encourage them to investigate, analyse and articulate the world around them. All pupils receive a National Crest Science Award at the end of their Reception year.

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Forest School

Many schools provide outdoor learning opportunities, but we do much more than take learning outside. Our established Forest School programme is delivered by our own team of Forest School Association qualified practitioners. All year groups in our Lower School enjoy sessions in our on-site Forest as part of the curriculum.

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11+ Support

This year, 90% of the children we assessed as suitable candidates for the 11+ examination passed – representing 29% of the whole year group. Whilst we understand the 11+ is not for everyone, we provide additional support and coaching from Year 5 onwards to ensure pupils that plan to sit the 11+ exam are fully prepared and have the best possible chance of success.

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Moving Forward

With the provision in state-funded primary schools under increasing financial pressure, our Number on Roll is at an all-time high and the school is thriving. Thorpe Hall is not-for-profit and so all surpluses are available to re-invest in the improvement of the school and the education it provides.



2017 - ISA National Award for Excellence & Innovation in Early Years (Nursery & Reception)



2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 & 2019 - A Sunday Times Top UK 100 Independent Preparatory School (Lower School)



2019 - ISA National Award for Excellence & Innovation in Pupils' Mental Health and Wellbeing (Whole School)

Take a tour and see us in action!

We continue to welcome families to visit Thorpe Hall. Individual tours are available to prospective parents to meet our Reception Team, see our excellent facilities and experience the school in action during a normal working day.

To arrange a visit, please complete the form at www.thorpehallschool.co.uk/open-days or call the school's office on **01702 582340.**



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