

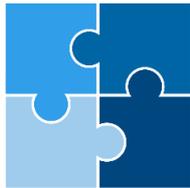
**WYMONDHAM
COLLEGE
PREP SCHOOL**



**Every child deserves to love their time at school and to remember it
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Welcome to Sapiientia Education Trust



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EDUCATION TRUST

Sapiientia Education Trust (SET) is delighted to have been given approval for the brand-new primary school that will be located on the site of Wymondham College (subject to planning and consultation). This will provide all age education on the one site and whilst the two schools are separate there are obvious benefits of their co-location.

Sapiientia Education Trust was born out of Wymondham College; our CEO Jonathan Taylor was previously the Principal of Wymondham College securing outstanding Ofsted judgments in all aspects of provision before developing the trust. Sapiientia Education Trust now runs 13 state schools across Norfolk and Suffolk. Together with this school, it takes the total number of schools in the trust to 14 schools.

We are an ambitious trust committed to securing the highest standards for our pupils. Wymondham College Prep School will deliver the same unique, high-quality teaching and learning with an extensive range of extra-curricular activities as we have established in Wymondham College. Our aim is to enable our pupils to become confident and independent learners. We are very much looking forward to getting to know you and working with you to make this school a very special community resource.

Sapiientia Education Trust is a non-profit making, charitable Trust.



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& NURSERY



OLD BUCKENHAM
HIGH SCHOOL



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PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Buildings Update

The Prep School will open in September 2020; due to delays in our building programme we will open in temporary accommodation on the site of Wymondham College with a view to moving into our new building once complete. We have identified a building that will be adapted to provide a fabulous temporary home for our school.

Our brand-new school building will provide a bright, airy learning environment that will make a fabulous backdrop to our pupils' achievements.

Our boarding house, Underwood Hall, will open in September 2021 and will accommodate up to 32 Y5 and Y 6 boarders. In its first year of operation it will be open to Y5 boarders. The building has been special designed with a family atmosphere to meet the need of younger boarders.



Headteacher's Welcome

An extremely warm welcome to Wymondham College Prep School, where the school's grounds, buildings and its rural setting give the pupils the time and space for a full education. Even more important though, is the ethos that will be created by the staff and pupils in our community. Great effort is being taken to provide an environment that is both empathetic and aspirational; where every child can flourish and be successful in their school life. Through our help, children will grow into well rounded and knowledgeable adults.



Our tailored academic programme will ensure high standards are achieved right across the school and we encourage each child to strive to be the very best. Our inspirational staff will ensure that your child receives a world class education that will support and challenge them as individuals but will also put a smile on their face and give

them endless things to talk about when they get home.

At the Prep we are committed to the development of the 'whole child', passionately creating an education that goes beyond the curriculum and giving children the opportunities to develop important personal, social and emotional skills; thus enabling your child to become a successful and positive member of modern society who is equipped for the upheavals, challenges and delights of our diverse and changing world.

As well as high academic standards, we place a great deal of importance on our pastoral care of all our pupils; delighting in their achievements, consoling them when it doesn't quite work out, embedding in them 'bouncebackability' and determination. We are very proud of the excellent care that will be offered here; our staff will ensure that you and your child feel supported and nurtured from first steps through our Reception classroom doors all the way to their last leaving Wymondham College at the end of Year 13.

I very much look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to the Prep.

With very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Wilson'.

Mr Alex Wilson
Headteacher

Our Visions and Values

Our aim is **“to provide a world class education locally, enabling every pupil to flourish.”**

We believe that high quality schools are characterised by the combination of high expectations and a wide range of high quality, educational activities and experiences through which children can learn. We actively encourage curiosity, creativity and questioning and our Primary schools are all committed to providing an abundance of opportunities for children to learn beyond the classroom. Our schools are vibrant, inclusive communities where each child is well known and supported to be a happy, confident learner.

We have high expectations of everyone in our community; our teachers will be ambitious for themselves and their pupils. Through our teaching school we ensure that staff have access to high quality professional development and learning networks that ensure that they are at the cutting edge of educational thinking.

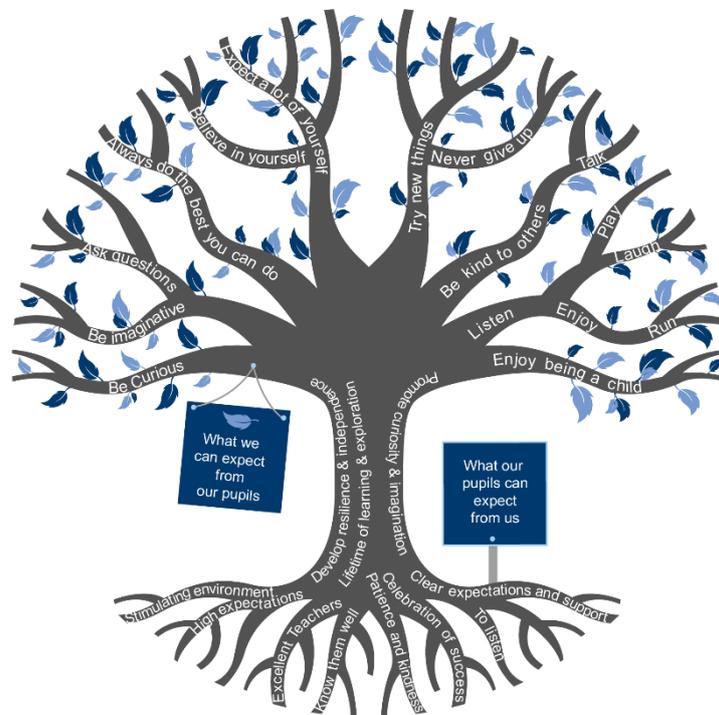
Building upon the successes we have already had in our other primary schools, Wymondham College Prep School will use a wide range of proven strategies to ensure that our pupils learn effectively. This includes:

- a phonics programme to develop reading skills
- a specific reading programme to encourage a love of reading
- Maths Mastery to develop numeracy
- Talk for Writing to develop literacy skills and encourage our children to express their own ideas
- Forest Schools programme which will focus on developing personal, social and emotional life skills through learner led, nature-based learning.
- In EYFS all areas of learning will be covered with an emphasis on structured, imaginative indoor and outdoor play.
- Older pupils will be taught all areas of learning in line with regulatory requirements enhanced with discrete and structured learning opportunities including STEM, Physical Education, Languages, Technology, Arts and Humanities often delivered by subject specialists.

High expectations underpin our work. School should be an enjoyable place for children to learn and our expectations are summed up by the motto **‘Work Hard, Be Kind.’** We promote a strong sense of community and ‘family’ in our schools along with personal responsibility for learning and behaviours. Everything we do is designed to help our children grow into confident, well rounded adults who will make a strong contribution to society.

What we expect from our pupils

- Be curious
- Try new things
- Believe in yourself
- Talk
- Enjoy being a child
- Be imaginative
- Always do the best you can do
- Never give up
- Play
- Listen
- Ask questions
- Expect a lot of yourself
- Be kind to others
- Run



What can pupils expect from us?

- A stimulating learning environment
- The highest expectations
- Excellent teachers who love being in the classroom
- A curriculum that promotes curiosity and captures their imagination
- For us to know them well
- For us to listen
- The best building blocks possible for a lifetime of learning and exploration.
- Patience and kindness
- Celebration of success
- Clear expectations and support when things don't quite work out

Your Questions Answered

How much does a place at Wymondham College Prep School cost?

Unless you are applying for a boarding place our education provision is free; **we are a state funded school**. Boarders receive a free education but pay for their boarding costs. As with all schools there will be a charge for some activity/provision such as breakfast clubs and after school supervision.

How will we grow?

Because of the delays to our building programme we are only able to accommodate Reception age pupils in September 2020.

The table below illustrates how the school will grow:

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Reception	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Y1		60	60	60	60	60	60
Y2			60	60	60	60	60
Y3				60	60	60	60
Y4					60	60	60
Y5 Boarders		16	16	16	16	16	16
Y5 Day						60	60
Y6 Boarders			16	16	16	16	16
Y6 Day							60

Any amendments to our planned growth will be subject to Statutory Consultation.

When does the boarding provision begin?

We are taking in our first cohort of Y5 boarders in September 2021, the admissions policy and an application form can be found on our website with details of when our application window opens.

Will Y5 and Y6 boarders be in boarding houses with older students?

No; we are building a brand-new boarding house, Underwood Hall, to accommodate our Y5 and Y6 boarders. The building has been specifically designed with a family

atmosphere to meet the needs of younger boarders. It will be staffed with specialist, experienced boarding staff.

How much will boarding fees be?

Boarding fees are usually set in the Spring Term for the following September; we envisage that our fees will be in line with those at Wymondham College.

How does the admissions policy work in practice?

We have 60 Reception places for 2020 and they will be allocated according to the priorities in our admissions policy (included in this pack)

We are legally required to give places to looked after children or those with ECHPs, next we give priority to siblings either of students at the College or at the Prep school and then children who live in our identified zone of priority and then all other children.

To illustrate:

If we have 4 statutory placements (Children in care or with EHCPs) we have 56 places left

If we have 10 siblings

We have 46 places left

Of those 46 places priority will be given within the zone of priority

If we have more than 46 applications from within the zone, we will ballot from within that zone for those 46 places and unsuccessful children will be offered a place on a waiting list.

If we receive as an example 30 applications from within the zone we have 16 places left for children who are from elsewhere.

If we get more than 16 applications for these places there will be a ballot to allocate places from this category.

How do I know whether my address sits within the zone of priority?

If you are in doubt please contact us. Don't forget if you are not within the zone, you can still apply for a place.

Who will run and manage the Prep School, is it an extension of the College?

The Prep School is an entirely separate school to Wymondham College but both schools are administered by Sapiientia Education Trust. Whilst the Prep School will feed into the College, it is a separate school with its own Headteacher, leadership team and governing body. The Prep school will be inspected separately by Ofsted.

However, its co-location with Wymondham College on the existing site will mean that the two Headteachers and their governing bodies will work closely to ensure a happy coexistence and well managed facilities. They are united by the Sapientia ethos and educational values. The Prep will draw inevitably on expertise from the College, which sets this primary school apart from others.

Does a place at the Prep mean that my child will automatically get into Wymondham College?

Trustees have determined that pupils at the Prep will have priority for a place at Wymondham College in accordance with the College's admissions policy which can be found on their website.

Have you determined the uniform for the Prep School?

We are in the process of deciding upon our uniform. We are clear that there will be a uniform and that it will have a traditional feel to it. The colours will reflect the blue that we have chosen for all our marketing materials.

Will you have provision for children with special educational needs?

Yes, we will cater for children of all abilities and needs within the context of a mainstream setting. The Trust has a strong track record for children with SEN and is committed to supporting all children. We welcome children who have English as an Additional Language (EAL) including those at the early stages of English language acquisition.

How will you spend your Pupil Premium funding?

Our funding will be determined by the needs of our pupils which will be determined once we know the nature of our first cohort of children. In accordance with DfE requirements we will publish our use of our PP funding on our website.

Will you offer extra-curricular activities?

Of course; we are fully committed to the holistic development of children. Those of you familiar with Wymondham College will be aware of the extensive extra-curricular offer. As our school grows, our children will have access to an ever-expanding range of extra-curricular provision.

What time will the school start and end?

We will share the school day arrangements at our information events but we do intend to provide care on site from 7:45 to 18:00 for working families. There will be a charge for some components of this cover just as there would be if children were left with child minders before and after school. However, some of this provision will be provided for free.

Model Timetable	
7.45am	Breakfast Club
8.45am	Start of the School Day, Morning registration & Tutor Time
8.55am	Teaching Session 1
9.30am	Teaching Session 2
10.05am	Morning Break
10.25am	Teaching Session 3
11am	Teaching Session 4
11.35am	Teaching Session 5
12.10pm	Lunch
12.55pm	Afternoon registration & Assembly/Tutor Time
1.10pm	Teaching Session 6
1.45pm	Teaching Session 7
2.20pm	Afternoon Snack/Break
2.30pm	Teaching Session 8
3.05pm	Tutor Period/Story
3.15pm	End of Day
3.15pm	Clubs & Activities
4pm	Extended Day until 6pm

Will the Prep mirror the term dates of Wymondham College and have Saturday morning school?

No. We believe that younger learners have had a long enough week by Friday which means that our term dates will mirror those of Norfolk County Council rather than the College. However, we may consider introducing Saturday school for our Y6 students as part of their transition to the College.

What will the staffing structure look like?

Our staffing will grow with our school; initially we will have our Headteacher, Mr. Wilson, a teacher for each Reception class and a TA for each class. Year on year as we take in more classes, we will increase the staffing but the structure will remain the same. Over time we plan to have Phase Leaders but our emphasis will remain on having the right people in the classroom with our children. Our boarding structure will mirror that of the College. The boarding house will have a Head of House and a House Parent both of whom will be residential in addition to matrons who will be on duty 24/7.