



Welcome to Rydes Hill Pre-Prep & Nursery School



A proud member of the Tormead family



W E L C O M E

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to Rydes Hill Pre-Prep & Nursery School, part of the Tormead family.

We have been educating children for over 80 years and with our progressive teaching methods, we carry the interests of each child at the heart of everything we do. We inspire imaginations and create capable learners to help prepare children for a positive and happy transition to the next step in their education, which is reflected in the breadth of scholarships awarded and our affiliation with the prestigious Tormead family.

Music and the performing arts are a vibrant and fundamental part of life at Rydes Hill. Meanwhile, our broad and exciting sporting programme allows every child to participate in an unlimited range of individual and team sports.

I hope this prospectus gives you a glimpse of life at Rydes Hill. I provide personal tours throughout the year and would be delighted to show you around our thriving school.

Mrs Faye Messinger
Headmistress





“Children are confident and feel safe, secure and happy.”

ISI Inspection, Nov 2024

WHAT MAKES US SPECIAL

We know that **HAPPY** children thrive, laying the foundations for future success. This ethos is central to everything we do at Rydes Hill.

H

Happy

We promote kindness, empathy, optimism and a range of healthy habits to equip children with the necessary skills to flourish.

A

Ambitious

We encourage children to cultivate a growth mindset, enabling them to tackle challenges and nurture a lifelong passion for learning.

P

Playful

We understand the importance of play-based learning, allowing children to explore their individual passions and ignite their imaginations.

P

People

We hold a strong belief in the value of highly qualified and experienced educators who are committed to nurturing the children in their care.

Y

You

We recognise the immense value of collaboration between parents and teachers in order to provide the best support for each child.



“ Rydes Hill has given our children
the very best start in life. ”
Mrs Walker, former parent

N U R S E R Y

OUR NURSERY SCHOOL

Our exceptional nursery school provides a rich educational environment, ensuring your child receives the best possible start.

We have two nursery year groups, 'Acorns' and 'Oaks', organised according to age. We offer both term time and all year round nursery places for children from two years before they are due to start school. Both morning and full day sessions are available, and there is extended care from 7.30am to 6pm.

During term time each nursery class has a dedicated teacher and the children have access to all the specialist teachers for PE, forest school, computing, drama and music.

We go to great lengths to prepare your child for their next stage of learning and work with you to monitor and celebrate their progress. There are a number of special events throughout the year including a tea party, nativity and sports day to name just a few!





“Pupils are successfully equipped with the necessary skills, knowledge, confidence and understanding to embrace challenges and showcase their talents.”

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PRE-PREP

Throughout Pre-Prep we focus on nurturing happy, capable learners, motivated to explore new experiences and reach their goals.

Our Pre-Prep spans three years of learning from Reception, to Year 1 and through to Year 2. We create a stimulating learning environment and use a cross-curricular teaching model, where multiple subjects bring a topic to life, creating a more holistic and interconnected learning experience.

Through small class sizes, a broad and dynamic curriculum and high academic expectations, we seek to develop confidence, emotional resilience and intellectual curiosity.

All pupils are thoroughly prepared and ready to embrace the exciting opportunities of Prep (Years 3–6). Any parents looking for an all-girl education at this point will automatically be offered a place at Tormead Prep. A shuttle bus operates between the two sites, allowing parents the flexibility of a single drop-off and pick-up point.





“ Pupils are excited by their learning and keen to learn more. They successfully gain entry to a range of secondary schools, frequently achieving scholarships. ”

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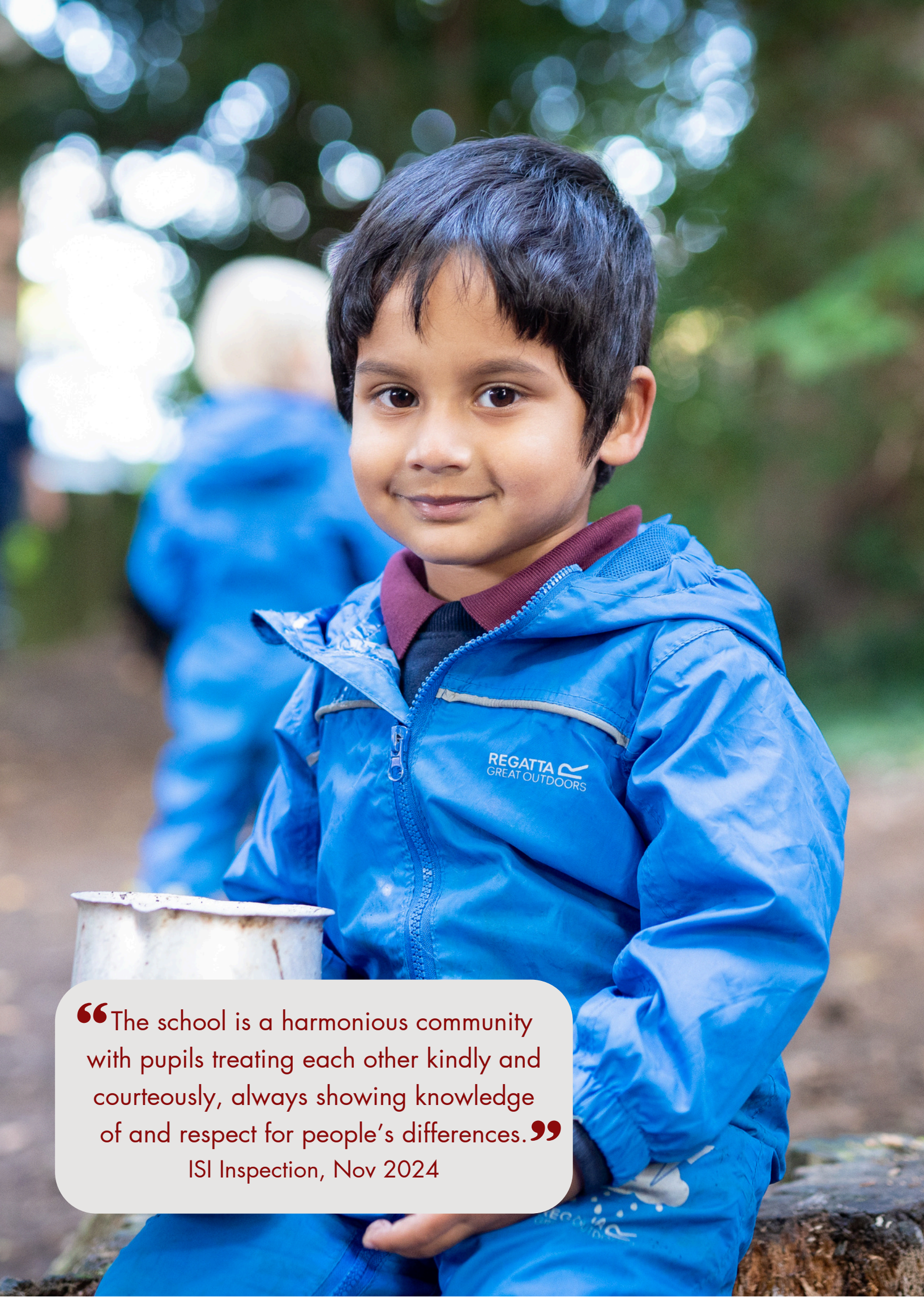
Our fully co-educational Prep ensures that both boys and girls can take advantage of the exceptional education offered at Rydes Hill.

We are thrilled to announce that from September 2027, Year 3 will become co-educational, followed by Year 4 in September 2028. This initiative is part of our gradual plan to transform our school into a fully co-educational environment, supporting both girls and boys aged 2 to 11.

Our Prep spans four years of learning from Year 3 to Year 6. While benefiting from regular access to Tormead's outstanding facilities — from expansive sports grounds to cutting-edge digital design studios — pupils continue to thrive within the warm, nurturing, and close-knit community that defines a Rydes Hill education.

We will collaborate closely with you and your child to ensure a seamless and successful transition to the senior school of your choice. All girls will automatically be offered a place at Tormead Senior School and sibling discounts apply across both campuses.





“The school is a harmonious community with pupils treating each other kindly and courteously, always showing knowledge of and respect for people’s differences.”

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N E X T S T E P S

NEXT STEPS

The best way to experience life at Rydes Hill is to come and visit us in person. We aim to make the admissions process as welcoming and easy as possible.

You can sign up for an open morning or request a personal tour by going to **www.rydeshill.com** or scanning the following QR code:



Hannah Mansi in the Admissions Team is always happy to help answer any queries. Call **01483 563160** and select option 2. Once you have visited us, the next step is to submit your online registration form. You can scan the QR codes on the back cover of this prospectus to take you directly to the relevant form.

Hannah will be in touch to arrange a taster session the term before your child is due to start. If this is a little while away there are plenty of opportunities to keep in touch including our fun, free and interactive Toddler Time and Mini Mover sessions led by our specialist staff. You can book onto the next available session at **www.rydeshill.com/toddler-time**





“Leaders are experienced and knowledgeable and children's early learning needs are very well met.”
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Nursery registration form



Pre-Prep registration form



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