

Abingdon House is 'Outstanding'



St Edmund's Prep-Prep School Canterbury offers exceptional education for children between the ages of three and seven. "For us, the inspection results from the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) are brilliant news as all the staff have worked very hard to maintain our excellent standards," says Janet Frampton-Fell, Head of the Pre-Prep School and Nursery.



Photos:

- Above: Children learn independence from an early age.
- Top right: Abingdon House has achieved an outstanding grade in their inspections since 2006.
- Right middle: Our playground facilities are excellent.
- Right bottom: The classrooms are colourful and vibrant.

Also known as Abingdon House, the School has received the outstanding grade for the third time recognising the continuing high standards across every area of the school.

The Inspection report recognises the excellent teaching in all the classes, ensuring that children make very good progress. Excellent attention is given to their welfare and their individual needs are extremely well met. "This means that children can flourish, develop and grow, in accordance with the school's aims. We encourage independence and confidence in our pupils and we achieve this by having good staff ratios and small classes," says Mrs Frampton-Fell.

Abingdon House has its own classroom buildings and playground, creating a warm, secure and friendly learning environment in which pupils can develop to the full. The pupils play in a secure playground with excellent resources during breaks. Fresh, nutritious food is provided for lunch every day. "Quality of care and welfare of pupils is of paramount importance to us," comments the Head.

Physical education, swimming, music, dance and French are all included in the curriculum, and musical instruments can be learned on an individual basis. Pupils participate in drama, music and dance productions, which are presented each term for parents and families. "We are always delighted when parents attend our performances. We value their ongoing support," adds the Head. "Parents, in turn, feel welcomed and informed about activities within the School."

The School maintains its excellent relationships with the local community. "Our Little Voices

Festival is one opportunity to engage with local schools and to develop art, drama, dance and music talents in all children. It is such a fun day," explains Mrs Frampton-Fell.

The inspectors considered the quality of the leadership and management of Abingdon House as outstanding. "Our governors are dedicated and bring expert knowledge to the School. I am also honoured to work with such a professional team of teachers and assistants in Abingdon," comments the Head.

"The inspection of Abingdon House took place alongside the Junior School inspection and, to find out more about us, I would encourage you to read the Junior School inspection report on the School website. We most warmly invite you and your family to visit our School and I will be delighted to welcome you to Abingdon House", says Janet Frampton-Fell.

St Edmund's is conveniently located for the towns and villages in East Kent. It is also just under an hour from London St Pancras on the high speed train and is within easy reach of London's airports, the Channel ports and Eurostar stations at Ashford and Ebbsfleet.

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