



Rossall

Preparatory School

NURSERY AND PRE-PREP PROSPECTUS



A very warm welcome to Rossall and, in particular, to our wonderful Nursery and Pre-Prep School. Whether you are looking for the ideal nursery for your baby or seeking a friendly and inspiring educational setting for your son or daughter as they approach Reception age, Rossall Nursery and Pre-Prep provides an outstanding environment within which to begin that most important and magical of journeys.

Our extraordinary team of dedicated staff and fantastic new facilities provide a wonderful context within which young children thrive. There is no better place for children to flourish than in the safe, caring and inspiring environment that is provided here at Rossall. Our bespoke designed facilities are complemented by the sheer beauty of our natural surroundings. With access to our open fields, woodland and beach, your child will be set on the right path from their very first experiences of learning.

Children transition seamlessly between Nursery and the Pre-Prep and there is a gentle, yet purposeful, approach to ensuring that children achieve in the core learning areas. Our exciting and creative curriculum offers an array of learning opportunities both within and beyond the confines of the classroom. Beach School, Forest School, Astronomy, Cooking & Baking, Coding, and Drama are all activities that children enjoy from the age of four upwards. Children are never too young to explore the world around them and begin to develop their talents and interests!

Our parents and visitors often remark upon the incredible confidence and enthusiasm demonstrated by the children. This is unsurprising given that they display a really wonderful sense of fun and a very real determination to learn. They embrace every opportunity provided to better understand the world around them. Above all, we are here to ensure that children develop into happy and confident young people. Our whole ethos is predicated upon the desire to encourage and inspire children to become the best versions of themselves.

Our Nursery and Pre-Prep are filled with fun, laughter and a palpable love of learning. We very much hope that you will visit us to experience this for yourself, feel the warmth of this community, and step into a world where every day is a special one.

MR MATT TURNER
HEADMASTER
PREPARATORY SCHOOL AND NURSERY



To celebrate the 175th anniversary of the School's foundation, Rossall Nursery entered an ambitious new phase of development. The complete redesign of the physical space occupied by the Nursery responded to a growth in numbers and a desire to ensure that our facilities reflect the latest international thinking in terms of optimum design for such facilities.

Our brand new baby room welcomes babies from three months and upwards. Our outdoor spaces provide a world of wonderment for our young adventurers and explorers! Children are the centre of all that we do and we place great importance upon following their interests in such a way that it supports their social interactions and developing understanding of themselves.

We are resolutely family-centered and our Nursery is a place where both parents and children feel at home. We understand how important it is for you to feel secure in terms of entrusting us with the most precious thing in the world; your child. This is the reason why we work so closely with you in order to keep you informed every step of the way. This ongoing conversation between home and Nursery is an integral aspect of your child's continuous development.

Hopefully, you have already had an opportunity to visit us and experience for yourself the incredible setting we have created. If not, then please feel free to contact us and we will look forward to welcoming you for a visit.

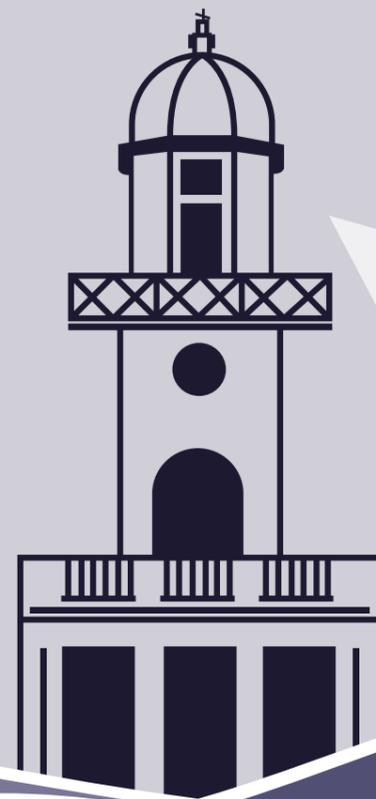
MRS NIKOLA STOTT
DIRECTOR OF NURSERY



SANDERLINGS BABY ROOM

The Sanderlings Baby Room exudes serenity. Cosy and comfortable, this modern space is flooded with natural light and allows exclusive access to a soft floored, secure garden space. Created with incredible attention to detail, this home-from-home environment will help your baby to feel relaxed and content. This makes the transition from home to nursery very natural.

All children are inquisitive learners and Sanderlings inspiring surroundings stimulate the process of discovery. The playful setting and excellent resources allows your baby to learn through their senses and, of course, through play. Carefully designed activities stimulate our babies' natural curiosity and support their development. By repetition and beginning to make connections between what they learn through exploration, your baby will discover and make sense of the world around them.



The Sanderlings Room has a staff to child ratio of 1:3. Your baby will be assigned to their own experienced key-worker in order to establish a strong relationship and in order to nurture a special bond between a specific member of staff, yourself and your baby.

- Ratio of 1:3
- Children 3 months to approximately 2 years
- Secure dedicated baby garden area
- Full day care
- Milk, nappies and wipes provided
- Mealtimes are taken in the Baby Room
- Nutritious home-made food provided
- All staff are paediatric first aid trained

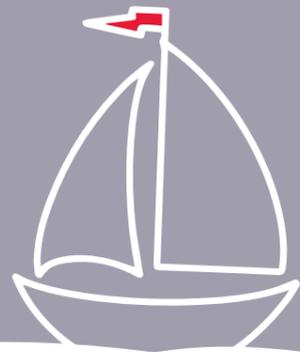
SANDPIPERS & NURSERY HALL

The interior of the Sandpiper Room and Nursery Hall is similar to that of Sanderlings Baby Room but they are on a larger scale. There is plenty of space to play and exciting activities and toys to explore. There is direct access to the outdoor learning and garden area. The purpose built resources are made out of natural materials and allow your child to further develop their curiosity and learning.

The children are able to play in the garden every day and we love to venture outdoors. Our play area overlooks the wide expanse of the school playing fields and this offers children the opportunity to watch older children playing sports. Others delight in exploring the natural world around them.

When your child moves up to Sandpipers, they will be introduced to a more structured daily routine of learning. Play activities are designed to encourage children to become fully engaged so that they develop their ability to concentrate. We help them to learn how to celebrate their daily achievements and this helps them to grow in confidence.

In Nursery Hall, there is a strong focus upon helping children to become ready for Reception class. Whilst the emphasis is still on having fun and delighting in the joys of explorative learning, sessions are organised in a way which complements and foreshadows the themes and topics seen and embraced in the Pre-Prep School.



Children make the transition from Sanderlings to Sandpipers (and into Preschool) at a time when we feel that they are emotionally ready and this will inevitably vary from child to child. Above all, we want to ensure that your child feels confident and relaxed as this is when they make most progress in terms of their learning. At all stages, children continue to have their own personal key worker and this member of staff becomes the main point of daily contact.

We pride ourselves on the superb quality of the transition programme for children moving from Preschool to Reception. Following the Easter holidays, the children take part in Rossall Reception Readiness. Regular 'taster sessions' with the Reception class teacher provide an understanding of what school is like and gives an introduction to all that our Pre-Prep has to offer.



- Two purpose designed rooms
- Sandpipers from 2 years old
- Transition tailored to each individual child
- Access to Rossall's expansive grounds and beach
- Morning and afternoon sessions available
- Activities include yoga, Spanish and outdoor experiences
- 15 and 30 hour funding available (age 3 and over)



"There are no words that can explain just how amazing Rossall Nursery is, you must experience it for yourself. My son runs in every day with excitement and is flourishing within an environment that is allowing him to develop."
 Nursery Parent





I am delighted to welcome you to our Rossall Pre-Prep. This is a school community bound together by friendship, fun and the absolute joy of learning together. It is our responsibility to help children take their first steps upon their educational journey through School. We do so in an environment which is pastorally nurturing and educationally supportive.

The emphasis in the Pre-Prep is upon creativity, exploration and developing initial skills in terms of maths, language and literacy. Our curriculum is diverse and exciting and it is designed to challenge, motivate and inspire children to find out more about the world around them.

As learners, our children are encouraged to take risks, safe in the knowledge that, in terms of learning, mastery often emerges from the mistakes that we make. Teaching takes place within an environment which is calm and children grow in confidence because we encourage them to adopt a growth mindset from the very beginning. We celebrate their successes and help them to take pride in all that they achieve.

In particular, our outstanding facilities and small class sizes provide children with the best possible start to their school lives. The focus upon the individual ensures that each and every child receives the support and encouragement that they need in order to achieve their full potential.

We nurture children so that they grow and develop into confident, independent and resilient young learners, unafraid to tackle new challenges and always keen to build on their skills and attributes as they move into Prep School and beyond.

MISS GRACE FINNEY
HEAD OF PRE-PREP



- Separate, secure outdoor play facilities
- Beach and woodland areas that provide countless opportunities for adventure and fun
- Access to the swimming pool for lessons
- Rossall's own bespoke Pre-Prep Curriculum



RECEPTION

Through immersion in our Rossall Reception Readiness sessions in Nursery, children successfully move up into the Pre-Prep School already possessing a familiarity with their environment and class teacher. Children new to the School in Reception meet their classmates ahead of the beginning of term and, by the end of the first week, it is as if they have all known each other for ever!

Our fantastic teachers and exciting curriculum promote and nurture the fundamental stages of development and this is achieved through child-led exploration and play. Gradually, elements of structured learning are introduced and we begin to put in place the building blocks that support future learning. Each child is encouraged to take his or her own individual journey towards achieving their Early Learning Goals. We encourage them to exceed and excel beyond expectations.

Diversity and creativity is central to pupils' learning and play at Rossall. We encourage children to be caring, compassionate and always mindful of the feelings of others. We reflect with them and help them to learn how to understand and regulate their emotions and feelings. Activities are designed to enhance communication skills and promote mental wellbeing and physical literacy. Our vision of education is holistic inasmuch as we place real value upon social and emotional development. At the same time, we ensure that they feel academically challenged and we inspire them to grow in knowledge of this beautiful yet often perplexing world within which we live.



In Reception, we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) programme, alongside Rossall's own enhanced curriculum. Our caring teachers develop Early Learning Goals specific to each individual child.

All of this occurs within our wonderfully designed classrooms and inspiring natural environment.



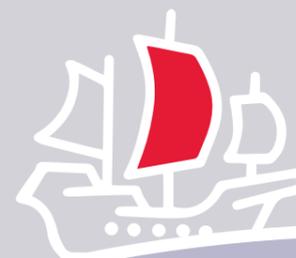
YEARS 1 AND 2

From the age of five upwards, the Rossall Pre-Prep Curriculum serves to support the continuing development of independent learning skills whilst engendering curiosity and creativity. Alongside this is a focus upon subject specific rigour. The Pre-Prep curriculum offers all pupils the opportunity to develop their skills, knowledge and understanding. In doing so, it provides a secure foundation for success within our Prep School, Senior School and beyond.

The 'Rossall Rotation' is introduced in the Pre-Prep, and pupils experience a vast array of subjects from the very beginning. Alongside the core subjects of English, Mathematics and Science, topic based learning draws on areas such as Geography, History and Religion. Pupils also benefit from being introduced to Art, Design Technology, Music, Spanish, Drama and Sports; all of which are delivered by subject specialists. Our vast campus and brilliantly diverse offering of subjects includes introductions to cooking, coding and even astronomy. Children will have experience of all of these subjects before the age of seven.

The move towards a more formal classroom setting is gentle and gradual. Pupils embrace the opportunities that 'grown up' classrooms provide but they are still able to revert to simply playing.

Pupils across Year 1 and Year 2 join in with a variety of exciting events linked to the Preparatory School.



- Bespoke, broad and challenging curriculum
- Small class sizes
- Wrap-around care and exciting activities programme
- Rossall Rotation including opportunities for cooking, coding, farm skills, baking, astronomy, beach and woodland school activities
- Plenty of opportunities for parental involvement in terms of determining each pupil's educational journey and celebrating significant milestones



"Pupils achieve well because the school curriculum enables them to take responsibility for their own learning and they relish the opportunity to do so." ISI Report 2019



EXPLORE ROSSALL



The benefits of being situated within a spectacular 'whole school' campus are immense. Our children enjoy access to absolutely stunning facilities which includes our twenty-five metre swimming pool and state-of-the-art sports centre. There is a nature conservation area, a sandy beach (which was bought from Queen Victoria in 1898), an Astronomy Centre (replete with a Planetarium) and our very own farm!

Whether cooking in the Rossall Kitchen, exploring Science in the laboratories or putting on a show in a dedicated performing arts space, children benefit from all that the School has to offer. There is no shortage of technology, with plenty of computer suites and tablets available for use as and when required.



160 acres of private land

Learn outside of the classroom

Build confidence exploring new environments

Benefit from Senior School provision such as Science Labs

The School farm, Graeme's Garden, is home to rabbits, guinea pigs, chickens and pygmy goats





A DAY IN NURSERY

SANDERLINGS

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| 08:00 | Breakfast |
| 09:00 | Free play, including sensory |
| 11:30 | Lunch |
| 12:00 | Sleep |
| 13:00 | Walk to the beach |
| 15:45 | Dinner |
| 16:15 | Story time |

SANDPIPERS

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| 08:00 | Breakfast |
| 09:00 | Morning run on the School field |
| 10:30 | Songs and story time |
| 11:30 | Lunch |
| 12:30 | Painting |
| 14:00 | Exploring activities in the room |
| 15:45 | Dinner |
| 16:15 | Music makers |

PRE-SCHOOL

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| 08:00 | Breakfast buffet |
| 09:00 | Bug hunt |
| 10:00 | Phonics |
| 11:30 | Lunch |
| 12:30 | Story Time |
| 13:00 | Yoga |
| 14:00 | Treasure hunt trail to the beach |
| 15:45 | Dinner |
| 16:15 | Imaginary play in the Nursery cafe |

Making full use of dedicated spaces in the Senior School, our youngest children are provided with activities that help them to explore their creativity. Music and performance play a central role in the life of our School community. Pupils enjoy the chance to learn new instruments, sing, join ensembles, perform in plays, participate in Drama lessons and so much more besides.

Utilising our incredible facilities to play a variety of sports, helps develop determination, teamwork and a sense of fair play; there are certainly plenty of opportunities for all children to participate. Pupils enjoy PE and swimming lessons from Reception onwards.

Our unique location and extensive grounds provide plenty of opportunities for our children to enjoy playing and exploring in the great outdoors. Our pupils are able to enjoy wonderful adventures without even leaving the School site. The outdoors really is hardwired into the DNA of Rossall. Be it within our gardens, on our beach, or in our woods, our campus provides the freedom to learn within a beautiful environment. It is these experiences which help create memories that last a lifetime.





LIVE ROSSALL

It is the strength and warmth of our community that many families consider to be the most remarkable aspect of our Nursery and Pre-Prep School. Within small class sizes, children care for one another and learn to enjoy their friendships. Staff get to know each and every child as individuals, and we help to shape and develop their personalities, through support, encouragement and challenge.

We work closely with parents to ensure a trusting and mutually beneficial relationship between home and School. Our specialist staff are approachable and will always do everything possible to support pupils.

Pupils follow a comprehensive Personal, Social and Health Education programme that is designed to promote the knowledge, skills and attributes that they need to live and safely manage their lives as responsible members of modern society. Positive emotional health and wellbeing is encouraged and developed throughout each day, with dedicated time made available to support every child.

- Nutritious food choices
- Cater to dietary needs
- Salad and Pasta bar
- Fresh fruit
- Enjoy lunch as a part of the wider Rossall Community

Our beautiful Dining Hall offers the children a chance to chat over lunch. With a dedicated on-site catering team, Rossall is able to cater for all dietary requirements. There are plenty of nutritious food choices ranging from main courses to vegetarian options, to a salad and pasta bar... and of course, there are those deliciously tempting desserts!

In Nursery and Pre-Prep, a weekly menu is shared with parents.

The Nursery children dine within their setting, learning the social skills of eating together whilst sitting at tables. Pre-Prep pupils eat lunch within the splendour of the Dining Hall and this provides an opportunity to enjoy being a part of our much larger Rossall community.

We encourage the pupils to choose healthy options as part of a balanced diet.

"Rossall's passion for the children's wellbeing and education shines through in everything they do. We are positive that moving our children to Rossall was the best possible decision we could have made."



At Rossall we are exceptionally proud of the quality and diversity of our co-curricular enrichment programme. Children choose from a wide range of clubs and activities. The activities on offer in Pre-Prep help support physical and mental development through movement, coordination and exploration. An exciting array of clubs are on offer throughout the year, and these change on a termly basis. Mindfulness, yoga and dance are supplemented by nature clubs, craft activities and sports.

As part of the Prep school community, children are able to take music lessons at School with one of our many peripatetic teachers. From Year 3, they can join the award-winning Rossall Golf Academy or take LAMDA classes. There is much more besides for them to look forward to as they move into the Prep.

We understand the need for flexibility in our approach to opening hours. Early morning and late stay options are available for all ages. These extended hours are carefully tailored to suit each age group and distinct phase of the School. Prep club offers the pupils the chance to complete their homework before they get so there is more family time in the evening.

A DAY IN PRE-PREP

RECEPTION

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| 08:30 | Funky Fingers activities and handwriting |
| 08:50 | Communication, Language and Literacy based activities |
| 10:20 | Snack and Play |
| 10:45 | Maths and child led activities |
| 11:50 | Lunch |
| 13:00 | Topic-based activities across the seven areas of learning |
| 14:00 | Spanish delivered by a subject specialist teacher |
| 15:15 | Story and home time |

YEARS 1 & 2

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| 08:30 | Morning Activity such as independent Maths |
| 08:50 | Phonics |
| 09:20 | Maths |
| 10:20 | Snack and break |
| 10:45 | English |
| 11:50 | Lunch |
| 13:00 | Science or topic-based learning |
| 14:00 | Rossall Rotation |
| 15:15 | Story and Home time |





LOVE ROSSALL

Pupils progress seamlessly between the various phases of the Nursery, Pre-Prep and Prep. Parents are kept informed of progress at regular intervals and the relationship between home and school forms a vitally important part of every child's journey. Our Rossall Reception Readiness programme supports School readiness for pupils joining our Reception class, regardless of whether they are progressing up from our Nursery or joining us for the very first time.

As children move through Years 1 and 2, they begin to take part in activities and experiences that are run together with the Prep School. For children moving from Year 2 to Year 3, the physical buildings may change but there is a consistency of approach in terms of each child's learning journey.

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"I love Rossall and I know you will too. You should come and visit us and see how special it is here. We are looking forward to meeting you!" Bailey, Prep pupil





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INSPIRING EXCELLENCE

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