

Reason Text
The school is combination of strong community values, breadth of cultural education and dynamic approach to teaching made it our first choice
We've been impressed with the open days at Downsview and are interested in Patti being a student there. It seems like a dynamic and fun option!
Willow is currently in attendance at their pre-school and we would wish to continue her education in the environment she already knows and is settling in to.
Downsview's emphasis on diversity and inclusion is extremely important for us and the back entrance to the school is on our road so we are in very close proximity.
I have viewed this school and feel that this will be a great fit for my daughter as well as the school being based on my road.
We have only heard good things about this school from families of current students. We also attended their open day and we were impressed by the headteacher's enthusiasm and the school's approach to early years education, we feel that it aligns with our values. It is also the most local school to us as it's only a 5-10min walk away. Our childminder does drop offs and pickups here too, so our son's routine wouldn't be disrupted too much.
Location: The proximity of the school to my home as a single mother would be extremely helpful and received recommendations, as well as was impressed at the facilities when I attended an open day. The school's reputation for a positive and supportive environment and I can see my son flourishing in this school.
Downsview provides a supportive, inclusive environment where I feel my child will feel safe and motivated. I believe this atmosphere will help my child develop. Downsview is ideal for our family routine, as is only 3 minutes walk from our home. When I visited the school with my daughter, she was delighted, she felt welcomed, comfortable and very happy in the environment.
My son is already attending Downsview Nursery and loves it. His brother is also in year 3.
After having visited Downsview Primary school and shown round by the delightful pupil, Hector, this is a brilliant school in which we think Macsen would thrive. The school promotes a nurturing environment alongside excellent academic results. Meghan Pugh, the headteacher was inspirational in her address and one-on-one conversation was very attentive and showed clear dedication and passion for her role at the school as well as candor - qualities which we value in a leadership team. We were particularly impressed with the number of local affiliations to other organisations such as the Brit school, Trinity College to encourage aspirations amongst the pupils. The specialist teachers in dance, sport and languages showed a commitment to lifelong learning for the children. We also value the vast outdoor green and forest space available for the children alongside the multiple playgrounds, garden pond and gazebo. Joey the dog is also a charming addition which we know our son would love.

Downsview immediately stood out to us against other schools in the area because of your wonderfully warm ethos. You appear to focus on the whole child - clearly achieving great academic results but also allowing for individuals to nurture their personal strengths across sport, music, art etc. Cillian has always had a keen interest in insects, often with his head in an encyclopaedia, to compare 'stag beetles' with 'scarabs' and such. Naturally, seeing that you had a forest school, as well as plenty of space for the children to explore outside was a really exciting discovery for us. We can see Cillian really flourishing at Downsview.

We have been encouraged by the positive feedback from parents of children already attending, and we particularly value that friends of our only child are also applying. Having formed strong friendships in the early years, we feel it is important for these relationships to continue. Our visit was extremely welcoming and positive. The headteacher delivered an excellent presentation, followed by a tour led by bright, confident pupils. The school's ethos of developing character alongside academic learning strongly resonated with us, and we firmly believe our son would thrive in such an environment. Overall, the strong sense of community is very important to us and to our child's future.

We loved the open space and Forest School philosophy which Downsview incorporate into their curriculum, we feel Mya will thrive in this environment and it is aligned with our ethos as parents. It was very encouraging and lovely to see how happy and excited all the children were and we are extremely impressed with the schools achievements. Lastly, we have friends who's children attend the school and they highly recommend Downsview. Mya would have friends in older year groups which would be helpful for settling in and gives us great confidence if Mya were to be offered a place.

I have a son who will be attending nursery with the next year and a half and would need to be able to take both my children to the same school as I wouldn't be able to do two different drop offs at the same time so please take this in to consideration

Enrico's sister really likes her primary school & also our experience as parents has been very positive. Also, it would be very convenient to have both children in one school for drop-off and pick-up.

A very welcoming school, local to home and many of my neighbours children attend this school and have recommended.

I moved to SE19 a decade before having a child. I've been listening out for recommendations from friends for a long time and (more recently) from those parents whose children were a year ahead at nursery. Downsview has consistently been incredibly well thought of, and having attended one of their open days, I can see why! I'm keen for my daughter to have access to classes such as music, art and forest school which she seems to enjoy, and be able to appreciate the outdoor space of which Downsview is a hidden jewel (a school field in London! Amazing!). Beyond the classes, however, the head teacher and the school strongly gave the impression of caring about -and supporting- the child as a whole, with effort and respect for others centre stage. I hope to walk my daughter to school every day to promote a healthy lifestyle which is very achievable with Downsview. I feel like Downsview would be a fantastic environment for my daughter to grow up in.

This school is well known within the community and has exceeded my expectations in what it delivers as a school and within the community. I would therefore like my son to join the school and become part what makes Downsview great.

Elijah has a sibling that already attends Downsview primary school. Perfect safe environment and excellent curriculum/community

My daughters cousins attend this primary school and I see the improvement in their behaviour and in their learning

Brother attends

Already settled in the nursery

We chose this school because we truly believe Noah will thrive here. We felt an immediate sense of warmth when visiting. The excellent facilities, strong academic focus, early language learning, and wide range of opportunities in sport and music stood out to us. We believe this school would offer him an excellent foundation for both academic and personal development.

Downsview appeals to us because of its emphasis on outdoor learning and its wonderful facilities, which we believe nurture curiosity, independence and joy in learning from an early age. The school's values, strong sense of community and warm, welcoming environment stood out to us immediately. We feel that this caring atmosphere would help our daughter feel safe, confident and excited to come to school each day, while also encouraging her to build meaningful relationships with both peers and staff. We also have two dogs and know that she would love and care for Joey just like her own.

Penelope attends Downsview Primary School nursery. We have seen how much Penelope has achieved and grown. She adores going to school and truly believe Downsview is the best environment for her to excel. I attended the school from 1994-2002, it has been wonderful to see how much the school has changed but still kept its ethos at heart.

My daughter sometimes finds it hard to catch her breath when she's running. We've spoken with her doctor, who explained that she's still too young for an official asthma diagnosis. For now, we're doing our best to support her by making sure she spends time in places with cleaner air to help support her health.

Our son's cousin attends the school, and we feel it would be the right environment for our son.

Although this school is not within our immediate local area, we have chosen it as a preference because of its strong leadership, clear values, and the inspiring environment we observed during our visit. We were particularly impressed by the head teacher's principles and how these are reflected in the confident, respectful, and engaged pupils we met. The school's forest school provision was a key factor for us, as we value opportunities for children to learn through exploration, teamwork, and connection with nature. We also felt the presence of the school dog, Joey, contributed to a calm and nurturing atmosphere that supports children's emotional wellbeing. Our son has shown advanced mathematical and language skills from an early age and has a natural curiosity for learning, and we believe this school's approach would support both his academic progress and personal development. We would feel very fortunate for him to have the opportunity to learn here and, as parents, would be keen to p

The school provides a community that perfectly aligns with our family's academic and personal values, making us confident our son will thrive here. He is an enthusiastic learner who enjoys Maths and demonstrates strong progression in phonics and comprehension, possessing the necessary ability to excel across the curriculum. He has been an active sportsman since age two, demonstrating discipline, teamwork, and commitment through regular participation. He currently plays field hockey, football, and squash with his father. We believe the school's holistic approach strongly validates its Excellent Ofsted rating. We are specifically drawn to the integrated philosophy that perfectly balances learning and extracurricular activities. This balance, coupled with the generous outdoor space, creates the ideal environment for our son's growth and flourishing.

My son and daughter went to this primary school

We were impressed by the school's overall ethos towards teaching and learning, the size of the school and the setting's overall character and community feel. We feel our son would thrive in this environment.

The school's ethos is the best for my child, additionally she can remain with her childminder for wrap around care which will provide a level of continuity for her

My neighbour's kids go to Downsview and I like the teaching approach. It is walking distance from our place.

His sister is in this school.

We were impressed with the school during the open evening and have friends whose children have attended there.

We have chosen Downsview as our first choice because we feel our daughter will thrive at this school and we loved it when we visited. During the tour of Downsview school we found the teaching approach to be well suited to our child's learning style. This was demonstrated through creative classes including dance, drumming, forest school, and languages with dedicated specialist teachers that provide lessons. Furthermore, the school values are strongly aligned to our family values and we believe that our daughter will thrive in the environment.

We value Downsview's commitment to learning through play, alongside the broad range of opportunities available within the extensive grounds. We are attracted to the school's ethos around caring, kindness and accountability, and its strong standing within the local community. We thank you in advance for considering our application.