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Knowledge,
Beauty, Life...

“Children are like tiny flowers;
they are varied and need care,
but each is beautiful alone
and glorious when seen in the
community of peers.”

Friedrich Froebel (1782-1852)



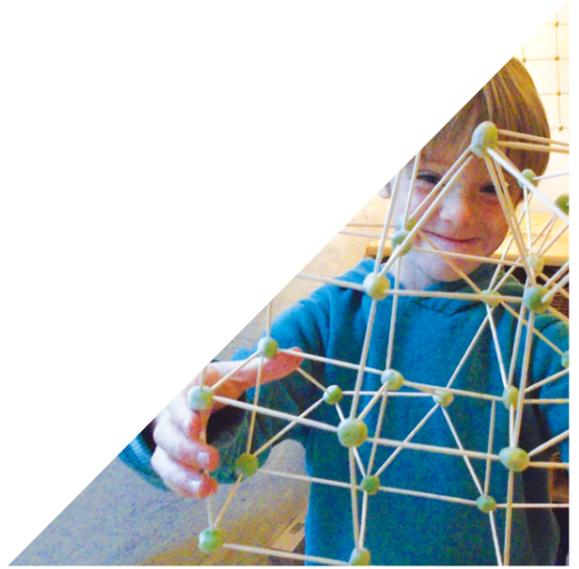
Welcome to Annan, a unique and inspiring independent school for children aged 2 to 11 years. Annan's Froebelian ethos puts children at the centre of learning and helps them develop as confident, thoughtful learners who are happy, love learning and make outstanding progress.

At Annan, learning is hands-on. Through our creative and exciting curriculum, we encourage children to explore, to challenge themselves and to take risks. Our adventurous approach helps children's independence, resilience, creativity, self-confidence and self-esteem to flourish. Small classes give teachers the opportunity to treat children as individuals, encouraging respectful relationships between children and adults alike.

The natural world shapes our school days. Outdoor learning and forest school sessions take place in our beautiful grounds. Our classrooms, surrounded by trees, are light and spacious and filled with natural objects, plants and flowers. At Annan, this close relationship with nature has a wonderful impact on children's wellbeing – as does our welcoming and respectful school community, which provides children with a sense of deep belonging.

Together, these values of creativity, respect and positive relationships, community, risk and challenge and wellbeing shape the ethos that we are proud to call 'Annan School'.

We value...



Creativity

Creativity is at the heart of everything we do. For us, creativity is about 'thinking outside the box'. It is the ability to investigate, to problem solve and to use imagination – all of which leads children to new ways of looking at the world around them.

Our approach to learning is holistic and our broad curriculum is packed with thought-provoking outings and varied enrichment activities that inspire joy and wonder. Being excited about their learning motivates children to go above and beyond what is expected, they think more deeply and explore ideas more widely, developing self-esteem, confidence, skills and enthusiasm. At Annan, each child is encouraged to reflect their individuality in their work and given enough time to complete it so that they can create something of beauty of which they can be proud.

“The endorsement of creativity as an important part of learning is evident throughout the school.”

Parent of a child in Willow Class

30+

class outings each year to spark creativity, including trips to museums, farms, theatres, London attractions, castles and the beach



175

hours of after-school and lunchtime clubs run by teachers per year



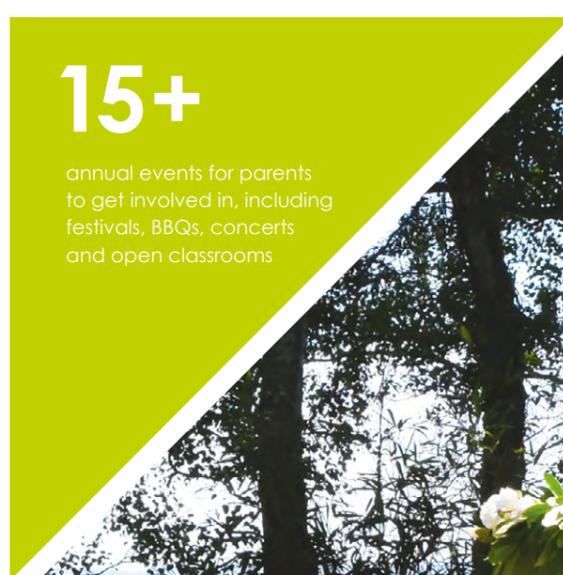
Respect and relationships

We value every child as an individual. Our nurturing atmosphere helps children feel happy, secure and confident, enabling everyone to learn. Children are respected and listened to and are taught in turn to respect and to listen to each other and to adults. Small class sizes allow our teaching staff to build wonderful relationships with the children.

We encourage individuals to take responsibility for their own behaviour and to understand the effects and consequences of their choices, helping to develop emotional maturity, co-operation, empathy and respect. Our high expectations lead children towards positive self-esteem and self-discipline.

“Annan has kind, caring, supportive and inspiring teachers.”

Parent of a child in Sycamore Class



Community

Everyone is welcomed at Annan, and our inclusive and caring environment fosters a strong sense of belonging. Everyday tasks, such as setting up and clearing away lunch tables and working on garden projects, are shared by the children and adults. We celebrate festivals together with music, songs, dance and drama, and we hold annual events including our Lantern Advent Festival, Winter Festival and Strawberry Tea Party to which parents are welcomed. We always have time to listen to parents and to involve them in their children's learning.

As a school we value the wider community too. We invite a range of people into school to talk to the children and to share their expertise, and Annan's link with a local care home enables children to mix with other generations.

“What I love about Annan is it's open, friendly and honest.”

Parent of a child in Oak Tree Class



15+

annual events for parents to get involved in, including festivals, BBQs, concerts and open classrooms



35

acres of woodland to explore for Forest School



Risk and challenge

We recognise the importance of developing children's resilience and independence. We want children to grow up to be confident, creative risk takers in life and to enable this we must give them the tools and opportunities to experiment with, within the safety of a caring school community. Instead of a prescriptive over-emphasis on safety, we foster challenge, independent thought and bravery to open children's eyes to the world of possibility, to develop in children the excitement of learning and the willingness to have a go and take the risks they need to succeed in a competitive world.

As children move through the school, they are encouraged to develop a 'can do' attitude and a growth mindset seeing challenges as opportunities to learn.

“Not wrapping children in cotton wool but building their resilience and life skills for the outside world.”

Parent of a child in Elder Class





280
hours of indoor and outdoor sports lessons through the school per year



Wellbeing

We build time into each day for reflection and circle time, when the pace is slowed and children can breathe. Mindfulness helps children feel calmer and more fulfilled, enabling them to concentrate better and manage anxiety.

We are extremely passionate about children benefitting from the outdoor world. Outdoor learning and forest school sessions are central to our approach, encouraging curiosity and exploration and helping to develop children's self-confidence. Children experience awe and wonder as they use their senses to connect with the elements and the seasons. In Annan's calm and beautiful surroundings, children are given the time and space to enjoy learning and to become fully themselves.

Sport and physical development are an important part of the Annan curriculum too. Infant and Junior children enjoy lessons focusing on a variety of sports including hockey, football, tennis, rounders, athletics, cricket and netball. Matches against other schools are arranged for children in older classes. In summer, we use a local sports field for our sports lessons and we hold a whole-school sports day in July. Our large hall offers opportunities for indoor activities including gymnastics, yoga, dance and movement.

"I particularly like the child-led ethos, focus on happiness and wellbeing and knowing the whole child."

Parent of a child in Kindergarten

“The support is excellent and I feel the teachers know exactly where the children are.”

Parent of a child in Elder Class

Moving on

By the time they leave us, children are ready to take on new challenges with enthusiasm and determination - well equipped academically and personally for the next phase of their education. We support both children and parents through that journey with advice and information. From Annan, children have moved confidently onto local secondary schools as well as independent schools including Lewes Old Grammar School, Michael Hall, Bede's, Mayfield School, Bedales and Brighton College.

Wraparound care

We offer a Breakfast Club from 8am, as well as after-school clubs and activities including drama, art, computing, woodwork, cooking and sports which run until 4.30pm.

Location

Annan School is in Easons Green, 15 minutes' drive from Lewes and 10 minutes' drive from Uckfield. There is a parent's car park and we actively encourage car sharing amongst parents. We also operate a low-cost daily minibus service from pick-up points around Lewes and Ringmer.

Admissions

Children are admitted to the kindergarten from 2 years old. Older children can join the school subject to a space being available. To find out if Annan is the right place for your child and to find out more about our ethos and pedagogy, please make an appointment to look around.

To book a personal tour of the school with Debby Hunter, Principal, email: office@annanschool.co.uk or call 01825 841410.

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100%

of children got into their first-choice senior school last year

