



**The natural choice for Norwegian families in London.**

The Norwegian School in London is located in Wimbledon, a peaceful, affluent area of south west London with easy rail and tube access to central London. Most families with pupils at the school choose to settle locally. The area boasts several large parks offering a wide range of activities. Our school is a mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century Victorian villa situated in an acre of land, where the pupils can enjoy physical activity on the variety of playground apparatus and in the area suitable for ball games. The school was completely refurbished in 2004, resulting in premises that are both user-friendly and pleasant.



*"Arriving in London where everything was new and different, we were so relieved as parents to be able to send our children to The Norwegian School from day one. We can't express how important it was! All schools should be like this one."  
Sigurd and Elisabeth, parents*

Moving to a new country is a big decision. There are so many new impressions to assimilate. The Norwegian School in London eases the transition to English life for the entire family. Our staff will do their best for your family, as will the parents who play an active part in various school activities. The common denominator for everyone is that we all know how being in a new country feels.

In this positive, unique learning environment with its small classes and high teacher-pupil ratio, all teaching is tailored to individual skills and needs. We are also very proud of our excellent exam results. Throughout the school, the timetable required by law is expanded and English is particularly emphasised. We believe that English should not be confined to the classroom, but should be actively practiced in many environments. Our pupils are encouraged to sit EFL examinations. Language is the basis for all teaching. Mastering their mother tongue is especially important for those pupils living abroad, as most intend returning to a Norwegian kindergarten or school at some point in the future. Therefore, the importance of the Norwegian language is particularly emphasised.





We encourage our pupils to widen their horizons and school trips are arranged to reinforce the things which the pupils are working. With Central London on our doorstep, we have a multitude of museums, theatres and exhibitions providing a wide range of stimulating learning opportunities.

*"I think that the children are so lovely and that everyone cares for each other at The Norwegian School in London"*  
Jasmine, aged 9.



Within walking distance and popular with walkers, cyclists and horse riders is Wimbledon Common with its surprising variety of flora and fauna. The intimate atmosphere and buzzing nightlife of Wimbledon Village, with its trendy boutiques, cafes, restaurants and traditional pubs, is just around the corner.



Being a parent at The Norwegian School is also a positive experience. The school functions as a meeting point, and new children and parents alike are very well received. Parents can participate in a wide range of social activities including jogging, yoga, sightseeing, pub nights and much more.

*Our youngest, who is in kindergarten, used to be a shy, timid girl but has become a happy, carefree person. The Norwegian School in London has made life easier for us here in England.*  
Anne, mother



Chalk is redundant when electronic digital whiteboards are the norm.... We have a well-equipped IT suite and pupils are encouraged to use computers actively in their own learning. Information and communication technology (ICT) has become a basic requirement for children and adults alike. Our pupils are encouraged to use computers constructively in their personal learning. Classfrontier, a Virtual Learning Environment, encourages increased contact and co-operation between pupils, pupils and teachers, and teachers and parents. It is our belief that our emphasis on ICT cannot fail to benefit our pupils both now and in their future academic institutions.

Norwegian is the language used in the classroom and we follow the Norwegian National Curriculum. Many of the routines and traditions at our school are easily recognisable from normal practice in Norway. Educational reforms in Norway are implemented at The Norwegian School and will influence our methods. Recent reforms emphasise the importance of skill targets rather than syllabus. This allows us to tailor teaching to the individual. Small classes and several year groups in the classroom enable pupils to work at their own level.



The five basic skills employed in our teaching are:

- Oral expression
- Reading
- Arithmetic
- Written expression
- Computer literacy



## THE MAIN SCHOOL

We provide:

- Teaching based on the Norwegian National Curriculum
- Teaching in mixed aged groups
- A variety of lessons above and beyond the legally required timetable
- Highly qualified teaching staff
- English taught by teachers with English and Norwegian backgrounds
- Extra English lessons at all levels
- Lower Secondary School Leaving Certificates
- Good access to state-of-the-art IT equipment

## THE KINDERGARTEN

- Happy children feel safe and secure.
- We ease the transition to a new country by enabling the children to access Norwegian culture, language and games in a natural way. English is introduced through nursery rhymes and playground games as well as in project work.
- In the kindergarten, creativity is emphasised. We utilise the local environment and nature in teaching as is the norm in kindergartens in Norway.
- The kindergarten and main school share the play area. During the course of the year, we work closely together, resulting in pupils finding the transfer from kindergarten to the main school relatively easy.
- The kindergarten is split into two classes.