Day Nursery and Pre-School at Abbot’s Hill School for girls and boys from 6 months - 4 years

Abbot’s Hill is a happy, dynamic and thriving school for girls aged 4-16 years, with a co-educational Day Nursery and Pre-School for children aged 6 months to 4 years.

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Early Years Foundation Stage

Abbot’s Hill Nursery follows the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), which is a mandatory framework for all Early Years providers. The ethos of the EYFS is that ‘Every child deserves the best possible start in life and the support that enables them to fulfil their potential’.

We embrace this ethos by providing high quality care and education through rich and varied, planned and spontaneous activities, tailored to each individual child’s needs. From the youngest babies to the children about to embark on their school journey, everyone is encouraged to explore, discover, ask questions and reach conclusions.

The nursery has been purpose-built with the children’s learning, development and enjoyment in mind. With the building all on one level, children have freeflow access to the outside areas which can be used all year round, whatever the weather.

The nursery has been divided into three main areas, according to the children’s ages, with resources carefully chosen to enhance their learning. The children enjoy a wide variety of activities and specialist tuition including Music, PE, Ballet and French. They are provided with all snacks, a hot two-course lunch and an afternoon tea. These are all freshly prepared on site by our dedicated Nursery Cook.

The nursery provides an excellent pre-school education which feeds seamlessly into the Prep School and reflects the ethos of Abbot’s Hill School.

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Tiny Toes (6 months-2 years)
The youngest children start their nursery journey in a beautiful, light filled room with a separate sleep room for restful daytime naps. Babies can explore their surroundings with cosy areas and sensory activities as well as enjoying getting messy using a variety of different activities. Our experienced staff work with parents to ease the important transition from home to nursery through an embedded key person system and open communication. The children have free-flow access into the garden as well as the opportunity to enjoy the school’s magnificent grounds.

"I can’t thank the Abbot’s Hill team enough. I was dreading the return to work, but seeing my child so happy and well cared for has made the transition so much easier."

Nursery Parent
Footsteps (2-3 years)
As your toddler becomes more independent, Footsteps provides the perfect place to flourish. With access to a range of resources and their own outside area, the children can follow their interests whilst their learning is supported by knowledgeable staff. Creative opportunities, problem solving, a cosy book corner and role play activities all complement each other to facilitate your child’s learning and development.

When the time comes for them to begin toilet training, access to a child-friendly toilet area allows the perfect balance of independence along with the adult supervision needed to succeed.
Stepping Up (3+ years)
Following their third birthday, the children begin the transition to Stepping Up, a pre-school environment housed in its own area of the nursery. Routines become more structured in order to prepare children for a school environment. During Term Time, children benefit from specialist tuition from Abbot’s Hill School teachers, with sessions of Music, French and P.E. The nursery staff support learning through play in both the inside and outside environments, closely following the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum in order to enhance and track each child’s learning and development. The important transition between Nursery and Reception class is carefully planned for, including teacher visits, involvement in Prep School events and Parent Information Evenings.
Opening Hours and Fees

Opening Hours
7.30am - 6.30pm, Monday to Friday.
Open 50 weeks per year, excluding Bank Holidays.
Minimum booking of 2 days per week.

From September 2018, all prices are inclusive of snacks and meals, nappies, wipes, bed linen and specialist tuition.

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<th>Daily Rate</th>
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| Full Day
7.30am-6.30pm  | £71                      | £81*        |
| Short Day
8.30am-3.30pm  | £59                      | £65*        |

* The Nursery currently offers 3 hours’ government funding every day between 11.00am – 2.00pm. Funding is available from the start of the term following your child’s third birthday.

A Term Time Only option is available in Stepping Up.
Please speak to the Nursery Manager for details.

Further Details
For further details and to enquire about a place, please contact the Nursery Manager on 01442 839103 or email:
nursery@abbotshill.herts.sch.uk
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