

IBSTOCK PLACE  
SCHOOL

Demonstration School  
of the  
Froebel Educational Institute

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The Demonstration School of the Froebel Educational Institute was established in 1894 in Colet Gardens, W.14, and has been recognised as an efficient Preparatory School by the Ministry of Education since 1921. It became a boarding and day school at Little Gaddesden, Herts., in 1939, and after the war returned to London and re-opened in 1946 at Roehampton as a Nursery and Preparatory School for day pupils (boys and girls) aged 4-14 years, and a Boarding School for boys and girls aged 7-14 years.

*Governed by*

The Incorporated Froebel Educational Institute,  
Grove House, Roehampton.

*Headmistress:*

MISS S. M. MACLEOD, National Froebel Union Certificate,  
University of London Academic Diploma in Education.

Ibstock Place stands in its own garden of 6½ acres overlooking Richmond Park on the one hand, and Roehampton Golf Course on the other.

The School provides a sound well-balanced education on progressive lines for boys and girls up to 13 or 14 years. It seeks to develop initiative and thoughtfulness, and the ability to work and play with zest. Here in a simple and friendly atmosphere children grow happily as individuals, and also become useful members of the community, so that each may lay the foundations for an integrated and mature personality.

The staff aims at encouraging effort and satisfaction in work, as well as a right sense of values. Discipline is based on understanding and courtesy; at the same time it is realised that young children need considerable training before they can enjoy a state of ordered freedom.

#### CURRICULUM

The curriculum includes the subjects and activities necessary for the full development of children. Music, Handwork and Physical Culture, Nature Study and field work, are especially valued and are therefore part of the general curriculum and not extras, except where individual instrumental lessons are taken.

In the Nursery and Kindergarten children are helped, chiefly by means of experience in a carefully planned environment, to form the habits and relationships necessary to healthy all-round growth. The interest natural to young children is fostered so that it may develop into the power that is willing to work for a purpose.

A secure grounding in the subjects introductory to Secondary School education is an important part of the

work of the Preparatory School. Previous experience has shown that children educated on the lines here advocated pass easily into the Public and Independent Schools at the ages of 12-14 years, or where desired into free Secondary Schools at 11 to 12 years.

Such knowledge, however, is only part of the work of the School. It is of greater importance for children to grow in an environment where music, the fine arts, and literature form an integral part of their life. By this means the spirit gains in depth and understanding, so that Morning Assembly and Bible Lessons, instead of being seen as separate activities, become focal points in School life. The religious teaching of the School is based on the belief that children need to learn first of the unifying and creative power of the love of God, and that dogma is better left to be taught at home or by the child's own church.

Children receive instruction in the following subjects during their School career:

English: Literature, Reading, Writing and Composition, Grammar.

Bible Study, History, French, Latin.

Mathematics: Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry.

Nature Study and Elementary Science, Geography and Field Work.

Art.

Handwork: Carpentry, Clay Modelling, Sewing, Weaving, etc.

Music: Band, Orchestra, Music through movement, Singing, Recorders, Appreciation.

Physical Education and Games including Football and Cricket, Netball and Rounders, Tennis, Swimming.

## HEALTH

Special importance is attached to a well balanced, ample diet, and a day planned to include fresh air exercise and rest.

A day in School should be stimulating and enjoyable as well as involving hard, physical and mental work. After such a day children need a quiet evening for free play or reading, and early bed. Cinemas and evening entertainments are out of place during the five working days.

In health matters children are under the care of a matron who is a trained nurse. The inclusive fee allows boarding pupils a routine medical examination on entrance and periodically through their School life, and they have free medical advice from the School doctor in all childish ailments.

Each child must bring with him at the beginning of term a health certificate duly signed. After being exposed to, or suffering from an infectious disease no child may return to School without the permission of a doctor and the Headmistress.

## HOME AND SCHOOL

The co-operation of Parents is earnestly desired, so that the children's home and school lives may, as far as possible, form a unity. For this purpose all Parents are invited to attend Parents' Meetings and Discussions held at the School whenever it is possible for them to do so.

The Headmistress and Staff also welcome the chance of discussion of problems with individual Parents, but would remind them that appointments should be made for such talks.

## FEES (Please see enclosed sheet)

The Committee reserves to itself the right to alter the fees if necessary after giving a term's notice.

The fees are inclusive of all class lessons, including gymnastics, games, etc., and (for boarders) medical fees for minor ailments, routine medical examination and boarders' laundry. Parents may insure against loss of schooling during a pupil's illness. Particulars of this scheme are sent out with the first account. The school itself cannot undertake to return fees.

An entrance fee of 10s. 6d., which is not in any case returnable, must be sent in with each entrance form.

Once a child is in the school, or has been accepted, a full term's notice of removal (or fees in lieu) is required. This applies equally to a child entering the school for the first time.

Notice of the intention to discontinue an extra subject must be sent in writing to the Headmistress at least six weeks before the end of the term. In the absence of notice payment of half the next term's fees will be required.

All fees are payable in advance and must be paid before the end of the first week of each term.

## UNIFORM

A clothes list will be supplied and parents will assist greatly by keeping to this as closely as possible. Uniform is supplied by Harrods Ltd, Knightsbridge, S.W.1.

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| Boarders:  |                     |
| Form II upwards  | £90 per term        |
| Below Form II  | £88 per term        |
| Day Pupils:  |                     |
| Form II upwards  | £37 per term        |
| Below Form II  | £35 per term        |
| Mornings only<br>(optional for those under<br>6 years) | £25 per term        |
| Dinner: 5 days a week                                  | £7 10s. per term    |
| 4 days a week  | £6 per term         |
| Tea and preparation                                    | £6 per term         |
| Piano lessons  | 4½ guineas per term |
| Violin lessons   | 4½ guineas per term |
| Dancing (boarders only)                                | £2 10s. per term    |

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