

# Ranby House Prep School



RANBY HOUSE





# There has never been a better time to join Ranby House

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We're Ranby House.

At our school, we have one clear purpose – to provide every child with the best possible opportunity to lead a happy and successful life.

Your child's future really does matter to us. We are a broad-ability school, which means our focus is on the whole child, making learning fun, engaging and challenging. Helping your child to be the best they can be in all that they do is tremendously exciting, and we know your child is developing the core skills for a successful future when we see them achieve things they never thought were possible.

We'd love to meet with you and show you around - come and see our school in action, and see for yourself what makes us special.

We look forward to meeting you and your family.





# Why us?

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Situated in 60 acres of beautiful North Nottinghamshire countryside, Ranby House has the most amazing facilities in the region for children aged 2-11.

The school has been on the manor house site since 1948 and has seen significant change and development, now boasting its own Sports Hall, Performing Arts Centre and Woodland School.

With highly qualified, subject specialist teachers and sports coaches teaching in small class sizes, we enable children to achieve success during their learning journey.

As well as our state-of-the art teaching facilities, including a purpose-built science lab and specialist art school, our school also offers families excellent value-for-money, with fully inclusive fees that cover all aspects of a Ranby House education.

Whether your child is academic or arty, a sportsperson or a musician, Ranby House is the place they discover and hone their talents.





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**I wish I'd moved  
my children to  
Ranby sooner**

*Lucy Smithson, parent*



At our school, our growth mindset approach to learning underpins everything we do. A child with a fixed mindset believes that intelligence and talent are defined at birth, often because they are told this by adults.

Fixed mindset learners feel the need to look clever at all costs - because they feel learning should come naturally. A child with a growth mindset understands that intelligence and talent is not fixed at birth but can go up or down. They learn to understand that hard work and effort are the key components of success and achievement.

With a growth mindset approach to learning, children at Ranby House start taking greater risks. They develop a 'bounce-back' ability which ultimately drives them to continually better themselves.



# Kindergarten and Nursery

## Ages 2–5

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Providing a strong learning foundation for your child starts at the age of two. Our youngest children enjoy their own safe and secure learning environment in the nurturing setting of our EYFS building.

Complete with easy access to our outdoor play facilities and beyond into our forest, our children's independence and curiosity grows rapidly from an early age.

As a 'teaching nursery', the EYFS curriculum is taught through carefully structured academic and play based activities, both in the classroom and outdoors, with teaching outside forming an important part of everyday school life.



### What is the Early Years Foundation Stage?

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), is how the Government and early years professionals describe the time in your child's life between birth and age 5.

At Ranby House School Nursery we cater for children aged 2 upwards and so our EYFS is the years of Kindergarten, Nursery and Reception. Children's early years experience should be happy, active, exciting, fun and secure—supporting their development, care and learning needs.





## What does the EYFS Framework comprise of?

- The legal welfare requirements that everyone must follow to keep your child safe, and promote their welfare
- The seven areas of learning and development which guide our engagement with your child's play and activities as they learn new skills
- Assessments that will tell you about your child's progress through the EYFS
- Expected levels that your child should reach at age five, usually the end of the Reception year; these expectations are called the Early Learning Goals (ELGs)
- There is also guidance for staff supporting your child on planning the learning activities, and observing and assessing what and how your child is learning and developing

## How will my child be learning?

Your child will acquire skills and knowledge, demonstrating their understanding through seven areas of learning and development.

Children should develop the three prime areas first:

- Communication and language
- Physical development
- Personal, social and emotional development

These prime areas are those most important for your child's healthy development and future learning.

As children grow, prime areas help them develop skills in four specific areas:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design

These seven areas are used to plan your child's learning and activities.



# The Infant Years

## Ages 5–7

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Each day is different and learning is exciting, engaging and fun, as we encourage collaboration and teamwork between the children. We also develop core English skills from an early age using a wide variety of learning techniques, including an embedded phonics programme to teach the skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening.

Pupils in Years One and Two also benefit from their bespoke classrooms, a teaching assistant, specialist teaching in Spanish, PE, Games, Music, and Swimming.

They will enjoy their own safe and secure learning environment within the exciting and nurturing setting of our Pre-Prep building. Complete with easy access to our active outdoor play facilities and beyond into the forest, our children's independence and curiosity grows rapidly from an early age.

Our youngest children grow in self-esteem and confidence throughout the Pre-Prep years. Children in Year 1 join our House system, working and playing alongside older pupils with a strong pastoral support ethos. We enjoy developing enquiring minds – building strong foundations for future development.







# The Prep Years

## Ages 7–11

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Throughout their journey with us, we ensure that our children are fully equipped to cope with the next stage of their education and beyond.

The caring environment of the Prep years helps your child with that development. A dedicated form teacher delivers the core curriculum at this age, whilst a team of specialist teachers help children to gain more independence, with coaching across a wide range of different subjects.

We live in an age of rapid change and the skills that your child will need for their future are ever-changing. Our school is well-resourced and there are plenty of opportunities for pupils to innovate and apply different skills in all aspects of their learning.

There are plenty of opportunities for pupils to use and apply the latest IT skills and innovation in all aspects of their learning. We believe education is a partnership, so regular feedback and reporting to parents means you'll be fully involved in your child's learning process at every stage of their journey.

And as you begin to think about your child's education after Ranby House, our senior school site is ideally located only a few miles away, so moving from Year Six to Year Seven is a seamless experience. As our children join Portland House, the dedicated junior space for Years Seven and Eight, they do so with their Ranby peer group and a firm set of friends. Staff regularly teach across the two schools, providing our children with consistency and continuity.











# Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds

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We firmly believe that exercise stimulates active minds and helps concentration, but most of all we believe that active learning is about having lots of fun.

Starting with daily physical activity in the Nursery, our healthy body programme develops as pupils move up through the school. From the age of six, children are enjoying specialist PE, swimming and games lessons, and by the age of eight, they have the chance to be involved in sport four days a week.







# “ My son has discovered a love for sport

*Grant Bowman, parent*



As a 'sport for all' school, getting involved is just as important as ability, so children take part in a wide variety of sports throughout the year. As well as the major summer and winter games for boys and girls, we include other options such as athletics, orienteering, judo, badminton, gymnastics and dance.

Our weekly enrichment programme provides the opportunity to broaden experiences even further, through a wide range of activities. Some choose arts and crafts, rocket building, or chess, while others more active pastimes such as archery, canoeing, mini-moto club, or climbing wall.

As well as this, our homework club provides after-school support and experiences that suit the individual needs of each child. Our evening provision provides flexible pick up times until 6:30pm for day pupils with flexi-boarding becoming increasingly popular – offering a convenient and cost-effective way of cutting down on 'school run' requirements.



# Creativity and Expression

Music is an everyday part of life at Ranby House, and along with class music lessons, most of our children choose to sing in one of our choirs, or study at least one instrument through individual lessons with our experienced music teachers.

Performing music together is encouraged, and from the piano to the drums and electric guitar - children are encouraged to try a range of instruments and to be excited and intrigued by many different genres of music.

Art and Design & Technology is just as important - our children thoroughly enjoy this hands-on subject, using a wide variety of different media.







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They have  
dedicated spaces for  
arts, I love that

*Melissa Haigh, parent*

Pupils learn the properties and uses of different materials through their design and construction work in Design Technology, taking great pride in their finished projects which are displayed at our annual exhibition.

Drama and Performance is an embedded part of Ranby House school life, and children are provided with an opportunity to perform in our on-site 300 capacity theatre.

Alongside the wide variety of presentations, shows and drama workshops, children also take part in annual productions which help them learn how to refine their performance skills, and present with confidence.





# Community Spirit

As a Woodard School based on Christian principles and traditions, we welcome families of all faiths and beliefs. Led by our Chaplain, members of staff, or groups of pupils - our weekly chapel services are lively, enjoyable and lots of fun.

Family values are promoted through all aspects of school life and are deeply embedded in our School House system. Every child is a member of one of four Houses who compete against each other in school competitions and for 'house points' - allocated for a number of things, including effort, achievement and leading by example.

Pupils in Year Six look after younger pupils in their 'Buddy Groups', creating fantastic opportunities for leadership and personal growth.

And as well as building confidence through extra-curricular activities, our pupils are also provided with many opportunities to develop their leadership skills.

From election to the School Council, or the Eco Committee, to the award of a senior position of leadership, including Heads and Deputies of School, Captains of Sport, and of School Houses. Our children are taught to be adaptable, resilient, and independent at all stages of their journey with us.





# A home from home

Whilst lots of our children attend our school as day pupils, being able to stay over, as part of our boarding community, provides families and their children with many benefits, as well as developing independence. Whether your child stays all week or just the occasional night, pupils thoroughly enjoy the family feel in our boarding house. Our boarding is child led, with children wanting to stay over to participate in different activities - Nerf Battles, Manhunt and many other themed nights.

Lives are increasingly busy, so we pride ourselves on catering for all types of family situation. Offering an early morning on-site breakfast club; all homemade meals and snacks are included.

## **Full Boarding**

For those with parents in the armed forces, as well as our overseas pupils, we offer full boarding for children as young as seven years old. With a dedicated Junior Boarding House, children are happy and well-cared for.

## **Weekly Boarding**

As a Monday to Friday School, weekly boarders at Ranby House stay at school from Monday to Friday and go home on a Friday evening for the weekend.

## **Flexi Boarding**

Flexi-boarders stay at school for one, two to three days each week, going home for the remaining days in the week.

# Structure of our day

## Kindergarten

**8.30am–9.00am**

Parent drop-off

**9.00am–10.00am**

Activities which cover the seven areas of learning

**10.00am–10.30am**

Snack: fruit, biscuit and milk

**10.30am–11.30am**

Activities which cover the seven areas of learning

**11.30am–12.30pm**

Lunch

**12.30pm–1.00pm**

Parent pick-up/drop-off

**1.00pm–2.00pm**

Activities which cover the seven areas of learning

**2.00pm–2.30pm**

Drink & Snack

**2.30pm–3.30pm**

Activities which cover the seven areas of learning.

**3.30pm–6.30pm**

Crèche

## EYFS Nursery & Reception

**7.45am–8.15am**

Breakfast Club

**8.15am–8.25am**

Early Drop Off

**8.30am–8.45am**

Start of the School Day

**8.45am–10.25am**

Period 1-4

**10.25am–10.50am**

Break

**10.50am–12.05pm**

Period 5-7

**12.05pm–1.30pm**

Lunch & Break

**1.30pm–3.35pm**

Period 8-12

**3.35pm**

Finish (Pupils collected)

**3.35pm-onwards**

Clubs/Activities/Crèche (extra charge)

## Years 1- 6

**7.45am–8.15am**

Breakfast Club

**8.15am–8.30am**

Drop Off

**8.30am**

Start of the School Day

**8.45am–10.25am**

Period 1-4

**10.25am–10.50am**

Break

**10.50am–12.30pm**

Period 5-8

**12.30pm–1.30pm**

Lunch

**1.30pm–3.35pm**

Period 9-13

**3.45pm – 4.10pm**

Sign Out 1

**4.10pm–5.10pm**

Clubs/Activities

**5.10pm–5.30pm**

Sign Out 2

**5.10pm**

Tea (Late Stay begins)

**6.30pm**

Boarding Routines begin



## Find us

We're located in 60 acres of beautiful North Nottinghamshire countryside, in a peaceful, rural location, and yet incredibly accessible.

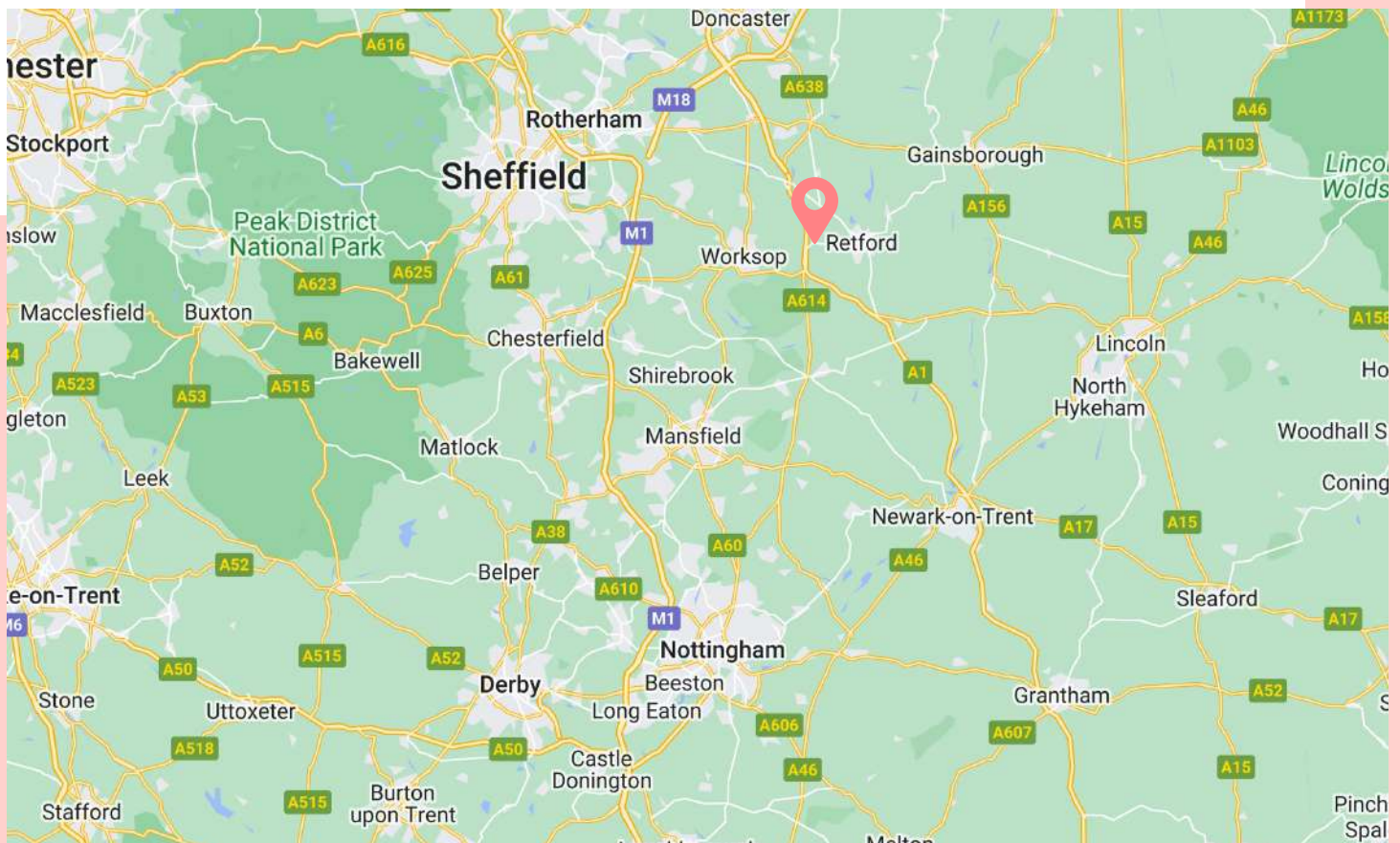
Located on the outskirts of Retford, we're just a few miles from the M1, with many of our children joining us every day from the towns and villages in the surrounding areas.

**Ranby House, Retford  
Nottinghamshire,  
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## Get in touch

As well as our many open day events, we also encourage all students to come and have a private tour, so get in touch and come and find out whether Ranby House Prep School is the right next step for you.

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