

# HEMDEAN HOUSE SCHOOL

CAVERSHAM

Dear Parents

## **WELCOME FROM MRS HELEN CHALMERS, HEADTEACHER**

Hemdean House School has been delivering educational excellence in Caversham and the surrounding area since 1859 and proudly continues to do so within a warm, welcoming and caring family environment where every child is an individual.

We value all our pupils, believing in the development of the whole child and work with the children to develop their confidence, resilience and self-esteem together with creating a life-long love of learning. The ethos of Hemdean House School is to encourage respect, understanding, consideration and tolerance for others. Our school is built on trust and open communication between each other.

The combination of our individual approach to class teaching and small class sizes motivates children to be excited about learning and so achieve excellent academic results. Despite being non-selective, our children obtain places at some of the best independent schools in the area and we work with parents to find the right place for each child.

In addition, the school also offers a range of sporting, drama and music opportunities with many of our pupils achieving good examination grades for a variety of instruments including piano, flute, violin, drums and guitar. We are very fortunate at Hemdean House to have spacious grounds and our own dedicated and accredited Forest School and outdoor learning classes on site which offers every child the opportunity to learn about nature and the environment in a structured and fun way. We are currently proud holders of The Woodland Trust's Gold Award.

A combination of good staff, high standards and a great deal of hard work has resulted in Hemdean House School gaining a place in The Times top 100 Independent Prep Schools.

We will at all times be honest with you and give you an insight into the school's routines and educational philosophies. We wish to encourage parents to be part of this open relationship. This team spirit enhances the work that we can do with your children.

Early educational experiences last a lifetime and we aim to continue to make Hemdean House School a happy, caring and supportive place where children always feel valued and respected and where they can enjoy their schooling, where learning is shared and happy memories are made every day.

Kind regards



**Mrs Helen Chalmers**  
Head Teacher