



NANSLEDAN SCHOOL

Commonly Asked Questions

How do I apply for a place?

Admissions for Nansledan School are handled by the Local Authority. The deadline for Reception Class places has now passed but if your child does require a place in YR for September 2019, you can make a 'late application' via <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/apply-to-start-school-or-transfer-to-junior-secondary-or-ks4-school-in-september-2019/starting-school-september-2019/>

My child is currently in another school. How can I apply for a transfer?

If you have a child(ren) already in full-time education, and you wish them to transfer to Nansledan School when it opens in September 2019, you can apply online via Schools Admissions at www.cornwall.gov.uk/changingschools for a change of school **up to EIGHT school weeks in advance of a school place being required** i.e. late May 2019 (twelve weeks for service families). Applications outside of these timescales will not be processed by the Schools Admissions Team and you will not be able to apply online.

Transfer applications will, as far as possible, be processed within twenty school days. However, at busy times of the year, in particular the summer term, your application may take longer to process. Parents/carers should consider this and submit an application as early as possible within the allotted timeframe i.e. up to eight school weeks in advance (twelve in the case of Service Families).

In the meantime, don't forget to REGISTER YOUR INTEREST so we can more accurately predict KS1/KS2 numbers ahead of opening.

What age children will Nansledan School take?

As a primary school, Nansledan School will take children age 4-11 years, i.e. Reception Class entry up to Year 6.

Am I able to visit the school prior to opening in September 2019?

No. Unfortunately, informal school visits will not be possible before opening as it is an active building site and Midas is governed by strict health & safety regulations. However, in the summer term, we are hoping to offer supervised site visits for parents. We will keep you posted with details nearer the time.

How will the classes be organised for September 2019?

As it's a new school and we don't know how many, and of what age, the children applying will be, we are aiming to open up 4 classes for September 2019. There will be two Reception Classes (4/5 year olds) and x 1 mixed KS1 class (children who would be in the Y1 & Y2 age bracket) and x 1 mixed KS2 class (children who are in the Y3 to Y6 age bracket). As the years go by, with more children coming in, rising numbers will mean eventually each year group has its own class.

What happens if you have more children than classrooms available for opening?

Should we reach our maximum numbers at initial opening stage, then we would apply standard admissions procedures i.e. a sliding scale of children with additional needs, children in care, service families and 'as the crow flies' distance door-to-door. This admissions procedure would then be in force, on a permanent basis, once the school has its full 60 pupils per academic year intake.

Will Nansledan School offer flexi-schooling?

No. In line with central Aspire Academy Trust policy, Nansledan School will not offer flexi-schooling. The Aspire Academy Trust offers phased-start schooling which allows a child to build up their school hours, in a sensitive and appropriate manner, over a period of 6 weeks max (i.e. a half term). As soon as you have a place confirmed by School Admissions, please email the school at hello@nansledanschool.org to discuss further.

What will the SEN provision look like at Nansledan School?

At Nansledan School all children will be valued, respected and welcomed, whatever their additional educational need, as is our policy across the Aspire Academy Trust. Staff will support their learning and ensure they are fully included in all school activities, making full use of externally provided facilities where appropriate. Children with additional needs will be identified through a combination of observations of the children as individuals, within their classes, by experienced staff, tracking the outcomes of assessments and through discussions with parents. A Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Co-ordinator (SENDCo) will work with the class teachers and teaching assistants to create programmes of support that meet the needs of the child.

Will Nansledan School have 'gifted & talented' provision?

Nansledan School aims to ensure that children who display exceptional gifts and talents will be provided for. Children with exceptional gifts and talents will be identified by members of staff as well as their families. Teaching staff will ask for parental information about talents that may not have been picked up within school, such as sporting talent, artistic talent, cooking or other abilities. It is these skills that will make Nansledan School pupils individuals and we want to ensure that they have the opportunity to shine and also to further develop their skills. This process will enable the school to ensure that provision is in place to challenge and enrich the learning of this group of children.

What is the uniform and where can I purchase it?

The uniform for Nansledan School will be available to purchase online from Reception Class 'National Offer Day' on Monday 15th April. The online uniform shop is at www.macronstoresw.com/schools/nansledan-school Please note, KS2 school ties will not be available to purchase until June. You will also be able to purchase items instore – address to be confirmed due to the company moving offices to Fraddon this spring. The uniform follows standard primary school uniform style and will be readily attainable and affordable for parents. Uniform ordering information will also be uploaded on the school website page and social media platforms.

Will there be a pre-school at Nansledan School?

It is our intention to have a pre-school on site, however we are currently unable to provide any further details. As soon as we do have more news to share, we'll update the website at www.nansledanschool.org and post on Facebook (@nansledanschool) and Twitter (@skolnansledan).

Will Nansledan School provide wraparound care?

Yes. From September 2019 the school will have extended opening hours from 8am until 5.15pm to include a Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club run by our support staff, but this will not be formal

childcare at this early stage. There will be a charge for the Breakfast and Afterschool Club to cover costs, however you will not be able to use childcare vouchers. As the school fills, and the level of need rises, we will look to move towards providing a formal childcare service and extending the day to 6pm.

I am interested in working at Nansledan School. When will you start recruiting?

We will be advertising job opportunities for teachers and support staff from around Easter 2019 onwards. Please keep an eye on the Aspire website at <http://www.aspireacademytrust.org/651/come-and-work-with-us>. We will also highlight job alerts on the Nansledan website at www.nansledanschool.org, Facebook page (@nansledanschool) and Twitter account (@skolnansledan).

What happens if the build is delayed?

Building works are currently going well and to schedule. A partial handover to the Aspire Academy Trust is scheduled for June 2019 so there is a large window between then and the school opening to its first intake of pupils in the September. We will be providing regular updates on the build via our various media channels.

Will local community groups be able to use the school facilities?

Yes, in due course. Nansledan School will operate a lettings service, to the local community, for its hall/rooms and sporting facilities. Lettings will not be possible in the initial opening stage of the school, but we will keep you informed via the school website at www.nansledanschool.org and the Facebook page (@nansledanschool).

What are your plans for managing the transition from my child's existing preschool to Reception Class at Nansledan School?

As our EYFS teachers will already be in place, we will look to hold 'Meet the Head of School/Teacher' sessions on site (Midas offices) in the summer term. We will keep you posted via the school website and social media channels.

Which secondary school will my child transfer to?

Y6 pupils from Nansledan School will transfer to their nearest or designated secondary school, in line with Local Authority School Admissions policy.

Will there be parking available if I drive my child to school?

If you are a resident of Nansledan the expectation is that children will be arriving at school on foot. This is in line with the Duchy of Cornwall and the school's environmental vision and ethos. However, we appreciate that some parents will be obliged to drive their child to school and there will be a drop-off area with limited parking available.

Will the school's sports facilities be ready for September 2019?

The completion of all areas is due in the autumn term. However, as always, we will keep you updated via all our media channels.

Will there be disruption to my child's education as building continues past September 2019?

No. There will be finishing works in some areas during September, but these will not be disruptive to our classes.

Are there plans for more footpaths between Quintrell Downs and the school?

Any works outside the immediate school grounds will be completed as part of The Duchy of Cornwall's Nansledan masterplan. We can only answer for work within the school boundary.