



ST MARY'S SCHOOL HAMPSTEAD

Boys' Policy

September 2026

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MISSION STATEMENT

St Mary's School seeks to provide an outstanding education firmly founded on the Catholic Faith.

Spiritual and moral principles are nurtured in a way that is reflected in daily life.

Within a happy and caring environment and based on the recognition of the dignity, worth and wellbeing of each child, high standards are expected. Intellectual development is emphasised and fostered along with the pursuit of academic excellence.

St Mary's values the unique contribution of every child within the school community.

St Mary's is inclusive and welcomes girls from all communities and faith backgrounds, or none, and believes that all benefit from the school's values.

St Mary's aims to encourage an active partnership between home, school, parish and the wider community.

Introduction

In accordance with this statement, St Mary's School, Hampstead aims to develop, to the highest possible standard, all the skills and understanding of each child according to his/her needs and ability.

This is done by following the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and the programmes of study laid down by the DfE.

Aims

- To promote enjoyment and enthusiasm for learning through practical activities, exploration and discussion.
- To promote children's confidence and self-esteem.
- To develop the ability to solve problems through decision-making.
- To understand the importance of everyday life.
- To be able to apply previously acquired concepts, skills, knowledge and understanding to new situations both in and out of school.
- To be able to communicate with peers and adults, ideas, experiences and questions, clearly and fluently using correct vocabulary.

For parents to:

- Be actively involved in their children's learning, both in school and at home.
- Understand and support the school's policies and schemes of work.

Equal Opportunity/Inclusion

We are committed to providing a teaching environment conducive to learning. Each child is valued, respected and challenged regardless of ability, race, gender, religion, social background, culture or disability.

Teaching

Boys are able to attend St Mary's School, Hampstead from 2 years 6 months to 4 years of age from Pre-Nursery to the end of Nursery.

All children in Pre-Nursery and Nursery follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

Education for the boys takes place within the Pre-Nursery or Nursery classrooms. All children in the EYFS Department have music with our Head of Music, P.E. taught by a P.E. staff member and French taught by our Head of Languages.

The Head of EYFS is always happy to meet with parents to discuss any worries or concerns they may have about the transfer process for boys. Each school has its own assessment process and procedures; these are listed at the end of the document. We would advise parents also look at the individual schools' websites for extra information.

Assessment at St Mary's

Assessment takes place at three connected levels: short-term, medium-term and long-term. These assessments are used to inform teaching in a continuous cycle of observing/assessment, planning and teaching.

Short-term assessments: These are an informal part of every lesson/session, to check understanding and give information, which will help teachers to adjust day-to-day lesson/session plans. Staff observing the children complete this.

Medium-term assessments: Arc Pathway is used in Pre-Nursery and Nursery to plan the children's next steps in their learning.

Long-term assessment: A baseline is carried out on all children approximately six weeks after they have started at St Mary's and then each child is assessed 3 times a year so progress can be tracked.

Reports and Parents' Evenings

Parents receive reports twice a year (December and July). There are two Parents' Evenings a year (October and March). Your child's class teacher is also happy to see you at other times, if an appointment is made.

It is the parents' responsibility to contact and register their boy/boys at the schools of their choice. The Head of EYFS is happy to talk through parents' choices with them.

Local boys' and co-educational schools

School	Address	Telephone Number
Arnold House	1 Loudon Road, London, NW8 0LH	020 7266 4840 www.arnoldhouse.co.uk
Hereward House	14 Strathray Gardens, London, NW3 4NY	020 7794 4820 www.herewardhouse.co.uk
Highgate School (Junior/Prep)	Cholmeley House, 3 Bishopswood Road, London, N6 4PL	020 8340 9193 www.highgateschool.org.uk
King Alfred School	North End Lane London, NW11 7HY	020 8457 5200 www.kingalfred.org.uk
St Anthony's Boys' School	90 Fitzjohn's Avenue London, NW3 6AA	020 7431 1066 www.stanthonysprep.org.uk
The Hall	23 Crossfield Road London, NW3 4NU	020 7722 5456 www.hallschool.co.uk
UCS (Pre Prep)	36 College Crescent, London, NW3 5LF	020 7435 3068 www.ucs.org.uk
North Bridge House	8 Netherhall Gardens Hampstead London, NW3 5RR	020 7435 2884 www.northbridgehouse.com
Devonshire House Prep School	2 Arkwright Road Hampstead London, NW3 6AE	020 7431 7634 www.devonshirehouseschool.co.uk
St Christina's School	25 St Edmund's Terrace London, NW8 7PY	020 7722 8784 www.saintchristinas.org.uk

If you would like a copy of the latest whole school ISI inspection report it is available from the office or the schools' website www.stmh.co.uk

PLEASE NOTE:

The school recommends that you register your boy/boys with at least three schools. It is recommended that you register as early as possible. The deadline for registering for state schools for Reception entry is 15th January 2027 online.