



DURSTON HOUSE

Meet the Team; Durston House Pre-Prep

We are delighted that your child will be joining us in September and look forward to welcoming your family to the Durston Community. In anticipation, we thought you might like to 'meet the team' and have a little taste of what is to come. Many of you have also had the opportunity to come into school and meet classmates and staff, and ask any questions you may have had, but we know it always nice to be able to show your child and family some pictures in the lead up to the beginning of term.

The Reception Team is made up of three class teachers and three teaching assistants. We also have specialist teachers for PE and Music.



Giles Entwisle is the Headmaster at Durston House. He enjoys spending time in Pre-Prep and interacting with the younger children, who are very enthusiastic when he visits their class for story time!



Dawn Finlayson is the Head of Pre-Prep. Dawn has taught in all 3 Pre-Prep year groups at Durston since 2010, after many years teaching this age group in Scotland.



Alexandra Stiglingh is the Head of Reception. She has worked in both Year 1 and Reception over the last 10 years. Alexandra is kept busy at home too, looking after her twin boys, who are currently in Year 4.



Natalie Emmanuel and Holly Sharp are the Reception Teachers alongside Alexandra. They are both experienced practitioners and have many years experience working with this age group.



Anila Singh, Claire Dawson and Michelle Reid are the Reception Teaching Assistants. They are all fully trained in first aid, and provide invaluable support to children and teachers during lessons, and in pastoral care.



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Michael Angell is our Head of Games, and he teaches Reception Games alongside Alex Bendas and Saffron Smith. All of the Games teachers teach across all year groups, organising fixtures and events in a variety of sports. In Reception, children are taught the basic skills of all of the sports played at Durston, as well as gymnastics and simple yoga skills.



Etukudo Basse teaches Music to the Reception children. His enthusiasm for performance inspires a love of music in many children, who go on to join the orchestra or choir in Junior School.



Jayne Ellis is the Pre-Prep Secretary – she will be your first point of contact if you have any questions. She is also a fully trained first-aider. Rebekah Jenner is the Pre-Prep School Assistant and is also on hand to help with any queries you may have.

