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**Broadhurst School** is a co-educational pre-preparatory school for children from two to five plus. It is situated in a residential area between Hampstead, West Hampstead and Swiss Cottage and was established in 1958 by Mrs Mary Berkery. Her son, Brian Berkery, is now the School Proprietor and Mrs Zoe Sylvester is the Headmistress.

Children join Broadhurst between two and two and a half years old and spend two years in the school. Most continue at four to the preparatory schools in the North West London area. The younger children attend school for three hours a day in either morning or afternoon sessions while the older children attend for about six hours a day. All of the classes maintain a child-staff ratio of between 4:1 and 8:1 and all of the staff have appropriate teaching or early years qualifications.

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### School Hours:

#### Morning School:

8:40am - 11:40am

#### Afternoon School:

12:40pm - 3:40pm

#### Full Day School:

8:40am - 2.45pm

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### School Fees 2019-2020

#### Half Day School:

£3550 per term

#### Full Day School:

£5900 per term

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## Teaching Philosophy

The school's policy is to provide a happy, caring and secure environment in which every child can develop individually and is motivated and encouraged to reach his or her full potential. We believe that a child's first experience of school should be both stimulating and exciting.

## Curriculum and activities

The entry class is carefully structured so that the children's transition from home to school and their subsequent introduction to school activities are positive, rewarding and happy experiences. Parents are encouraged to stay in the classroom for the first few days until their children have settled. The timetable incorporates daily art and craft activities, singing, role play, construction and free play, garden play and stories, all of which are continued throughout the school. We also introduce pre-reading and pre-writing skills and begin practical numeracy.

In the full day classes, the teachers work to establish a balanced atmosphere of acceptance and challenge. At this stage, the children need to be composed enough to concentrate, yet free enough to experiment and make mistakes without feeling exposed or self-conscious. We aim to give a firm foundation in the basic skills of language and number and do this largely through topic work. Enjoyable as well as educational, this encourages general knowledge and an interest in the children's surroundings. The full day classes go on outings to museums, art galleries and other places of educational interest and we are happy for some parents to join us on these outings. The school is inspected by the Independent Schools Inspectorate and our curriculum meets the seven areas of learning laid down by the government: Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language, Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World, Physical Development, Expressive Arts and Design.



## Parental Contact

In educating children of this age, close communication between school and home is very important. The school holds regular Parents' Evenings, but parents are also encouraged to discuss any matters that might affect their child's welfare and development with the Headmistress or Class Teachers.



## Application for admission

Places are normally allocated on a first come, first-served basis. Once a place has been allocated, prospective parents are strongly encouraged to visit the school at the earliest opportunity. If you would like to do this, please contact the school and make an appointment.



Parents who, having visited the school, wish to register their child for entry are requested to complete a Registration Form and include a non-returnable £150 Registration Fee and a £1500 deposit (deposit will only be refundable if a child has attended at least two full years at Broadhurst). One year before the proposed date of entry, parents will be asked to pay a non-returnable advance on the fees of £500 towards the first term's fees with the balance due 8 months before the proposed date of entry. These amounts are to be payable within 14 days of the request for payment. After the first term, fees will be payable on the first day of each new term.

**For more information please visit our website**

**Proprietor**  
Mr B. J. Berkery