

Welcome to the Dame Janet Primary Academy virtual tour...



Dame Janet is a school for everyone.

Our team are passionately committed to giving pupils a wide range of real-life and enriching experiences, through these the children have gone off to the secondary school of their choice prepared and ready to excel in their future learning.

We hope you enjoy taking a look around our school...



First, the important stuff...

Our school day:

8:00 - Breakfast Club

8:40 - Gates Open

9:00 - Registration

9:10 - Maths

9:30 - Snack and Story

9:50 - Read, Write, Inc. Phonics

10:10 - Continuous Provision (learning through play)

12:00 - Lunch

1:00 - Assemblies

1:15 - Wider Curriculum through Continuous Provision

2:45 - Story

3:00 - Lower School day finishes

3:10 - Upper School day finishes



Our school uniform:

- Dark grey trousers, shorts, skirt, pinafore dress
- A purple and white gingham summer dress
- White polo shirt
- DJPA purple school jumper or cardigan
- White, grey or black tights or socks
- Black shoes

Our P.E kit:

- Black shorts and/or tracksuit bottoms
- House t-shirt
- Plimsolls (indoor)
- Trainers (outdoor)



School meals:

Our on-site caterers, Chartwells, provide nutritious school meals which can be purchased via parent pay (our cash free payment system)

Please see our website for more information.

<https://www.damejanet-tkat.org/school-meals>

Children are always welcome to bring in a home packed lunch, they will be asked at morning registration what they are having to eat that day.



Inclusion:

We are very proud to have been recognised as an outstanding provider for SEN provision as awarded by the SEND Inclusion Award.



We are fortunate enough to have fantastic facilities across both sites including care suites, intervention rooms and calm areas.

We also have wheelchair access on both sites and are more than happy to discuss any individual access or additional learning requirements your child may have.

Please contact office@djpa-tkat.org to talk to any of our special educational needs team.



Safeguarding:

At DJPA we take the safety of our children very seriously.

All members of staff at DJPA, including temporary staff, volunteers and governors have an active part to play in protecting children from harm.

As such they receive regular safeguarding training, hold current DBS certificates and follow the school's procedures for dealing with any concerns.

Staff members at DJPA will always act in the interests of the children in our care.



Toileting:

At our lower school (where our Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 children learn) we have toilets in every classroom, so your child will never be too far away from the facilities.

Although we encourage independence, staff are always on hand to help with tricky tights and buttons.

We appreciate that school is a big step for our youngest pupils, and will do everything we can to make them feel settled, safe and comfortable.



Now, on to the fun stuff:

In Year R, our recently redesigned learning space has a completely open plan and free flow layout for the children to enjoy.

Each end of the room has carpet areas for class teaching and tables set up for smaller group activities.



Throughout the day children have access to the entire Year R space, allowing the whole year group to socialise and benefit from all of our equipment everyday.



At DJPA our children also benefit from a free flow indoor/outdoor learning experience.

Our classroom doors are nearly always open, allowing us to make the most of our fabulous outdoor learning area.



We recognise that having access to outdoor spaces relieves stress and anxiety and has an overall positive impact on the mental health of your child.

We also understand that getting messy is great fun!



Lunchtime offers a chance to socialise with peers in our extensive lower school grounds.

Our dedicated staff promote, encourage and join in a range of traditional playtime games so the children can enjoy all parts of their day.

Children also have access to a range of play equipment and staff are always on hand to play games.



What makes DJPA stand out from the crowd?

The children's happiness and wider opportunities really do matter to us!

We have built our own Forest School where children have weekly timetabled sessions to ensure that they have the opportunity to learn in different ways, with the outdoors as the starting point.

With dedicated forest school practitioners based in our Early Years team, the children really do make the most of our wonderful facilities, including a mud kitchen, fire pit and a zip wire!



Enrichment:

At DJPA your children are at the center of everything we do.

Teachers create stimulating learning experiences which provide purpose; these experiences work towards our goal of creating learners for life.

In order to supplement the curriculum, and to further develop independence and resilience, we aim to offer the following experiences during your child's life at Dame Janet.
(starting in Year R, all the way up to Year 6)



Build a sandcastle/ sand sculpture

Make a phone call

Ride on a zip wire

Visit the beach

Go on a train journey

Purchase something from a shop

Play an instrument

Design and make a meal

Try indoor rock climbing

Order and eat in a restaurant

Safely light a campfire

Post a letter

Read a story to a younger child

Try roller skating

Watch a film at the cinema and review it

Protect the environment by picking litter

Take part in a school performance

Watch a show at a theatre

Make a den

Learn to sew

Have afternoon tea

Visit a public library

Take part in swimming lessons

Write a song

Visit a care home for the elderly

Sleep in a tent*

Grow something to eat

Use a computer to write a persuasive letter

Make someone a cup of tea or coffee

Visit a theme park

Learn about water safety

Learn about fire safety

Learn to safely cross a road

Power something by an electrical circuit

Take part in a club*

Visit a place of worship

Dance at a school disco

Interview an adult

Receive an award/certificate in assembly

Learn to count to ten in another language

Make something out of clay

Have work displayed in school

Give an opinion in a debate

*optional

We work in partnership with parents to provide the best learning journey for your children.

We welcome communication with our Reception parents via the Tapestry app.

Tapestry will document your child's learning journey through Year R, with assessments, photos and captions.

We also love to see pictures from home uploaded too!

Full details of how the app works will be given with your induction paperwork.



At Dame Janet Primary Academy our values are at the very heart of our school:

Determination - we never give up

Joy - we are happiest when learning

Pride - we take pleasure from our achievements

Achievement - we learn and succeed with effort, skill and courage



Thanks for watching!

If you would like more information about our school, or would like to enquire about our tours, please contact office@djpa-tkat.org or call us on 01843 591807

For more information about the application process please see the KCC website

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places>

Applications open on Thursday 5 November 2021 and close on 17 January 2022.

