

A photograph of two young boys in a classroom setting, both wearing light green sweatshirts with a crest and the words 'ORIELLO' and 'PREP'. They are playing with colorful building blocks. The boy on the left is laughing, showing his teeth. The boy on the right is looking down at the blocks. The background is blurred, showing other children and classroom shelves.

Inchmarlo

RBAI Preparatory Department
Pre-Prep**Information**



Welcome to Pre-Prep

It all starts here....young children learn best through play and hands on learning experiences!

Pre-Prep offers a nurturing environment where every boy feels engaged, inspired, challenged, and happy.

Our focus is on each child's academic, social, and emotional growth, helping him to become the very best version of himself and preparing him for the next stage of his education.

At Inchmarlo, our vision is to empower boys to embrace learning, achieve their personal best, and thrive in an atmosphere of respect, excellence, and participation.

We are passionate about delivering a high-quality, play-based curriculum. We believe boys learn best through hands-on experiences that spark curiosity about the world around them.

Pre-Prep provides a stimulating and supportive teacher led environment where each boy is valued and respected. Continuity of learning is central, and the Pre-Prep experience introduces boys to the principles that will guide them throughout their school journey.

Being part of the wider school community also allows them to build relationships with older pupils and staff, making the transition into Prep 1 a natural and seamless progression.



"We are very happy with the excellent standard of care provided by Inchmarlo. Outstanding communication and daily structure provided. Our son is very happy there."

Parent Feedback from our Quality of Care Inspection Report

A curriculum driven by discovery

Our Pre-Prep curriculum follows the Pre-School Curriculum guidance, but with an added "Inchmarlo" flair.

We transition from imaginative play to structured learning, ensuring your son is fully prepared for Prep 1 and beyond.

Language Development: Developing confident communicators through storytelling, phonics, and shared news times.

Early Mathematical Experiences: Practical, hands-on activities that turn "numbers" into a world of patterns and problem-solving.

The World Around Us: Using our stunning six-acre woodland site to explore nature, science, and the local community.

The Arts: Weekly specialist-led sessions in Music and Drama, where creativity knows no bounds. The boys perform annually at the Harvest Assembly, Grandparents' Morning, Nativity and are part of the whole school musical.

Physical Development and Movement: Boys benefit from our school gym, play park area, and the expertise of our specialist PE teachers to develop gross motor skills and confidence.





Exceptional Facilities & Environment

Situated in the heart of South Belfast, our Pre-Prep boys enjoy the benefits of a "big school" within a secure, intimate setting.

Outdoor Learning: Full access to large outdoor play areas, Forest School and play park, for daily adventures.

Dedicated Resources: A newly resourced Pre-Prep room, a well-stocked school library, and early exposure to ICT through digital technology and interactive whiteboards.

A Smooth Transition: Being an integral part of Inchmarlo means our Pre-Prep boys regularly join older pupils for whole school musical performance and Sports Days, making the move to P1 a natural, seamless step.



Caring for Your Family: Wraparound Care

We understand the demands of modern family life. Inchmarlo offers a "homely" and stimulating extended day:

Breakfast Club: Starting from 8:00 am.

Enrichment Session: Running from 2:15-3:10pm, the Enrichment session offers Pre-Prep, P1, and P2 pupils a diverse range of creative, intellectual, and physical activities designed to foster social skills, confidence, and new passions in a safe, structured environment.

After School Care: Available until 5:30 pm, where boys can enjoy cookery, arts and crafts, and energetic play in the gym or on our Astro-Turf pitches.

Staff Ratio: A guaranteed small-group focus with a ratio of 1:8, ensuring your son receives the individual attention he deserves.

Join Our Community

We invite you to see the "Inchmarlo Buzz" for yourself. We hold regular Open Mornings and "Stay and Play" sessions throughout the year.

"Inchmarlo inspires boys through academic excellence, outdoor learning, and strong values in supportive surroundings."

For further information or to book a tour, please contact the school office by emailing info@inchmarlo.belfast.ni.sch.uk



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