



# ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟ ΑΠ. ΑΝΔΡΕΑ

## Greek School of Apostolos Andreas

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### School Aims

Present and reinforce all aspects of the Modern Greek language to our students, including vocabulary-building, reading, Greek culture, heritage, writing and grammar with emphasis on conversation. Greek poems, prayers, songs and dances are also used to teach the students about the religion and history.

We aim to enhance bi-cultural and bilingual awareness and to promote the moral and ethical values of the Greek Orthodox families.

### The School Day

The gates open at 10.00am. A member of the school committee will be on the door to greet you and also ensure the safety of the children. A teacher is also on duty on the playground before the bell rings and also at all breaks.

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| 10.30am          | The Bell rings and all children should be on the playground ready to start the School day |
| 10.30am – 12pm   | Lessons   |
| 12pm – 12.25pm   | 1st Break (please provide your child with a packed lunch)                                 |
| 12.25pm – 1.30pm | Classroom lessons continue  |
| 1.30pm – 1.50pm  | 2nd Break   |
| 1.50pm – 2.50pm  | Lessons   |
| 2.50pm – 3.00pm  | Assembly (in Christoforos Cartoudis Hall)   |

Parents are asked to wait at the school gate at the end of the school day. At 3pm the gate will be opened where parents can then go and collect their children.

### Homework

All children are given homework to complete. Please spend time reading and helping your child. It benefits them and re-enforces the learning from the school day.

### Parent-Teacher Meetings

We have a parent-teacher meeting three times a year (towards the end of each term) where you are able to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher.



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### School Yiortes

The school has three Yiortes a school year. These are normally celebrated after the Church service on the closest Sunday after the celebration.

1. The 'OXI' Yiorti: Near the 28th October
2. Christmas Play: The last weekend of the Christmas term
3. 25th March / 1st April: Annunciation of Virgin Mary & Greek Independence Day/Greek Cypriot National Day

Throughout the school year, the children learn traditional Greek songs and dances to perform at these Yiortes. Children are also given poems to learn for the Yiortes. We ask that you spend time helping the children learn the poems at home. On these days the children are asked to wear blue skirts or trousers and white shirts (unless instructed otherwise by their class teacher). Photos are taken and can be added to the school website; [www.orthandrewgreesch.co.uk](http://www.orthandrewgreesch.co.uk)

### Communication

We have a text service set up to keep you informed of any important activities, events or general information. We also send newsletters and information letters by email. Please ensure that the school has up to date information regarding contact details.

We also email a newsletter quarterly to let you know what is happening in and around the school. These newsletters are also available on the school website.

### School Donations

Here are our suggested school donations:

1 Pupil:	£250 pa
2 Pupils:	£350 pa
3+ Pupils:	£400 pa
Adults:	£25 pcm

All donations are payable at registration (1st Day of Term), or you can set up a standing order until your donations are paid.

Please note that it is your responsibility to monitor the payments and cancel the standing order once the final amount has been paid, as we are unable to.

### School Bank Details:

Sort-Code:	40-63-77
Bank Account:	01223911



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Additional fees are will be required for GCSE and GCE exams. These will be communicated at the appropriate time.

Cheques should be made payable to “The Greek Orthodox Cathedral School of St Andrew and St Mary”.

### **School Hours of Opening**

As well as the regular Saturday opening for our school children, we offer additional classes on Monday and Wednesday evenings **free of charge**. Your school fee includes these extra lessons if you require them.

Saturday: 10.30am - 3pm  
Monday: 5pm - 6.15pm (Grades 3 and 4)  
Monday: 6.30pm - 8pm (Grades 5 and 6)  
Wednesday: 5pm - 6.45pm (GCSE, AS & A level)  
Wednesday: 7pm - 8.00pm (Adults-Beginners)  
Wednesday: 8pm - 9.00pm (Adults-Intermediate)

### **Greek School Committee**

We have a vibrant and active Greek school committee who support the teaching staff and help maintain the School. Fundraising is a very important aspect of the School. We are supported by both the Church Committee and Ladies Committee of Apostolos Andreas, but we strive to be self-sufficient. We are always looking for new members to join the committee, so if you have a few hours to spare the committee would love to hear from you.

### **The School Curriculum**

The school follows the official syllabus of the Cypriot Ministry of Education, which is provided to all the Greek schools in the UK by the Cypriot Educational Mission that is based in London. Course books and other teaching material are distributed to children free of charge and they come directly from the Cypriot Ministry of Education. This material is very modern and specifically designed and produced, in order to meet the needs of children of Greek origin who live in the UK.

The curriculum for Greek School includes 15 minutes Religious Education (R.E.), 20 minutes traditional songs, 20 minutes Greek traditional dances and 20 minutes Social Topics (Greek History, Geography, Den Ksehno).

As your child gets to the fifth grade, our teaching starts to focus on the national GCSE curriculum for Modern Greek. We are affiliated with the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) and Pearson (EdExcel).

We also cater for GCE AS-Level and A-Level should you or your child wish to carry on studying. This is also managed through JCQ and Pearson (EdExcel).



If you have no children but would like to learn Greek, we also offer Adult lessons in conversational Greek.

### **Nursery (Pre-school ages 3-4, Reception ages 4-5)**

- Basic rules (listen, open, look)
- Pre-writing exercises
- Developing the vocabulary for thematic units (e.g. colours, numbers, shapes, days, months, the body, family, clothes, house, class, animals, fruits, vegetables, transport, park, games)
- Greek stories and games
- Recognizing of sounds of letters e.g. κ = κκκκ and not 'kapa' (not names and writing of letters)

### **A1 - Pre-primary**

- Basic rules (listen, open, look)
- Writing and recognizing of the sound and the name of the 24 letters of the alphabet
- Writing of words under pictures
- Reading of simple words

### **A2 - First Grade**

- Double vowels (αι, ει, οι, ου, αυ, ευ)
- Double consonants (μπ, ντ, γκ, γγ, τς, τζ)
- Diphthongs
- Writing of sentences under pictures
- Reading of simple sentences/texts

### **B' - Second Grade**

- Use of accent, full-stop and question mark
- Writing of their own sentences / small texts
- Use of definite articles
- Use of singular - plural
- Present of verbs of active voice

### **C' - Third Grade**

- Writing of their own small passages, letters, invitations dialogues
- Interrogative - Negative, hypothetical sentences
- Personal Pronouns
- Present of verbs of active and passive voice
- Future tense of verbs
- Past tense of verbs



### **D' - Fourth Grade**

- Writing of their own small with clear paragraphs
- All the tenses of the verbs
- Genders of adjectives and comparative and superlative forms
- Definite numeric adjectives
- Nominative, Accusative and Genitive case forms of nouns

### **E' - Pre-GCSE1**

- Revision of all grammar
- Oral and written examination of thematic units:
  - Myself
  - Family
  - House
  - School
  - Daily life
  - Social activities
  - Body exercise and health
  - Holidays

### **F' - Pre-GCSE2**

- Revision of all grammar
- Oral and written examination of thematic units:
  - Education
  - Work
  - Entertainment
  - Media

### **GCSE**

GCSE taught as per official EdExcel guidelines. Practising past GCSE papers leading up to the main exam

### **AS-Level**

AS-Level taught as per official EdExcel guidelines. Practising past AS-Level papers leading up to the main AS-Level exam

### **A-Level**

A-Level taught as per official EdExcel guidelines. Practising past A-Level papers leading up to the main A-Level exam