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GREEK SCHOOL OF ST. NICHOLAS LIVERPOOL



Aims

The aim of the Greek School of St. Nicholas Liverpool is to strengthen the community by bringing children and adults together to teach them the Greek language, traditions, customs and faith.

Objectives

The objects of the Greek School of St. Nicholas Liverpool are:

- 1) to advance education of the public, particularly but not exclusively among the Greek people in the United Kingdom, concerning Greek culture, traditions, language and history;
- 2) to advance education by operating, supporting, expanding and developing a Greek orthodox school and in particular that known as the Greek School of St. Nicholas Liverpool;
- 3) to advance religion in accordance with the Greek orthodox faith.

Activities

The Greek school of St. Nicholas was established in the middle of 1960's by parents / members of the Greek and Greek-Cypriot community of Merseyside and North Wales as part of the group of schools of the Central Educational Council of Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain. Their vision was to establish an educational setting that will help their children to learn the Greek language and maintain their heritage. Its name illustrates the fact that the school is an integral part of the Greek Community of Liverpool, Merseyside and North Wales.

The school changed various forms and locations and since November 2013 it takes place on Saturdays during term time at Broadgreen International School, which is our main location. Classes are also available in Chester. In all our locations we hire classes and facilities from third parties.

The locations are:

LIVERPOOL: Broadgreen International School, Queens Drive, Liverpool L13 5UQ

CHESTER: Bishops' Blue Coat High School, Vaughans Ln, Great Boughton, Chester CH3 5XF



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The school is officially a member of the Liverpool supplementary schools network and the National Resource Centre of Supplementary Education. It is recognised and supported by the Greek and Cypriot Ministry of Education that set the curriculum. This is tailored to the students that learn Greek (in a ‘parikiako’ school) while they attend a full time English school and it is not an exact match of the full time educational system in Greece or Cyprus.

It accepts school age children mainly of Greek and Greek Cypriot origin. However children of any other background with an interest in Greek language and culture, as well as adults are welcome to join.

We provide classes from Reception to GCSE and A-level, for children from 5 to 18 years old, and 2 adult’s Greek language classes. We are proud to represent over 75 students and 13 adults that currently attend the school.

During the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020 to July 2021 the school managed to convert most of his classes to online lessons and successfully carried on the teaching activities regardless the lock down.

Administration & Teaching

The school is part of the Central Educational Council (Κεντρικό Εκπαιδευτικό Συμβούλιο – ΚΕΣ) of Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain group of schools (<http://www.kes.education/>).

The school is a non-profit organisation and since April 2016 has been registered with the UK Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

It is managed by unpaid committee members as described by the rules of school committees and our constitution. Three members are pupils’ parents elected by the pupils’ parents, while the rest are members of the Greek Church of St. Nicholas committees and members of the Greek Community with an interest in educational matters assigned by ΚΕΣ. The head teacher and the local priest of the St. Nicholas church of Liverpool are honorary members of the committee.

The main body of the committee is composed of the Chairman, the Secretary and the Treasurer. The above members are elected directly from the school committee members.



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The teaching staff currently consists of (6) teachers and (2) teaching assistants. 4 of them are paid directly by the Greek School mainly for the Saturday classes while one staff member is sponsored and paid by the Cypriot Ministry of Education and one member is sponsored and paid by the Greek Ministry of Education. The Cypriot and the Greek Ministry of Education and CEC support the school with books and educational material.

The current committee consist of:

Trustees

Chairman - Panagiotis Maropakis

Treasurer – Olga Bakatsi-Cooke

Secretary – Anna Katsara

ΚΕΣ Educational Liaison – Haris Neophytou

(Representative of the church committee chairman)

Member – Theoulla Haralambous

(Representative of the church benevolent committee)

Members (not trustees)

Member – Father Stavros Kasinos

(Priest of St. Nicholas Church Liverpool)

Member – Andreas Tofi

(Cypriot Educational Mission head-teacher)

Accreditation & Partners

Our school follows the laws, rules and guidelines as set by the UK Government, the Local Educational Authority, ΚΕΣ and the Education Ministries of Greece and Cyprus.



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We are members of:

- Central Educational Council of Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain,
- Liverpool City Council Supplementary Schools Network
- National Resource Centre of Supplementary Schools

At the start of the 2015 academic year we achieved the Bronze Award of the National Resource Centre Quality Framework scheme, while in April 2016 we succeeded in the Silver Award and in August 2017 the Gold Award. This is a UK wide recognised accreditation and shows that in addition to the basic policies and procedures, the supplementary school provides a well-organised learning environment with straightforward teaching, record keeping and resources that support children's and young people's achievement and raise their self-esteem.



Policies & Procedures

The school maintain and updates the following policies and procedures and they are available on request:

- Description of supplementary school Statement of aims
- List of Management Committee
- Home – School Agreement
- Equal opportunities statement
- List of staff and volunteers
- Staffing and volunteer policy
- Child protection policy
- Safeguarding policy statement
- DBS checks
- Health and safety policy
- Offsite procedure
- Complaints procedure
- Registration form for children



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- Registers of attendance
- Financial rules
- Certificate of Public and Employers Liability Insurance
- E-Safety Policy
- Privacy Policy
- Zero Tolerance Policy

Planning / Evaluation

The Education Offices of Greek and Cypriot Embassies in London set the goals and objectives for each age group/level and a standardised approach in documents / templates and procedures for scheme of work, lessons planning and evaluation is followed. Our students participate in GCSE and 'A' Level exams in Modern Greek language as well as 'Elinomatheia' (Learn Greek) exams run by a Greek organisation that lead to a recognised qualification in Greece. There are also visits for support and evaluation from the responsible persons in the Education Offices of the embassies and the mentor from National Resource Centre of Supplementary Education (NRCSE). The school also runs classroom observations and peer-to-peer observations and the parents receive an update on pupils' progress from teachers twice a year at the first term and near the end of the academic year.

Training

The Greek school of St. Nicholas Liverpool organised and supported teachers to attend training/seminars run by local training providers and the education offices as well as working in registering teachers with an education on-line training service provider.

Community events and activities

Last year the Greek school of St. Nicholas organised and run the following events:

- Greek School Christmas celebration
- '28th October' celebrations at Greek Church
- Greece/Cyprus Independence day celebrations at Greek Church
- Christmas dinner (fundraising event)
- End of the academic year celebration - online



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The Greek school of St. Nicholas took part in the following events:

- International Day of Languages run by the Liverpool Supplementary Schools Network
- Broadgreen International School Open Evening

Goals and Targets

At the beginning of the academic year the below goals and targets were set:

- ☐ Review and update school policies and procedures - Completed
- ☐ Explore opportunities to reduce operating cost – On going
- ☐ Organise and run adult classes in Greek Language – On going
- ☐ Expand School website – On going
- ☐ Maintain and develop activities for fundraising – On going
- ☐ Maintain online lessons during COVID-19 pandemic

Finances

The Greek School of St. Nicholas relies on a minimum contribution towards the lessons paid by the parents, donations and fundraising events/activities. Overall the year finished with a small surplus due to donations and the fee from the Adults classes. The overall financial results for the 2019-2020 have been submitted to the Charity Commission website.

Greek School of St. Nicholas

Financial accounts overview

2019-2020

Liverpool Branch

Income

Fees	£12,031.00
Fundraising	£286.00
Donations	

TOTAL £12,317.00

Expenses

Teachers	£6,563.27
Rent	£1,725.00
Miscellaneous	£2,718.05

TOTAL £11,006.32

Year End £1,310.68

Chester Branch

Income

Fees	£1,195.00
Fundraising	

TOTAL £1,195.00

Expenses

Teachers	£155.55
Rent	£667.00
Miscellaneous	£0.00

TOTAL £822.55

Year End £372.45

Adults

Income

Fees	£4,032.00
Fundraising	

TOTAL £4,032.00

Expenses

Teachers	£1,874.75
Rent	£345.00
Miscellaneous	£0.00

TOTAL £2,219.75

Year End £1,812.25

All Schools

Income

£17,544.00

Expenses

£14,048.62

TOTAL Year End	£3,495.38
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