

UK Education System Overview

A. Understanding the UK Education System

Stage	Years	Age	Description
Early Years/Foundation Stage	Nursery and Reception	3-5	The first years of education, play-based learning
Key Stage 1	Years 1-2	5-7	Basic reading, writing, and maths
Key Stage 2	Years 3-6	7-11	More advanced primary education
Key Stage 3	Years 7-9	11-14	Start of secondary education
Key Stage 4	Years 10-11	14-16	Preparation for GCSE exams

B. Types of Schools:

- **State School:** Free education, government-funded
- **Private School:** Fee-paying, independent
- **Faith School:** Run by religious groups
- **Academies & Free Schools:** State-funded but more independent

C. Key School Staff Roles

Staff Role	What They Do
Headteacher	Leader of the school
Teacher	Teaches your child
Teaching Assistant	Helps in class
Office Staff	School administration
School Nurse	Health and wellbeing

D. How Schools Communicate with Parents

- Letters/newsletters
- Parent meetings
- School websites and apps
- Text or phone calls