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About our school

The **54th** Secondary School “St Ivan Rilski” is established in the distant 1922 year. It is renowned for its community traditions and credibility. Until 1938 the school bore the name of the Bulgarian revolutionary Hristo Botev but was widely known as the Greek school because of the big number of Greeks living in the neighbourhood. Then the school is named after Saint Ivan Rilski - the Wonder Worker – the heavenly protector of Bulgarian folk.

The school has 1200 students and 90 high professional educators. Many distinguished people and intellectuals have graduated from the school since its establishment. Two examples are the actor Philip Avramov and the sports commentator Kamen Alipiev.

We honour the traditional Bulgarian holidays and celebrate them united as a community. Every year we have a specially-designed initiative for our patronal festival – 19th October. The events always demonstrate our students’ talents in music, singing, dancing and arts. Children’s skilful hands create beautiful items for the indispensable Christmas and Easter bazaars in which kids, parents and teachers participate equally. Annually, our school award the excellent and civilly-engaged students with a financial prize.

The functioning Literature Club gives children and youth the opportunity of self-expression. Furthermore, the established in 2008 Journalism Club issues a school newspaper called “Studio 54”. The singer’s band participates in many appearances and has won a great amount of local and national awards.

The priority of 54th School is foreign languages. Thereby, our classrooms are furnished with multimedia and audio technology. Students are encouraged to elaborate their knowledge in language with a multitude of extra-curricular activities and projects.

The school supports a regularly updated website. At <http://54sou-sofia.com> parents can find information for school events, curriculum, extra-curricular activities, and activities for pupils and teachers. In the section Contact with a teacher parents can go to the personal webpages of our primary school teachers where they can learn about his or her class achievements and enjoy drawings and photos of the activities.

School contacts:

- Name _____
- phone _____
- room _____ opening hours _____

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Parents' School Board

Our School Parents' Board organizes charity campaigns in order to improve the school premises and to support participation in national and European projects. Membership is open to all parents by filling-out an application form to the Board's chairperson.

Parents' School Board contacts:

Name _____

phone _____

room _____ opening hours _____

Physical Education (PE)

Our school offers great sport opportunities. It has 2 gyms, a fitness, changing-rooms and bathrooms with warm water. There are 3 sport areas in the school yard.

The success of our students advocates for the excellent sports conditions and the professionalism of the teachers. In 2013 our team won first place in the Sofia table tennis competition and took part in the national edition. In 2014 students came out to the national competitions in handball and chess.

All children are invited to do volleyball, taekwondo, artistic gymnastics, basketball, and sports dancing. In regard of the fact that some of the activities are paid we advise parents to research the options for school sport with the help of the class teacher in the beginning of the year.

Canteen

Our students have at their disposal a shop and a canteen. The school participates in the "School fruit" – fresh fruit and vegetables twice a week, and "A cup of milk" programmes. Underprivileged students from 1st to 12th grade can have free meals. If interested in this option, please contact your class teacher.

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Medical professionals and dentist

A medical office with two nurses taking care of children's health is resident. At the dentist's office pupils can have a free check-up three days a week. For any medical procedures the dentists need the official permission of parents. The appropriate way of receiving it is in the dentist's office.

Medical office contacts:

Name _____
phone _____ room _____ opening hours _____

Dentist contacts:

Name _____
phone _____ room _____ opening hours _____

Pedagogical advisor, resource teacher and speech therapist

The pedagogical advisors, the resource teacher and the speech therapist are a part of the team of 54th School. Their support and help is sought for behavioural, emotional, educational and speech problem.

Pedagogical advisor contacts:

Name _____
phone _____ room _____ opening hours _____

Resource teacher contacts:

Name _____
phone _____ room _____ opening hours _____

Speech therapist contacts:

Name _____
phone _____ room _____ opening hours _____

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About first-graders

Pupils are separated from bigger students on different floors. The first-graders' classrooms are on the first floor. Children can store their textbooks and notebooks at school if their teacher decides that they do not need the materials for homework.

Informational technology classes start since first grade. Thereby the school has 4 computer rooms. The lessons are delivered through the systems Envision and Jumpido that use interactive boards in order to allow children to actively participate in the educational process with the help of new technologies.

The students in primary level have day school agenda which is optional for parents who mark it off in the application form in the beginning of every school year.

The first-graders curriculum starts at 8.30 and ends at 12.00. It is recommendable that parents bring to school their children 15 minutes before the class. Nevertheless we have provided a teacher on duty who can take the children whose parents start work earlier. The second part of the day is dedicated to lunch and lunch break, self-preparation and interest activities, distributed in 6 hours. For children's effective rest there are 2 fully-equipped game-rooms at their disposal. One teacher also is in charge till 19.00 for these parents who are hindered from taking their children home before that time. In the beginning of the year mothers and fathers receive information about the day school organization and the opportunities it provides. Because of the proximity to a Children's Centre the variety of choice for extra-curricular activities is even greater.

The school manages its own **Facebook page**:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/54-%D0%A1%D0%9E%D0%A3/106877472715211>

There, parents can find useful information and a rich gallery of pictures from classroom activities and trips that have captured shared moments between children and their favourite teacher.

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International and national projects:

Project **USPEH** (success) gives children the opportunity to participate in 27 clubs for communication skills in the native and foreign languages, cultural, civil and digital competencies, and learning. Parents may obtain more information at their class teacher, the primary teachers' website or the "Projects" section.

At international level 54th School works on the project "**Detective stories**" in cooperation under **Comenius Programme** with Denmark, Germany, France, Spain and Turkey. An ecologically-oriented project is coming soon.

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About our school

The 88th Secondary School "Dimitar Popnikolov" is one of the youngest schools in Bulgaria and the last one built in Sofia. The school opens its doors for the first time in 1994 and in 1995 is named after the prominent Bulgarian intellectual, public figure and pedagogue Dimitar Popnikolov.

The school starts with 21 classes from 1st to 8th grade estimated in 400 students. Today the number of students has increased to 1140 children who are taught and taken care of by a high professional team consisting of 85 pedagogical and 20 non-pedagogical staff.

In 2014 two major events took place - a multifunctional sports hall was opened on the school premises and the school celebrated its 20th anniversary. Over 100 students from 1st to 12th grade participated in the specially designed concert, a lot of children and young people presented their works in a photo exhibition and the USPEH Clubs' exhibitions. Students from Arts classes also showed their works.

The school's patronal festival is on 7th December. We celebrate important Bulgarian holidays with a multitude of initiatives – sports festivals, concerts and class and school exhibitions.

First places at national competitions in arts, participation in international shows in India and Macedonia, awards in national tournaments in football, basketball and field hockey are among school achievements.

At the website <http://88coy.dir.bg> parents can find information for school events, curriculum, extra-curricular activities and contacts with teachers.

In the "Our pride" Section children's achievements are published along with a gallery of pictures and drawing from extra-curricular activities and competitions. The E-Record Book is the online means of communication between parents and teachers as the former may see their child's grades there. Parents receive from their class teachers a personal code and password for access.

School contacts:

Name _____

phone _____

room _____ opening hours _____

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Parents' School Board

The civil association "Parents' School Board to 88th Secondary School "Dimiter Popnikolov"" is established in 2003. Since then it carries out different activities and supports the improvement of school equipment and the teachers' professional qualification.

In the beginning of every school year the Board invites parents to sign in.

Parents' School Board contacts:

Name _____

phone _____

room _____ opening hours _____

Physical Education (PE)

The modern multifunctional sports hall gave innumerable new opportunities for playing volleyball, basketball, football, handball and table-tennis in best conditions. A swimming pool is going to be opened soon. The vast school yard presents the chance for outdoor sport.

Our achievements are demonstrative of the excellent sports conditions and the high professionalism of the PE teachers. Some examples are – participation in an international tournament in Greece in 2014, participation in Kick box World Championship, second place in Junior Point Fighting Kick box European Championship.

Canteen

A canteen and two shops functions in the school building. Over 200 students utilize the canteen as underprivileged families can be supported with free meals. If interested in this option, please contact your class teacher.

The owners of the canteen give every child a bag of sweets as a present for Christmas.

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Medical office and dentist

A medical office is resident at school and two nurses take shifts in order to take care of the children.

Medical office contacts:

Name _____
phone _____ room _____ opening hours _____

Dentist contacts:

Name _____
phone _____ room _____ opening hours _____

Pedagogical advisor, resource teacher and speech therapist

The help of the pedagogical advisor/school psychologist can be sought for behavioural, emotional, communication and adaptive problems.

The resource teacher is non-resident but is available two times a week. Children can be referred to a local speech therapist.

Pedagogical advisor contacts:

Name _____
phone _____ room _____ opening hours _____

Resource teacher contacts:

Name _____
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Speech therapist contacts:

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About first-graders

The specific school architecture presents the opportunity to divide first-graders from bigger students on different floors. Their classrooms are on the 1st floor while 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades are on the 2nd floor of the Southern Wing. Two pre-school groups attend the school.

The classrooms are equipped with lockers where children may store their school books if their teacher decides that they do not need the materials for homework.

The school operates in two shifts for students between 2nd and 12th grade as first-graders study a morning shift only. Their classes start at 8.30 as they have 4 classes a day lasting for 35 minutes each so the first part of the day ends at 11.50.

Parents of primary school children may opt for day school agenda till 18.00. Moreover, after that hour children can wait for their parents to take them in a mixed group lead by a teacher on duty.

The second part of the day is dedicated to self-preparation, rest and play. In order to make this period of the day interesting and effective, the school is currently arranging a special hall furnished with computers, a plasma screen and games.

Informational technology classes start since first grade. In regards to that, the school has 8 computer halls and a multimedia hall. The primary level classrooms are equipped with computers, plasma screens and multimedia projectors all of which ensure that new technology is embedded in the educational process and that children are actively involved.

The high-technology equipment is fully safe. The school takes pride of its Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Arts, Language, Cooking and Technical Drawing Halls. We are happy with our diversity of extra-curricular activities on the school premises which is a convenient option for working parents. Part of the options is sports dancing, national dances ensemble, fencing, karate and football. These who want to learn English or German can use the paid foreign language centre services at school.

The school also offers free-of-charge activities under the USPEH (success) Project such as Cheerleading Club, "Young Footballer", Ethnography Club, Art Studio, "Young Poet" Edition, Spelling Bee – correct English spelling, "Plants and Animals" Club, Cooking Club, etc. All students from 1st to 12th grade can participate divided in age and class.

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School Projects

According to us, participating in projects at international, national and local level is crucial for fostering our students' talents, skills and competencies in social activity and communication in intercultural context and enhancing their studying motivation. We have projects under Socrates Programme and one eTwinning project under the Life-Long Learning Programme which encourages students from non-English speaking countries to communicate in the language. The **"Young European Writers"** Project under the **Comenius Sub-Programme** is implemented in cooperation with some EU countries and Turkey. As a result of it an e-book called The Book of Knowledge was created. It contains original children's stories and illustrations.

In 2012 88th School won the prize of the Bulgarian Association of Educators in English for best practices in foreign language education.

At national level the school is part of the **"School Fruit"**, **"School with No Free Class"** and **USPEH** Projects. There are 15 courses under the latter one. They are in healthy lifestyle, communication skills in native language, also social, cultural and digital competencies. More information is available at the class teachers.

For the ecologically-oriented project **"Fresh Air from Home to School"** our school was awarded the Sofia Municipality Prize.

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The 106th Primary School “Grigorius Tsamblak” is established in 1962 in order to satisfy the pressing need of a school of the neighbourhood that was populated in the 50s with settler from Passarel village. At first the school was named “Ditcho Petrov” but after the 90s it was renamed after the Bulgarian medieval cleric and writer Grigorius Tsamblak.

The school’s patron festival is celebrated on 1st November. Every Christmas we organize a big celebration and a bazaar at which children sell their hand-crafted cards and decorations as holiday presents. The collected money is utilized for providing materials for extra-curricular activities. We also honour the traditional community holidays that preserve their authentic spirit. Children look forward to Vassiltsa and the Day of Lazar. The lazaruwane tradition was started in 2005 and since then people expect the children in their houses every year. On the Day of Lazar we organize a bazaar as well where everyone may colour an egg and buy Easter decorations. The school folk dance ensemble “Bahtalipe” delights the public with its talented performances.

Our school supports a website. At <http://106ou.info/index.htm> parents can find information about school events and go through an interesting gallery of photos from extra-curricular activities. At the site or at school parents can find out what documents are needed for signing up for first grade.

School contacts:

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Physical Education (PE)

The school possess a gym and a vast yard. Our football team participates in different competitions. Moreover, students from 5th and 6th grades have the chance to choose sport as an extra-curricular activity.

Canteen

A shop is at students' disposal during school hours.

Medical office

A medical office is resident at school and a nurse is available every Tuesday and Thursday.

Medical office contacts:

Name _____
phone _____ room _____ opening hours _____

About first-graders

Pupils are divided on a separate floor. Their school books are stored in the classrooms. Only children who do not attend the day school agenda need to carry their books home. The school provides a second set of books.

Informational technology education starts in first grade as an optional extra-curriculum activity. The computer hall hosts interactive classes. For primary students multimedia equipment is provided for accessible and pleasant educational process.

The daily organization for primary level is one-turn, the day school agenda is obligatory for 1st and 2nd grade. Classes start at 8.30. The day school agenda ends at 17.00. For 3rd and 4th grade the day school agenda is optional and therefore the group is mixed.

The second part of the day is dedicated to rest, play and self-preparation. If the weather is fine, children and teachers spend the afternoon in the near park. This practice has proven to enhance learning and to be enjoyable for children at the same time.

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School projects

The high-qualified pedagogical staff of 106th School emphasizes on the socialization and integration of children from different ethnic background. Therefore our projects are aimed at the primary children's needs of literacy, socialization, integration, communication skills and building a stable value-system.

The school realizes different extra-curricular courses for talent and skill improvement. In the next school year of 2014-2015 our children will have the opportunity to choose English as an extra-curricular class.

We also work on the Qualification of Teaching Staff, the Day School, "School Fruit" and USPEH (success) Projects. The courses under the USPEH Project are "Healthy Food and European Cuisine" Club, "Young Designer" Club for creating models, "Young Reporter" Club where children make their first steps in journalism, "Let's make it together" Sports Club, "Adventures in the realm of sport" – open sports activities, "I Construct" Club in which children make their imaginary palaces out of building blocks.

Our national dances ensemble, originally summoned as part of a project, has been invited to many official events at national and local level.

The "Domino" Project under the Centre for Educational Integration of Children and Young People from the Minorities Financing Programme was aimed at implementation of innovative methods at class for improved and tolerant atmosphere.

In 2012-2013 the school participated in the partnership of "For having future tomorrow" Project under Step by Step Foundation. As a result we organized a summer school with specialists.

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