

Prospectus



Toad Hall

Montessori Nursery School



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The nursery school aims to provide children living in Kennington and the surrounding areas with a Montessori pre-school education designed to prepare them fully for later schooling.

Its underlying philosophy is based on the belief that a child will benefit from being introduced at an early age to an environment that encourages them to appreciate their own abilities and that this in turn gives them the confidence to progress.

Principal: Mrs Vivien Rees N.N.E.B Mont. Dip.

The Montessori Method.

This method of education has developed significantly over the years and is now a major influence in the pre-school nursery system.

It allows children to express themselves both as individuals and as members of a group.

Maria Montessori believed that all children are inherently intelligent and that by developing their senses and directing their natural enthusiasm achievements would abound.

Toad Hall aims to encourage each child to explore, in particular materials and educational equipment. They are allowed to work and progress at their own pace although they should, after two years, be able to read and write.

Activities include drawing, painting, handicrafts and educational games. A number of projects are undertaken each term in the school.

Considerable importance is attached to the child's emotional development. To widen their education music, dance lessons and school outings are also provided, usually at no additional cost.

Clothing.

It would be appreciated if parents could ensure that their child wears clothes that do not restrict their activities. The children may wear socks instead of shoes if they prefer. If shoes are worn please ensure that they are suitable for indoor use. Smocks are provided for the children by the school.

Progress Report.

A school report will be provided at the end of each term outlining the progress your child has made. In addition parents are encouraged to discuss their child's progress with the teachers throughout the term.

Health Requirements.

Parents must notify the nursery immediately if their child has been in contact with an infectious disease. The teachers reserve the right, if they feel a child has contracted an infectious disease, to prohibit them from attending the school until such time as they have fully recovered.

Children who become ill at school can find the experience distressing. Parents will be notified immediately and asked to arrange for their child to be taken home.

Terms.

The school year is divided into three terms with holidays of up to three weeks at Christmas and Easter and a longer seven weeks holiday in the summer. There are also three half terms each lasting for one week. Every effort will be made to provide details of term dates at the earliest opportunity.

Fees.

From April 2008 the fees will be:

		Weekly	(Daily)	Termly	(Daily)
Mornings	8.30 to 12.15 noon	£100	£25	£1175	£290
Afternoons	1.00 to 4.30 pm	£75	£23	£860	£265
All day	8.30 to 4.30 pm	£175	£48	£2035	£550

The daily rate applies where a child attends for less than five sessions in either the morning or the afternoon.

Parents who pay the fees on a weekly basis should note that the full fee must be paid even if their child is absent through illness or there is a bank holiday.

The school accepts nursery vouchers and are available to three and four year olds.

Registration.

A registration fee of £25 must accompany each registration form. The fee will not be refunded if you subsequently withdraw your child from the waiting list.

Please note that completion of the registration form and payment of the registration fee does not guarantee a place at Toad Hall.

As existing parents are often unable to state when their child will be moving to their next school it is not always possible to guarantee a child a place for a specific term. However, every effort is made to offer places at the earliest opportunity.

Notice.

Notice of one term must be given when removing your child from the school.

No fees will be refunded if you remove your child part way through a term and in cases where the fees are made weekly payment must be continued for an additional four weeks.

Toad Hall Nursery School – Registration Form

Child's Name: _____ Sex: M / F Date of Birth: / /

Mother's details

Father's details

Name:

Address:

Telephone – Home
- Work
- Mobile

First language:

Other language:

Religion:

Ethnic origin:

GPs name:

Address:

Telephone number:

Health Visitor:

Tel. No.

Relevant health information:

Allergies/Dietary requirements:

Permission to attend school outings YES / NO

Proposed date of leaving Toad Hall:

I agree to the conditions of entry and understand that it is necessary to give one term's notice before withdrawing my child.

I also agree to allow my child, if necessary, to be administered emergency medical care.

Signed: _____ Date: