## WIMBLEDON VILLAGE MONTESSORI SCHOOL



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## **SCHOOL HISTORY**

The school was started in 1987 at St. Matthew's Montessori School. When this became oversubscribed, a second school, Wimbledon Village Montessori School was opened in 1993. The headmistress was Mrs R Nolan and in 2016 the nursery was taken over by Miss Naseem Patel who worked in close association with Mrs Nolan from 2008.

Wimbledon Village Montessori is multinational co-educational school, taking children from the ages of 2 + to 5 years old. Our children go on to take up places at the local Preparatory Schools and High Schools.

The sessions: -

Mornings only: Monday - Friday 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 midday

Afternoons only: Monday - Friday 12.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

All day: Monday - Friday 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

The fees are subject to alteration and enclosed separately. They are payable a term in advance and by the first day of term.

A clear terms notice is required in writing before the removal of a pupil or a terms fees must be paid in lieu of notice.

An entrance fee is payable on acceptance of a place at the school and it is deducted from the first terms fees. Should the place not be taken up, the entrance fee is forfeit.

## **MONTESSORI METHODS OF TEACHING**

Montessori is the key to all learning. The Montessori method of teaching offers each child the maximum opportunity to develop to the best of his ability. It focuses on developing the whole child - physically, intellectually, emotionally and spiritually.

Within the carefully and specially prepared environment provided, the child is given freedom of choice and freedom of movement. This freedom is structured, allowing each child to develop at his own pace, according to his personal needs and abilities.

Everything within the environment is specifically designed and proportioned in child-size, enabling the child to manipulate every piece of equipment. Real objects are used through which the child gains 'hands on' experiences. The child works through a wide range of activities from the simple to the complex and the concrete to the abstract. He learns to appreciate and develop the five different senses. He works through the Maths and Language subjects logically and orderly, discovering patterns and rules for himself. Through the Practical Life activities the child develops his motor skills he learns to care for himself, his environment and he learns grace and courtesy skills, social interaction. The Cultural subjects allow the child to learn to love, appreciate and understand the world that surrounds him. This allows the child to see hoe he fits into this complicated world. Art and Craft, and Drama gives the child the freedom to express himself.

In the Montessori prepared environment, the child is encouraged to work independently; he recognises and learns through his mistakes, shown by the control of error in every piece of material; the teacher acts merely as a guide. She guides and encourages him as he follows his natural path and instinct. Through movement the intellect and the powers of concentration develop as he undertakes conscious learning. The understanding and love of the work is cultivated. Through the language and vocabulary, communication allows him to express his feelings. He is able to socially interact, share views, interest and new skills. Through these new found skills the child develops higher self-esteem, positive self image, independence, confidence and self-discipline, security and a love of his world and consequently spiritually fulfilled.

The Montessori method of teaching entices the child; it is a beautiful method that ensures the child is centred and focused on the most important factors; his ability to grow, learn and develop naturally and become a happy, well-adjusted child. The child builds a solid foundation, so essential, upon which he can continue to develop to adulthood.