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Rushmore House Montessori Pre-school

Extended Childcare

Our opening times are 8am to 4pm. This includes a morning session from 9am to 12.25am and afternoon session from 12.30am to 3.30pm. We also have an optional early start from 8am and a extended afternoon to 4pm.

Extended Montessori Curriculum

Our extended Montessori curriculum is divided into seven areas covering all EYFS development areas.

Practical Life - The main link between home and the preschool. This area is also known as Activities For Everyday Living;

Sensorial - Also known as Education of the Senses. Understanding colour, size, flavour, smell, pitch, texture and weight;

Literacy - Reading and writing using Montessori phonetics;

Mathematics - Learning maths the Montessori way;

Cultural - Understanding the world around us. This area is also known as Knowledge And Understanding Of The World;

Creativity - Making, and expressing ourselves;

Physical - Developing large motor skills;

Location

Our pre-school is in Pratts Bottom village. Whilst this is in a rural location it is also accessible from the A21. There is ample parking in the adjacent side road for stress free drop off and pick ups.

Directions By Car

Turn off the A21 at the roundabout signposted to Knockholt. Continue along Rushmore Hill and Rushmore House Montessori Preschool is just after The Bull's Head pub car park, on the left hand side of the road, opposite the Village Green. There is unrestricted street parking for stress free drop off and pickup.

My Montessori Child

Observations of your child's activities and achievements are entered into the My Montessori Child system. You can use the parent's secure website to view your child's recent achievements and see tips on how you can help your child at home.

Premises

Our premises is the former Pratts Bottom URC Church. We are the sole occupier and have converted the build to be a dedicated pre-school. The toilets have child sized toilets and child level hand basins. Low level shelves give the children easy access to activities so they can self select their own activities. The building has lots of windows for natural light. There are two outdoor play areas including a mud kitchen, climbing house and planting beds.

Awards

We are one of only two accredited Montessori pre-schools in Orpington. The Montessori Evaluation and Accreditation Board (MEAB) gave us accreditation status in 2015. We were successfully re-accredited in 2019. In November 2019 were awarded a Good overall grade from Ofsted:

- Quality of education - Good
- Behaviour and attitudes - Outstanding
- Personal development - Good
- Leadership and management - Good

Term times

Autumn Term 2019

Monday 02 September 2019 until Friday 13 December 2019
Half Term

Monday 21 October 2019 until Friday 25 October 2019

Spring Term 2020

Monday 06 January 2020 until Friday 03 April 2020
Half Term
Monday 17 February 2020 until Friday 21 February 2020

Summer Term 2020

Monday 20 April 2020 until Friday 17 July 2020
Half Term
Monday 25 May 2020 until Friday 29 May 2020

Forrest School

We run our own Forest School in the adjacent Birthday Wood. The wood is accessed by off road footpaths that passes by goat pens and a horse field.