

Montessori Children's House, St Andrews Admissions Policy

At the Montessori Children's House, St Andrews we accept children on a first come, first served basis, upon receipt of a completed registration form and upon agreement between parents and school that the environment can meet the needs of the child. A completed registration form may be submitted at any time, following a visit. When the school receives the form you will be advised as to whether a place is available or if you are to be placed on the waiting list. Children are generally accepted from their third birthday.

Prior to registering their child, parents are invited to observe the classroom and talk to the teachers. They and their child are then invited to return on a separate visit and join in with the class. If after these sessions the setting is deemed right for the child, the parents may fill in the registration form. The child is encouraged to spend a short morning in the class the term preceding their entry. This will facilitate the child's smooth transition into the group.

We ask for a minimum of 3 sessions per week initially as we feel this enables the child to quickly become part of the community and feel secure and comfortable enough to embrace the Montessori learning environment. The second term we would encourage all children to attend 5 mornings a week to ensure progress and a feeling of community.

When a child begins his/her first term, close communication with parents is considered essential in ensuring as smooth a settling in period as possible. Staff will speak to parents after each session to give feedback. Where it may be beneficial to the child, they may attend for a slightly shorter morning for a few days. However most children settle quickly and embrace the routines. We will have a settling in meeting with parents a few weeks after the child begins.

Equality Statement: Montessori Children's House does not discriminate on the grounds of gender, race, culture or ability. We treat all people as individuals and accept applications on a first come, first served basis.

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