

# **Little Elves Montessori Nursery School: 16 months to 5 year olds**

## **Staff**

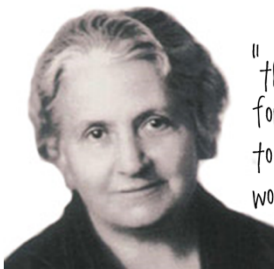
LEMNS is run by one Owner and Head Teacher Mrs Carla Wansa. All of our staff are Montessori /NVQ qualified with lots of experience.

## **Our Aims**

Our aim is to make learning as a happy an experience as possible. We help each child to develop confidence, self esteem, independence, self discipline and social skills. The children are given the time and space to complete their chosen work without being interrupted. The staff are always on hand to offer encouragement or introduce new activities when needed.

## **What is Montessori?**

Montessori is a method of education that is based on self-directed activity, hands-on learning and collaborative play. In Montessori classrooms children make creative choices in their learning, while the classroom and the teacher offer age-appropriate activities to guide the process. Children work in groups and individually to discover and explore knowledge of the world and to develop their maximum potential.



"the greatest sign of success  
for a teacher... is to be able  
to say, the children are now  
working as if I did not exist."



## **The Montessori curriculum will be based on six areas:**

### **Practical Life**

Children do simple exercises like Polishing, transferring, pouring, threading etc. Through these exercises the children develop concentration, self-motivation, and confidence, which then transfers into later academic work.

### **Sensorial**

Through sensorial activities the children learn about comparing, sequencing, sound, smell, weight and texture. All these activities prepare the child for more advanced maths and it allows them to develop perception using their senses.

### **Mathematics**

All the mathematical materials are concrete and this allows the child to absorb the basics of mathematics. The children learn how to share, combine, count, and compare using the materials.

### **Language and Literacy**

The Montessori classroom provides the children the opportunity to develop their vocabulary and self-expression. The children are introduced to phonetic sounds of the alphabet at first and this will easily lead the child to reading. There will also be a book corner to encourage a positive attitude to reading. It will provide them with a whole range of classic and modern books.

### **Cultural**

Children will be taught about all cultures using books and Role Play. We will also teach them history, geography, biology, science and cookery which will give them the understanding and appreciation of all living things.

### **Creativity**

The children will be encouraged to do lots of arts and crafts, role-play, music, and dance.

We work alongside the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) which is divided into the seven areas.

Prime areas:

**1. Personal, Social, and Emotional Development**

- Making relationships
- Self-confidence and self-awareness
- Managing feelings and behaviour

**2. Physical Development**

- Moving and handling
- Health and self-care

**3. Communication and Language**

- Listening and attention
- Understanding
- Speaking

Specific areas:

**4. Literacy**

- Reading
- Writing

**5. Mathematics**

- Numbers
- Shape, space and measure

**6. Understanding the World**

- People and communities
- The world
- Technology

**7. Expressive Arts and Design**

- Exploring and using media and materials
- Being imaginative

### **Other Activity**

In order to stimulate the children with fun and learning, we provide a wide range of activities and these include music, games, nature table, creative play, other language, and leisure outings.

### **Registration**

The head will be happy to arrange a suitable time to show the parent and child around the school and have the opportunity to ask any questions that you wish.

### **Meals and Snacks**

The School will offer snack in the Morning and Afternoon. Children are provided with water. The snacks that will be offered are for example (mini crackers, raisins, bread and butter, fruits and other varieties). Every child is required to bring in their own labeled water bottle, which they will use throughout the day. We also consider dietary needs and taking account of different cultures and religious backgrounds.

### **Clothing**

Please provide your child with:

- Spare Clothing
- Pull-ups/pampers and wipes

### **Outdoor Space**

Our premises benefits from a large outdoor space with a reading area, a raised plant bed and plant pots to grow herbs and vegetables. The children use this space on a daily basis to play and engage in various activities designed to support their development and broaden their knowledge.

## **Parent App**

We provide a specially developed App for nurseries, which you can download on your Smartphone or Tablet to safely receive regular updates and pictures of your child's activity during their time at the nursery. You are also invited to use the App to communicate with us by adding comments and sending pictures of your child's special moments at home. Please note that our main priority remains the safeguarding of the children and to stay vigilant at all times, so pictures, uploads and comments might not be regular on a daily basis.

## **Deposit**

When you first register a child, to ensure that a place is reserved for them when they are ready to join, we ask for a holding deposit, which is usually the equivalent of 4 weeks' fee. This amount will be deducted from your last invoice before your child leaves the school, providing a full term's notice is given in accordance with our Terms & Conditions.

## **Little Elves Montessori Nursery School**

### **Opening Times**

#### **Mornings Only**

8.55am-12.00pm

#### **Drop Off**

8.55am-9.15am

#### **Afternoon Only**

1.00pm-3.45pm or a choice till 5.30pm

#### **Drop off**

1.00pm-1.15pm

#### **Full Day**

8.55am-3.30pm or till 5.30pm

Please note that the latest time for dropping off in the mornings is 9.15 am.

We can offer an earlier drop off (7:30 am). Additional charges apply.