



OATLAND MONTESSORI



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General Information

Aims & Objectives:

One of the greatest gifts we can give our children is the gift of learning. At Oatlands Montessori we aim to provide our children with an opportunity to learn and progress at their own pace using Montessori equipment designed to meet each child's individual needs. We encourage the development of each child's self-esteem, self-confidence and independence thus preparing them for any challenge they will meet throughout their lives. We work in an environment where each child is respected.

Oatlands Montessori offers an "open-door" policy, where parents/guardians are welcome to drop in, observe their child/teacher or make an appointment for a private consultation at any time.

Age Range:

Children aged between 2.5 and 5 years are welcome to attend Oatlands Montessori. All children must be toilet-trained.

Opening Times

Oatlands Montessori sessions run from 9.00am – 12.30pm Monday - Friday (excluding bank holidays), from September to June.

The Montessori will close for Christmas and Easter, Mid-Term Breaks and holidays corresponding with Oatlands Primary School. A calendar of holidays will be issued in September of each year.

Daily Routine

The following is a sample of a typical day at Oatlands Montessori:

- 9.00-9.45: Welcome, Settling in Time, Free Play
- 9.45-10.00 Tidy up and Fruit Break, Roll Call
- 10.00-10.45 Montessori Work
- 10.45-11.15 Lunch Time – We encourage children to bring a Healthy Lunch – Crisps, sweets etc are not permitted except on special occasions.
- 11.15-11.45 Outside Playtime – weather permitting / Arts & Crafts
- 11.45 -12.25 Circle Time & Story Time
- 12.30 Home Time

Routines may change according to weather and circumstances.



Curriculum:

This is a sample of a yearly plan at Oatlands Montessori. The curriculum evolves with the children and their interests.

September	School begins. Settling in period. Group Lessons – Autumn, leaves etc.
October	Halloween Art & Craft, Songs, Fancy Dress Party
November	Discussion on season changes – winter
December	Christmas preparation – Nativity Play, Santa Visit, Christmas Party.
January	Settling in after Christmas
February	Season change – Spring Time, St. Valentine’s Day
March	Seed Planting, St. Patrick’s Day
April	Easter egg hunt
May	Season change – Summer Time, Nature Walks
June	Group outing, summer concert, end of year party.

Fees

Fees are paid at the beginning of each month, preferably by Standing Order. Fees are paid from September to June whether the child is in school or not. A booking fee of €50.00 is required to book a place.

We participate in the free Pre-School Year in Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) scheme. Eligible families will be given full details when booking a place for their child.

Uniform

There is a school tracksuit available for purchase (€33) from the office. We ask that all children wear this tracksuit to Montessori class each day..

If you have any questions or queries about our Montessori School please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of our staff.

Looking forward to welcoming you to Oatlands Montessori.

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