



Inspirations
Montessori Nursery School

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Introduction

Welcome to **Inspirations Montessori Nursery School!**

Inspirations Montessori Nursery School is situated in a large, spacious hall located within the beautiful grounds of Enfield Cricket Club. We provide a delightful environment for children to learn, thrive, develop, socialise and have fun in. We opened in September 2005 and provide quality Montessori childcare for children aged 2 years old - 5 years old.

It is believed that children absorb more information and knowledge between the ages of birth to 5 years old, than at any other age in their lives. The information and knowledge gained helps develop their intellectual capabilities more rapidly.

Therefore, the children are given the opportunity to participate and experience many different aspects of learning including: Language, Mathematics, Sand and Water, Creative Arts, Cooking, Music, Role-Play, Geography, Science, Botany, Nature, Books, Music and Movement, Physical Games and Outside Play.

Our Aims

Our main aim at **Inspirations** is to provide a happy and secure environment for the children in our care. A place where children are safe, stimulated and motivated giving them the opportunity to grow, develop, socialise, learn and play. We encourage the children to develop their own personalities and give them the freedom to explore their own interests.



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The Montessori Approach

At Inspirations we follow the Montessori Method of teaching. It was founded by an Italian Doctor called Maria Montessori who introduced her theories around the world. She designed and created her own unique learning apparatus which are known in the classroom as Montessori materials. The materials contain an in-built factor which allows children to discover and correct their own mistakes.

In a Montessori classroom children are encouraged to develop confidence, independence, concentration, a sense of order and to learn freely at their own pace. The organisation of the classroom allows children easy access to a variety of learning experiences. The room is specifically organised to appear attractive, orderly and inviting to children. All equipment is displayed on 'child sized' shelves giving children easy accessibility to select their own activities.

The Teachers

The Teachers of Inspirations are all experienced childcare workers being selected for their individual expertise. The teaching staff have a professional, enthusiastic and approachable attitude towards all the families we work with.

We aim to create a happy and stimulating environment introducing new challenges and developing the interests and curiosities that are naturally part of each child. Training is constantly accessible to help develop and improve our skills, up date our knowledge and keep our standards of teaching high.





Curriculum

At **Inspirations** we offer a wide and interesting curriculum. As a Montessori Nursery our curriculum is based around the five Montessori areas:

1. Practical Life
2. Sensorial
3. Language
4. Mathematics
5. Cultural Studies.

In addition to this we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum incorporating the use of seven outcomes:

1. Communication and Language
2. Personal, Social and Emotional Development
3. Physical Development
4. Literacy
5. Mathematics
6. Understanding the World
7. Expressive Arts and Design





Summary of Curriculum Areas

Practical Life

Practical Life exercises are the starting point in a Montessori Nursery.

Children will be given the opportunity to learn practical tasks. At Inspirations we feel it is important to provide familiar activities which give a link with home, the sole aim of the exercises are to assist development. Practical Life is divided into six categories: Introductory Skills, Care of the Person, Care of the Environment, Grace and Courtesy, Development of fine Motor Skills and Development of Gross Motor Skills.

Sensorial

On our Sensorial shelves there are specially designed materials to encourage development of the five senses. Sensorial materials are not only for the purpose of sense areas, but also for the child's mathematical mind, language development and pre-writing skills.

Communication, Language and Literacy

During the first two years of school experience, the children are exposed to many materials and activities, which promote the development of language and literacy skills. Alphabet

sounds are taught phonetically to the children using the sandpaper letters, this provides a foundation for pre-reading activities such as word building.





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Mathematics

Mathematical Development including later numeracy depends on becoming confident and competent in learning and using key skills. This area of learning includes counting, sorting, matching, seeking patterns and working with numbers, shapes and measurements. Mathematical understanding is developed through stories, songs and games and imaginative play so that children enjoy using and experimenting with numbers.

Geography

At Inspirations we introduce the children to the Montessori globes, maps and flags.

Science

Simple science experiments are carried out at Inspirations such as Floating and Sinking, Sound, Magnetism, Space and Gravity, Life Cycle and Mirrors and Reflection. Our objectives are to stimulate the child's interest and to get him or her to ask questions like Why? When? and How?

Arts and Crafts

The art and craft curriculum at Inspirations is linked with theme work. Painting, drawing, stenciling and collage are available everyday. Art sessions give the children an opportunity to express themselves, have fun, and develop social skills, co-ordination and creativity.





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Botany and Nature Studies

At Inspirations there is a nature table and the children are welcome to add to the nature display of natural wonders and objects of interest. Books about nature, group discussions and materials are used to develop an interest in this subject.

Music. Movement. Dance and Yoga

These are fun sessions where the children get a chance to sing, dance, tell a story or act out various situations. With the use of rhythm instruments the children develop an early appreciation for music and develop gross motor co-ordination. Children's yoga incorporates poses, games and activities to increase strength, coordination and discipline whilst also promoting fun and engagement.

Physical Education

Development of gross motor and fine motor skills is accomplished through various activities and games. A wide range of indoor and outdoor equipment is available to encourage running, jumping, skipping, catching, climbing etc.





Opening Hours

Our hours of operation are:

Morning : 9:00am - 12pm (noon)

Lunch Club: 12:00pm (noon) - 12:30pm

Afternoon : 12.30pm - 3.30pm

Full day 9.00am - 3.30pm

Staff Ratio

The teacher to child ratio's we follow

are:

3-5 Year olds - One adult to 8 Children.

2 Year Olds - One adult to 5 Children.





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Parent Meetings

We have two parent meetings per academic year.

They occur at the end of the Autumn and Summer terms. Parents are able to book appointments to see their child's key worker giving you an opportunity to discuss your child's progress.

Parent Participation

If any parents have a particular skill or interest that they would like to share with the Nursery such as cooking, storytelling, dancing, sports or art please let us know. Alternatively if you can help support, participate and educate in our termly theme or for any Religious Festivals that your family celebrate, you would be more than welcome.



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Snacks

Snacks are available during both the morning and afternoon sessions and all children are asked to contribute one piece of fruit per session attended.

Lunch Club

We offer a lunch club everyday that operates from 12:00pm - 12:30pm.

Parents wishing their child to stay for lunch will need to provide a packed lunch.



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Collection of Children

Inspirations operate a password system when someone other than the intended person arrives to collect your child. If this person is unknown to us they will be asked for your child's password. Your child will not be released from our care unless the correct password is given.

Passwords can be changed at a parents request as often as they feel it is needed to keep it secret. We also ask parents to notify us by telephone or when they drop off in the morning giving us the name of the person they are authorising to collect their child at the end of the session.



Policies and Procedures

All policies and procedures are made available to parents on admission to the nursery in a folder kept in the cloakroom area, which can be referred to at your own leisure. When policies are updated parents are notified via the nursery newsletter.





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Visits

We recommend that all prospective parents arrange to visit our setting before making the important decision of enrolling. During your visit you will be given tour of the classroom, the opportunity to observe other children working, a chance to ask any questions you may have and an opportunity to meet the teaching staff.

Settling In

At Inspirations it is of paramount importance that all children in the Nursery should be treated with great care and consideration. A new child should feel comfortable, cared for and integrated into life of the nursery as quickly as possible. Children cannot play or learn successfully if they are anxious and unhappy. Our settling in procedure aims to help parents and children to feel comfortable in the nursery, and to ensure that children can benefit from what the group has to offer and feel confident that their parents will return at the end of the session.

Please note we have no sleeping area in the nursery.



Fees

Deposit

A deposit of £100 is required to reserve your child's place. The deposit is refundable and is taken off of your last terms invoice when your child leaves Inspirations.

Please Note: The deposit is only refunded providing that one terms notice of withdrawal is given in writing.

Sibling Discount

At Inspirations we offer a 10% sibling discount providing siblings are attending at the same time.

Payment of Fees

Fees are due for payment on the first day of each term.

Nursery Education Funding

The Government provides funding for all two, three and four year olds to contribute towards your nursery fees.



Fees

2 Year Olds

Sessions	Full Fees (Unfunded)	Terrific Two Funding (TT Funding)	Fees (15 Hours Working Parent Funding)	Fees (30 Hours Working Parent Funding)
Morning (9am- 12pm)	£31.00	£2.80	£2.80	
Afternoon (12:30pm- 3:30pm)	£31.00	£2.80	£2.80	
Full Day (9am- 3:30pm)	£62.00	£5.60	£5.60	£5.60
Per Week				£28.00

3 and 4 Year Olds

Sessions	Full Fees (Unfunded)	Fees (15 Hours Universal Funding)	Fees (30 Hours Funding)
Morning (9am- 12pm)	£29.00	£7.50	
Afternoon (12:30pm- 3:30pm)	£29.00	£7.50	
Full Day (9am- 3:30pm)	£58.00	£15.00	£15.00
Per Week			£75.00



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Outstanding
Provider

Bank Details

Please make payment to **Inspirations Montessori Nursery School**
Deposit, Registration and Fees can be paid via Bank Transfer

Account Number: 02573490

Sort code: 090129

Name: Inspirations Montessori Nursery School

Ofsted Report

“They have access to plenty of space in a truly inspirational outside area”
“Teaching is inspirational”

“Parents say that with phenomenal support from the nursery their children have gained confidence and thrive”

“Staff create inspiring learning environments that engage children’s interest and enable them to make choices about their play”

“Children’s behaviour is exceptional and highly considerate”

“Staff work diligently with children to display impeccable manners and high levels of respect for all”

“Parents share food and stories about their cultures and ways of life during festivals, international week and Black History Month”

“Children develop excellent levels of independence”

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