



Smiles Montessori Aims, Ethos and Mission Statement

Children:

At smiles we aim to provide the best loving care and education for children within our warm and stimulating environment.

Strong relationships are built between key workers and their children enabling them to feel settled, secure and ready to learn and create friendships of their own.

It is important to us that each child is given the opportunity and encouragement to develop to their full potential from their individual starting points.

We do this by assessing children's developmental baselines, challenging them through a broad-based curriculum and personalised education programme.

We follow the Montessori ethos, which promotes early independence, high expectations and fosters strong self-esteem and confidence in our children thus allowing the children to leave Smiles becoming well rounded, responsible members of society.

We develop in children a positive attitude towards themselves and others, by valuing each child as an individual irrespective of gender, race, disability, or academic achievement. We also encourage the children to respect and celebrate the similarities and differences between themselves and others.

Our mission is to provide an outstanding service for all children, in which they are cared for and educated to the highest standard to give them the very best start in life.

Curriculum:

Our curriculum is designed around our individual nursery ethos, class ethos', the birth to 5 matters, the characteristics of effective learning and the Montessori method.

We offer an age-appropriate curriculum that focuses heavily on Personal Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development and Communication and Language development as we believe this core foundation of fundamental knowledge is crucial to acquiring knowledge in other areas of learning and development.

We use individual interests to challenge the child which encourages a deep love for learning.

Community:

We develop a community which values all its members and encourages mutual respect, concern for others and truthfulness.

We foster close relationships between the nursery, the children's home life and the local community.

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