

Healthy Beginnings Montessori Pre-school

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Healthy Beginnings Montessori (HBM) welcomes your enquiry.

We aim to guide and nurture your child to understand the world and develop independence at his/her own individual pace.

The Montessori method is uniquely inspiring. It is based on a sensible balance between freedom and structure specifically designed for the young child. A pleasant environment with carefully designed materials meet the child's natural needs.

Montessori gives your child a strong foundation in the formative years, for developing into a well-rounded, responsible, happy and fulfilled child. A brief overview of the different areas in the classroom follows:

PRACTICAL LIFE:

These activities will equip your child with many important life skills enabling them to look after themselves and their environment. Children love mastering these daily tasks. Practical life is the child's introduction to the Montessori concept to live well and do your best where grace and courtesy are the cornerstones.

SENSORIAL:

The young child learns through the senses which are all new experiences. Physical interaction and contact allows the child to learn about the world. We have many pieces of equipment that stimulate the senses as well as curiosity.

LANGUAGE:

The essence of a child's development is language. Components of the reading curriculum include a strong foundation in phonics which prepares the child to read as soon as they are ready. The child learns all the alphabet sounds with sandpaper letters, whilst the metal insets develop the hand for writing.

MATHEMATICS:

Mathematics is an abstract subject. For it to be easily grasped, it must be presented in a concrete manner. Therefore we start with wonderful materials from number rods, sand paper numbers and many counting instruments, bridging the gap towards the abstract.

CULTURAL STUDIES:

Botany and Zoology

The goal of these subjects is for the child to develop love, understanding and appreciation of the universe, Montessori called it "cosmic education". We show children how to respect their world because man is the only being who can affect it immensely and permanently. Botany and Zoology instil an appreciation of the natural world.

Science and History

We believe in a hands on approach to science. This helps them gain confidence as the world becomes more ordered and understandable.

In History children explore how man has changed the world. The child understands the concept of time through calendars, days of the week and the birthday walk.

Art, Music and Religion

Art is available for the children to activate their skills and ability to make something and work with their hands.

Singing and the use of a variety of different musical instruments are also encouraged.

The children will learn about different religious festivals, in this way we can build a sense of community within the classroom and introduce the child to the different cultures of the human family.

We would like for our school to be a home away from home for your child. We approach each child as an individual, encouraging parent/school communication.

“Children are not things to be moulded, but people to be unfolded” (Jess Lair)

Fee Structure 2017:

Half day : until 13:00

1. Payment for 2017: R23,760 (10% discount)
2. Monthly fee: R2,400 (11 monthly payments)

3/4 day : until 15:00

1. Payment for 2017: R25,740 (10% discount)
2. Monthly fee: R2,600 (11 monthly payments)

full day : until 17:00

1. Payment for 2017: R28,710 (10% discount)
2. Monthly fee: R2,900 (11 monthly payments)

A non refundable deposit of R 2,500 is required (can be paid over a period of 2 months) in order to secure the space. The deposit includes registration and all the stationary needs for the year.

Thereafter, fees are payable on the last day of the month for the following month.

Three months written notice is required before your child can leave the school. In the case of your child leaving the school earlier, you will still be liable for the payment of the notice period.

No reduction in fees will be granted for holidays, illness or absence for any reason.

I the undersigned _____

ID number _____

As mother/father/guardian of _____

(full name of child) hereby acknowledge and undertake to pay New Acropolis Montessori preschool in respect of school fees as outlined above and to abide by the conditions set out herein.

This form serves to register your child at HBM,

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witness: _____ Date: _____

Account holders details:

New Acropolis

ABSA - 632005

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Basic school schedule:

7:00 - 8:30 Arrivals, free play

8:30 - 11:30 Montessori 3 hour work cycle

11:30 -12:00 Tidy up, launch.

12:30 -13:00 Half-day children departure time

13:00 - 15:00 Fairy tales followed by nap for younger children

15:00-17:00 Free play time (art activities)

Gates will be opened at 7am for early arrivals.

We follow the private school terms of 3 per year.

General comments:

-Arrivals: Please try to make your good-byes as short as possible. Trust that your child's friends, teachers and materials will override any temporary anxiety he/she may be feeling due to separation from you. We will gladly talk to you about your child's adjustment at pick up time.

-Departures: It is imperative that children are not taken off the premises, even by guardian without informing a staff member. Children will not be released to any unauthorized person. If anyone other than the parent/guardian is to collect the child, written arrangement is required.

-Parents will be liable for a surcharge of R60 per half hour for any late pick-ups.

-Please ensure that all of your child's personal items are clearly marked with their name

-Please provide a clean set of clothes in case of any accidents, ensure children's clothing is comfortable, shoes are not permitted in the classroom area for hygiene purposes, please provide indoor shoes/slippers

-Please notify the school as to any changes in important personal details.

-Ill children should be kept at home so as not to infect the teacher and other pupils, please do not send sick children to school.

-Report your child's absence from school before 8 am or after 1 pm, should your child take ill at school we will contact the persons indicated on the emergency form. We expect you to fetch the child within the hour.

-Staff members are not permitted to administer medication.

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MEDICAL HISTORY

Name:

Date of Birth:

School: _____

(a) <u>Immunisation</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Immunisation</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough/ Tetanus (DWT or 3-IN-1)	1. 2. 3.	Measels Combined Measels/Mumps/ Rubella (MMR)	
BOOSTER	1.	BCG	
Oral Poliomyelitis	1. 2. 3.		
BOOSTER	1.		

(b) Previous Illnesses

(c) Infectious Diseases

Measels
Chicken Pox
Mumps
Scarlet Fever
German Measles
Diphtheria
Other:

(b) Operations

Tonsillectomy
Circumcision
Other:

(c) Allergy, eg.

(d) Throat and Nose Infections

Asthma
Hay Fever
Other

(e) Ear Infections

(f) Other Diseases, eg. Epilepsy

(c) Birth and Infancy History

(e) Illnesses of Mother in Pregnancy

(f) Birth Weight

(g) Delivery and Labour

(h) Abnormality at Birth, eg. Club Feet

Cleft Palate

Other

(i) Jaundice at Birth

(j) Blood Transfusions to Child

(k) Oxygen to Child

(d) Family History

Any medical condition in other members of the family

eg. Deafness

Allergies

Other

Private Doctor (if any):

A copy of the original immunisation form must accompany this form.

Best Regards,
Guy Hazon
Owner