

WALTHAMSTOW MONTESSORI SCHOOL
FEES WITH EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 2023

Dear Parents,

April 2023

We are now publishing our fees which are effective from the Autumn term 2023.

Our aim at WMS is always to give you the very best in care and education that we can.

We have recently celebrated the 22nd birthday of WMS and are thrilled to have the children of 2 of our former pupils with us as pupils themselves!

We have excellent relationships with local schools, both state primary and private and have had 4 children this year who have been awarded places at Forest School in Snaresbrook.

Our staff have an extremely impressive level of experience and qualifications and this is matched only by their passion and enthusiasm for teaching young children. Our staff are constantly working on the professional development which benefits the children greatly.

Our Ofsted inspection in 2022 noted the following:

'Children benefit from a rich, varied and well-sequenced curriculum that fosters their curiosity and love of learning'

'Children benefit from a wonderfully calm and nurturing atmosphere to play and learn'

'Leaders are passionate and have a clear vision to deliver high-education'

The combination of Montessori training, Forest School training, EYPS (early years professional status) Bachelor of Education degrees and literally hundreds of professional development qualifications and specialisms means that we can deliver a wonderful and unique start to your child's education. We are constantly investing in our staff, our 2 premises, our gardens and our equipment.

We are extremely fortunate to have spacious light filled premises and extensive garden areas all of which is quite unique in London.

We have continued to invest heavily in our outdoor learning with new garden equipment for our Children's House garden in Spring 2023.

We also introduced specialist subjects including: music, design, art, dance, tennis, cookery and Forest Schooling.

All of the above elements combines to make a wonderful small school with a very big heart and high expectations for all of our children.

Recent feedback from WMS parents has said;

'My daughter has attended WMS since she was two and is now almost four. It has been such a brilliant and rich time for her there. She amazes me with her knowledge that she garners daily from the various activities both in the classroom and in the garden. She is so happy to go there and has such a confidence and a love of the place because her teachers have been so incredibly attentive and nurturing'

'I have felt so grateful to WMS in these early years in the knowledge that my daughter is in a space where she can draw, paint and express herself with the encouragement of her teachers. It has been a very precious time and perfect school for us.'

We believe that our fees are highly competitive and offer excellent value for money for the quality of the education and the staff who deliver it. It has always been the aim of our founder Lorna Mahoney to provide an exceptional Montessori education to as many people as possible by keeping fees as low as we can.

The overheads for running our school are absolutely huge, with everything from the staff pensions to food, energy bills, insurances and even paper proving a real challenge for us financially. As with any business we need to increase our fees. This we do annually in line with most schools and nurseries. We do this very carefully and sensitively knowing that we will pass this onto our staff where we can.

As a guide to the increase for September 2023 the average daily fee has increased by around £3.00 per day. So as I hope you can see, it is a modest increase.

If you have any further questions please contact the school office.

Lorna Mahoney
Principal

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NURSERY (Aged 2 years full or part-time)

Our nursery rates are from £32.05 per morning session [based on 5 morning sessions per week]

Nursery children may also attend breakfast club from 8am, and lunch until 1.30pm and 2 year olds may stay for a full day (until 3pm or until 5.45pm).

	PAYABLE PER TERM	OR TWO INSTALMENTS OF:
2 morning sessions per week	£ 886.16 per term	£443.08
3 morning sessions per week	£1218.47 per term	£ 609.23
4 morning sessions per week	£1624.24 per term	£ 812.12
5 morning sessions per week	£2030.00 per term	£1015.00

Please enquire for other variations and multiples etc and we will give you an individualised price.

KINDERGARTEN

NB: The figures below show the fees after the Free early education entitlement has been taken off for you. WMS claims this directly from the local authority on your behalf. Your grant allocation begins the term after your child is 3.

Please note; you are liable, IN FULL, for the ENTIRE cost of the place at the school ie, the fees below AND the portion which is met by the grant payment as that is the true value of the place.

If you leave the school half way through a term or without giving a full term's notice you are liable for this full amount as we cannot then claim the grant.

	PAYABLE PER TERM	OR TWO INSTALMENTS OF:
3 full days per week	£999.78 per term	£499.89
4 full days per week	£1333.04 per term	£666.52
5 full days per week	£1666.30 per term	£833.15

NON FUNDED PLACES aged 5+ (when government funding for 3 and 4 year olds ceases)

	PAYABLE PER TERM	OR TWO INSTALMENTS OF:
4 full days per week	£2310.00 per term	£1155.00
5 full days per week	£2662.00 per term	£1331.00

OTHER

Ad hoc sessions:

(we know that sometimes you might need an extra day at WMS as a one off)

Kindergarten:

£60.00 per day (only if space - non-funded cost)

Nursery:

£35.00 Nursery morning session 9.30-12.30pm

£35.00 Nursery afternoon session 12.00-3pm

£60.00 Nursery full day session 9.30-3pm

Sibling discount

10% (both children must be attending the school at the same time, reduction applies to second fee only. Not applicable if first child participates in 30 hr scheme)

Breakfast Club (from 8am)

£ 5.75 per day

After School Club (last collection 5.45pm)

£12.50 per day

Lunch Club (12.30-1.30)

£ 7.50 per day

Breakfast and After School clubs are billed monthly.

Registration fee

£75.00

Deposit**

£500.00

**The deposit is payable upon acceptance of place and returnable once child leaves the school, subject to correct notice period being adhered to.

Late payment fee

£50 per outstanding week

Cheques returned by bank

£30 charge

Late collection of child penalty

£10 per 10 minutes late

Please remember that, as per your 'Terms and Conditions' contract with the school, you are required to give in writing notice to terminate or reduce your child's place at the school. Full fees are payable where this has not been met. For your guidance the dates for this are the:

The first day of the Summer Term in April (if your child is not returning in September)

The first day of the Autumn Term in September (if your child is not returning in January)

...and the first day of the Spring Term in January (if your child is not returning in April)

THE COST OF A PLACE AT WMS

Children in the Nursery Class (2 year olds) may attend for a minimum of 2 mornings and a maximum of 5 extended days per week depending on parental preference for their child and subject to places available.

Children moving into the Kindergarten (term after their third birthday) attend for full school days so as to take a full part in school activities and to prepare them for future schools. This can be 3, 4 or 5 full days per week (9.30-3) and can include extended days. This will depend upon availability and what you need for your child. We try to be as flexible and helpful as we can in accommodating your needs and adapting to changes that parents have. Children of 3 and 4 years of age are entitled to 570 hours of free funded education over the academic year.

Please ask if you need any further information and we will be glad to help you.

Parents who are in receipt of the funding will be required to sign a parental declaration before the cost of the place can be reflected as above.

WMS participates in the 30 hour funded scheme. Please contact the school for further information or visit the school's website for the school's Terms and Conditions on this scheme and guidance on how to apply and check availability with us. The school would be required to carry out an eligibility check with the local authority and a completed parental declaration would need to be submitted for this to be carried out. This would need to be carried out before a place on the scheme can be offered and confirmed with the parent.

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