



“The curriculum in this setting is a real strength. Managers and staff have a really clear understanding of what they want children to learn. They provide ambitious experiences that fully engage and motivate children. This means that children are confident and ready for the next stage of education” Ofsted 2023



41 Full & Part time  
places  
2-5 Years  
Established 2002



## Welcome to the Colour Box Montessori nursery school!

“The goal of early childhood education should be to activate the child’s own natural desire to learn”

The Colour Box Montessori is an established Montessori nursery that provides a colourful learning experience to our young learners and countless opportunities to play, explore, learn, problem-solve, create, grow and thrive. The children’s needs and interests mould our educational programme that is designed to give teachers the flexibility to tailor their teaching to every child’s individual learning style. We see our children as amazing explorers, young scientists, happy learners, creative artists, independent team players, kind achievers, imaginative problem solvers. Our Montessori nursery and its holistic approach to learning values children’s voice and approaches them as active and confident learners, teaches them lifelong learning skills and prepares them for their future. At the Colour Box we learn and grow along our children, which makes it a unique learning experience for everyone, parents, teachers and children alike.



## START OF A NURSERY SCHOOL LIFE AND A CHILD'S PROGRESS

A child starting with us has the benefit of the early learning foundation within the Montessori structure and optimum chances to complete the whole teaching cycle at rising five; at this age, we aim to bridge the gap between home and school life. Initially a child might prefer to work with familiar material like puzzles, beads or building bricks but often starts with early practical life exercises like pouring, folding or polishing. He will then be introduced to sensorial education and the corresponding learning materials.

Each child is assigned to a teacher who observes him closely and records his progress. Although the child himself dictates the pace of learning, his teacher will help with the difficulties, stimulate his interests and will spot his readiness to progress to stages ahead. At the end of the first term and third term we hold parent evenings, where parents can talk to their child's teacher and discuss his progress.

## THE MONTESSORI TEACHING METHOD

Dr Maria Montessori was the founder of this unique method of teaching young children. She initially observed children and how they learn. Unlike conventional teaching, which often instructs and installs knowledge from outside, Dr Montessori discovered that every child is gifted with a will and love for learning, a so-called inner teacher. Her approach therefore was to assist and guide a child, meeting their needs to help them reach their maximum learning potential and to unfold their unique personality.

The essence of Montessori education is that every child is treated with respect, given freedom within the limits of a carefully structured environment and allowed to develop naturally at his or her own pace. Based on her findings, Dr Montessori developed her own teaching materials and changed the role of the traditional teacher. With the right approach children learn willingly, so the Montessori teacher is gentle, sympathetic and full of encouragement. She/he provides the stimulus and inspiration for the child to learn and progress. As a friendly helper, she/he is always at hand to guide and encourage positive attitudes and help create well-balanced individuals.

Once settled, a child is free to choose his\* own activity. He is usually taught on a one-to-one basis, to encourage maximum response, but never pressured into learning or rushed in any way. This in turn promotes confidence and independence. Children are involved in different activities, working alongside each other therefore learning to respect one another and form friendships. The Montessori method of teaching has been accepted in almost every culture in the world. The curriculum embraces practical life exercise, sensorial education, language and mathematics and all the cultural and creative subjects. \*the use of the words he or his infers both genders



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### RATIOS AND KEY WORKERS

For staff trained up to *Level 5*  
Age 2-3 1 member of staff to five children

Age 3-5 1 member of staff to eight children

For staff trained at *Level 6* and above

Age 2-3 1 member of staff to four children

Age 3-5 1 member of staff to thirteen children

All teaching staff are fully qualified and carefully chosen and undergo enhanced DBS checks before they can work with the children

### THE SCHOOL HOURS

The school will operate during term times only. There are three terms a year, each term is usually eleven weeks long and although holidays differ each year, we will endeavour to co-ordinate with other schools in the area.

We offer Morning, Afternoon and Full day sessions (\*Minimum 2 sessions per week)

\*Please read the General Information under the Fees

**MORNING SESSION**  
08:50 TO 11:50

**AFTERNOON SESSION**  
11:50 TO 2:50

**FULL-DAY SESSION**  
08:50 TO 2:50



### *We practice*

## Montessori Method In Conjunction With EYFS Curriculum

We are proud of the way we approach learning and child development. Our curriculum is inspired by special events and children's interests and designed to 'plant seeds of curiosity' through a wide range of exciting and colourful activities. From creating artwork inspired by Kandinsky and Picasso, visiting the Royal observatory, baking banana bread and making Rocket fruit kebabs, recycling, talking about women who changed the world, make salt dough dinosaur fossils, celebrate Holi, build our own London city to our weekly STEM activities with volcano eruption and colour science experiments, we know how to have fun and learn through play.

### *Extra Curricular*

Investing in our children and believing in their strengths and abilities, we have enriched our curriculum with Dance lessons, Yoga and Sports to provide more learning opportunities to the children to enjoy music, express themselves in different forms, practise their gross motor skills, get to know their body and gain control of their movements.





## Our parents have said..

"The team care deeply about the stimulation and wellbeing of the children, this care is evident in their creation of an interesting and broad range of activities and topics for the children to explore. They listen to feedback and ideas from the children which is so lovely to see and they take the time to understand their specific interests and dislikes. Gently encouraging and supporting whilst allowing the child the opportunity to express themselves is something I value highly and it's been wonderful to see the team express this in their work. The weekly newsletter is so fun and we enjoy reading it together each week and seeing everything my son has been up to (although he does share a lot as well). We have had a brilliant experience with the team, their vibrant, positive and gentle approach has helped my son to feel comfortable, safe, engaged and happy during his time at The Colour Box"

ZAHRA B.

"My daughter thoroughly enjoys her time at The Colour Box and always comes out high as a kite! She has hugely benefited from being able to play and build relationship with other children her age independently from her older sister. The educational programme is outstanding and it's great to see what she is doing including singing songs to me and telling me about books the class has read together. A massive thank you to the Colour box team - you all clearly love your work and deeply invested in the children"

RACHAEL S.

"The Colour Box provides a warm, joyful atmosphere for the children. I am impressed by the enthusiastic and professional staff and the range of topics and activities"

GEORGINA C.S

### Safeguarding

As a childcare provider, we have a legal and moral duty to recognise and record any signs and incidents which may harm a child psychologically or physically. Our staff are trained to follow child abuse procedures, and we will report concerns to the appropriate agency and/or police.

### Special Educational Needs

We show commitment to include children with special needs and disabilities within the setting, and have an appointed member of staff as our Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator.

### A nursery day

8:00am to 8:10 Arrival and self registration  
 8:10am to 8:30 Breakfast time  
 8:30am to 9:30am Free play  
 9:30am to 10:15am Focus activity (Teacher led)/STEM/ Cooking  
 10:20am to 10:45am Snack time  
 10:50am to 11:10am Circle time  
 11:10am to 11:30am Free play - Montessori resources  
 11:30am to 11:50am Outdoor play/ Gym  
 12:00pm to 12:30pm Lunch time  
 12:30pm to 12:50pm Free play - Montessori resources  
 12:50pm to 1:30pm - Focus Activity  
 1:30pm to 2:00pm - Indoor/Outdoor  
 2:00pm to 2:30pm - Free Play  
 2:30pm to 2:45pm - Circle Time /Snacks



# GENERAL INFORMATION

- Limited number of fully funded places available (8:50am-11:50am sessions only) for 2yr old.
- No Discount is offered when children are on holiday/Bank Holidays/inset days/illness.
- Morning session - Children attending Morning session a snack will be provided by the nursery. Children attending full day session are required to bring their own packed healthy lunches (Nuts Free) and Children attending only afternoon session are welcome to bring their packed lunches if they wish to join other children during lunch hour (12-12:30)
- Fees is subject to be reviewed every September.
- Additional Session will be charged at the daily rate subject to availability.
- Contracted sessions cannot be swapped.
- 10% Sibling discount is offered per child.
- Fees mentioned above is calculated based on 38 weeks for the whole year. The fees for every term will vary due to the different number of weeks each term. Each term fees will be different and will be Invoiced based on the duration of the term. The funding amount will also be adjusted accordingly in the Invoice for the number of claimed weeks.
- Parents claiming full 15-hour free funding, are required to choose minimum session of 5 mornings, 2 full days 1 morning and 5 afternoons.
- Non-Refundable registration fees £100 is required to add your child onto waiting list.
- Once the place is offered immediate deposit of £700 is payable to secure the place within 7 days. The deposit is refundable at the end of child's last term at The Colour Box given the correct notice of 1 term is given and there is no payment due.
- Please note: The school will be closed on all public/bank holidays. The first day and the last day of the term will finish at 12:00 noon for all the children. The nursery may in its absolute discretion change any of its terms and conditions, upon giving the parent not less than 4 weeks' notice, unless required to amend sooner by new or amended legislation.
- LATE ARRIVAL/PICKUP POLICY
- Please advise the nursery immediately if you will be arriving later than the pre-arranged time to pick up your child. It is your responsibility to ensure that children are picked up no later than 11:50am for Morning Session and 2:50pm for full day/afternoon session. We expect all parents to arrive 10mins early before their pickup time to ensure staff can give appropriate feedback about your child's day or if parents would like to liase with the child's key worker.
- If you are not able to pick up your child by 11:50am or 2:50pm alternate arrangements must be made. Please notify the nursery if an unauthorised person will be picking up your child. Verbal or written permission must be received before we will release a child to anyone who is not authorised on the registration form. They must indicate the name of the child who will be collected, and a password shared between authorise person and the nursery.
- There will be a charge of £10 for every 10 minutes for each child collected after their contractual pick-up time (of either 11:50am or 2:50pm), to contribute towards the substantial cost for the additional supervision of children concerned which involves at least two members of staff being required to work additional time for which they have to be paid.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT <https://thecolourbox.org/>



# Term Dates 24-25

## AUTUMN TERM DATES:

04/09/2024 - START OF TERM  
28/10/2024 - HALF TERM START  
01/11/2024 - HALF TERM ENDS  
13/12/2024 - END OF TERM

## SPRING TERM DATES:

08/01/2025 - START OF TERM  
17/02/2025 - HALF BREAK START  
21/02/2025 - HALF BREAK ENDS  
04/04/2025 - END OF TERM

## SUMMER TERM DATES:

23/04/2025 - START OF TERM  
26/05/2025 - HALF BREAK START  
30/05/2025 - HALF BREAK ENDS  
18/07/2025 - END OF TERM



# UNIVERSAL ENTITLEMENT OF 15 HOURS FREE EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE, 30 HOUR FOR WORKING FAMILY ENTITLEMENT AND WORKING FAMILY ENTITLEMENT FOR 2 YEAR OLD

All 2, 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to a 15/30 hours free Place for 38 weeks of the year. The Colour Box has an additional service package which will be added for Staff, Building Rent, Montessori Equipment and Montessori Training, Ongoing Administration Costs, Stationary, Toys, Art Supplies and Gym Apparatus. This list is not inclusive. Parents must sign to agree to our additional services package if they are claiming the universal hours and pay our additional charges each term.

The 2 year old funded children:

A morning only session (08:50am-11:50am) is offered to 2 year old disadvantaged funded children

## ADMISSIONS

A waiting list is in operation. Siblings of children already attending the school will have preference of admission. A place is normally offered for the term in which the child's second birthday occurs (unless otherwise requested on the registration form) and written offers are sent around the previous half term.

## VIEWING AND APPLICATION PROCESS

Please telephone and or email the Nursery Manager to arrange a viewing. Registration operates on a first come, first served basis. However, if a place is not available when required, you may choose to be included on our waiting list.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A registration fee (non-returnable) of £100.00 is charged. This does not, however, guarantee a place. A deposit of £700.00 is also charged; this will be returned at the end of your child's final term, providing the correct written notice of one term is given. If you decide not to take the place before your child starts the deposit will not be returned to you.

Extra activities: To be confirmed Shortly

Notice of withdrawal of a child must be given in writing with a minimum of a term's notice. For late notices, a charge of a term's fee is made. Parents when signing the registration form accept the terms and conditions. Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Learning and Exploring



STEM Volcano eruption



Light and reflections activity



Sensory lights 'Milkyway' activity



National Storytelling Week small world play



Celebrating Anti-Bullying week