



THE ELMS

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EARLY YEARS' DEPARTMENT

THE MONTESSORI APPROACH

MONTESSORI EXPLAINED:

The Montessori Method is an approach to learning which is based on close observation of child development under the guidance of trained Montessori staff in a specially prepared environment.



This approach leads to an enormously powerful, confidence-building approach to learning and here at The Elms we have staff who are not only trained teachers, but also trained Montessorians.



Everything within our Montessori environment at The Elms aims to reflect a commitment to quality and a desire to enable the children to do things for themselves, in order to experience the joy of achievement.

So what are the benefits of Montessori at The Elms?

- The Montessori approach focuses on the individual child, allowing them to develop at their own pace, a theme mirrored in the 'ladder system' which runs throughout the main school.
- Small class sizes with a high teacher to pupil ratio.
- A broad curriculum which seeks to appeal to all interests and abilities and is underpinned by the Early Years' Foundation Stage and the National Strategies in Year 1.
- A system which seeks to achieve high levels of cognitive attainment at age 5. This is often higher than the national average, in line with the aims of The Elms School.
- An environment which encourages high levels of positive social and behavioural development in all areas.



**Montessori at The Elms
is
'An Education for Life'**

'In the EYFS children achieve excellent standards'

ISI 2015

'Children's individual needs are met by caring and dedicated adults who provide a very high level of both emotional and educational care'

MSA 2013 (Montessori Schools Association Accreditation Report)

'A notable feature of the setting is the respect that the children have for each other, and the social responsibility they demonstrate whilst working independently.'

2013 MSA (Montessori Schools Association Accreditation Report)

'The overall effectiveness of the EYFS is outstanding. The calm welcoming family atmosphere enables all children to settle and make significant progress in their learning and development.'

ISI 2011