



Unity Montessori

Nursery School



Our School

Unity Montessori is a small, term-time, nursery tucked away from busy London life, on a private road. We are located just a short 7-minute walk from Woodside Park tube station. [Find us here.](#)

At Unity we follow the Montessori method for children aged from 2 - 5 years. Our setting has been carefully prepared to allow for a free flow approach to teaching to best suit each individual child's needs and development.

Our school hours are from 8:45am to 3:00pm. Please book a visit if you would like to find out more by emailing us at admissions@unitymontessori.com.

We look forward to welcoming you to our setting.



Our environment

The elements that make up the Montessori Pedagogy are dynamically intertwined: the children, the teachers, and the beautifully designed materials in the environment.

In our classroom, children of different ages mix and play together. This approach is called 'Vertical Grouping' and provides the children with the opportunity to learn from each other. The older children cement their knowledge and build their self-confidence by helping and teaching the younger children, and our younger ones learn by imitating their older peers, it is a magical formula!

The teachers carefully prepare the environment, organise the work cycle and observe. Their focus is to appropriately stimulate, encourage and help the child to eventually be able to work independently. Freedom of choice, ground rules, self-direction and independence is fostered and encouraged by our highly experienced Montessori teachers.

The layout of the classroom enables the children to independently access activities and materials. This provides children with autonomy as they choose the materials that they want to explore and work with.

The pedagogical materials have a well-defined purpose, to facilitate the sequential development of the different abilities of the children. Our outdoor classroom is considered an integral part of our environment where creativity and teamwork flourishes.

Our free flow environment allows the children to decide how to spend their time, whether to work individually or in groups. This freedom of choice allows us to create a calm and harmonious environment.



Our Curriculum

Practical Life

Activities of everyday life are a pivotal part in the development of a child: transferring, pouring, cutting using scissors, sewing, hammering, and other practical activities are available in this area of the classroom. These materials help strengthen the child's fine motor skills, concentration, independence, self-confidence, and self-worth. During a typical day at Unity, you could see the children helping around the classroom, preparing their snack, baking, setting and tidying the tables before and after lunch, making flower arrangements to decorate the classroom or helping a younger friend get ready to play outside.



Sensorial

Through the exploration of the senses the children learn about the world around them. In this area children can explore colours, dimension, volume, weight, smells, and textures. By using these materials, the children learn to sort and classify, expand their language, and acquire mathematical concepts in a practical and concrete way. Because of the way these materials are presented, the children learn through trial and error and to self-correct with minimal adult intervention.

Literacy

At Unity we are very fortunate to have an international community and language development is a key focus. Children learn to communicate through a wide variety of experiences and with plenty of opportunity for practice. The adults in the environment promote conversation as they read stories, recite poems and sing, socialize with the children, lead interactive circle times and organize group activities. The teachers encourage children to tell stories, describe their work, share in art projects, and talk about their experiences, as well as the introduction to phonics. We believe that the acquisition of language and communication is of utmost importance for the child's holistic development.



Numeracy

Throughout the day, and in almost every activity that the children work with in our setting, there is an element of mathematics. This could be while drawing, cooking, or building with blocks, as the early concepts of maths are introduced through hands-on experiences. With the many materials and activities offered in our setting children explore number symbols, cardinality and counting, comparison, composition, patterns, shape and space, and measures.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

As curiosity is intrinsic in children, we aim to cultivate and develop this interest in the world around them. In the KUW area, the children are introduced to a variety of topics, such as, our community, zoology, botany, geography, life and culture and celebrations of different countries and beliefs. The children are taken for short walks to the local park and to forest walks. We also organise in-house visits from people that help our communities, such as the fire brigade, dentists, and nurses.



Expressive Art & Design

In our setting creativity happens every day. Art activities are self-directed and supported by the teachers. The children are encouraged to paint, work with clay, create junk models, collage, and develop new skills such as felting, sewing and weaving. Children participate in dynamic music and movement sessions. Through engaging in a wide variety of music activities, children develop a sense of creativity and are able to express themselves. which is an important part of a child's development. Art exploration is also a great way to further children's fine and gross motor skills, support their well-being, encourage conversation, support cognitive development, and strengthen their social skills, as well as fostering the children's creativity and problem-solving skills.



Our Garden

Our outdoor classroom is open all day in all weathers. All the activities and materials in the garden aim to further the children's social skills, gross motor movements, and general well-being. The children learn to look after the plants, and the importance of the little creatures that they find in and around the garden. Riding the scooters and bikes, climbing, playing with balls, building with blocks, painting, planting, cooking in the mud kitchen, and playing with sand and water are some of the many activities that the children enjoy doing outdoors.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Yoga

The sessions aim to explore mindfulness and yoga poses. The exercises will increase your child's ability to focus, concentrate, listen to the sounds in the environment and to create a moment of stillness in their busy day. The classes are based around a yoga story or adventure; sometimes working around a well-known story from a book, sometimes created specifically to support the children in their physical and emotional needs at that time in the term. The children will learn basic yoga poses in a fun and accessible way, thus increasing their gross motor development, their ability to control and inhabit their bodies as well absorbing techniques to enable emotional regulation and heighten self-esteem and confidence.



Bilingual Beats (Spanish)

These sessions are delivered once a week by Spanish musicians. The classes are fun and interactive providing children with the opportunity to be exposed to a foreign language, learn songs and words while developing their innate music skills. During the session the children explore percussion instruments, rhythm, and movement.

Visits

We recommend parents to come for a tour of our setting. During the tour parents/carers will be able to have a glance of what our nursery feels like. The visit will also give you the opportunity to ask any questions that you might have and meet our team.

To request a visit please call us on 020 8445 1208, or send us an email to admissions@unitymontessori.com

Registration

For registration, please visit our website <http://unitymontessori.co.uk/docs/registration-form-placement.pdf>. Once a place for your child is offered, a deposit of £500 must be made to secure your child's enrollment.

Key teacher system

The key teacher is your first point of contact, with whom you will be able to discuss your child's progress and developmental achievements. Your child's key teacher is also the person responsible for writing your child's observations, individual plans, and reports. However, all the teachers work with each and every child in the setting.

Parents/carers are invited once a term for a parents/teacher chat, in which you will be able to discuss your child's progress.

Before your child's first day

We understand that this is a big step for parents/carers and children alike, with that in mind we will invite parents/carers prior to the child's first day for a meeting with the Principal and the child's key teacher to talk about the settling in process and clarify any doubts that the parent/carers may have.

Sessions

There are two sessions in a day; a morning session which runs from 8:45am to 12:00pm and an afternoon session from 12:00pm to 3:00pm.

Children can attend:

Full-time 8:45am to 3:00pm

Part-time morning 8:45am to 12:00pm

Part-time extended morning 8:45am to 1:00pm (children stay for lunch at the nursery)

Part-time afternoon 12:00pm to 3:00pm

Snacks & Lunches

Snacks are provided by the nursery, this consists of a variety of healthy snacks, such as fruits, bread (if the children are baking that day), and milk.

Lunches come from home; we can reheat at the nursery if required.

Clothing

We recommend that children come with comfortable clothing that facilitate and favors movement and autonomy. Waterproofs and welly boots are required as the children play outside in all weathers.

Nappies and wipes

Are provided by the families.

Our Termly Fees

<p><u>Full-time</u></p> <p>8:45am - 3:00pm</p> <p>Fees £4,215</p>	<p><u>Part-time (Morning)</u></p> <p>8:45am - 12:00am</p> <p>Fees £2,425</p>	<p><u>Part-time (Afternoon)</u></p> <p>12:00am - 3:00pm</p> <p>Fees £2,425</p>
<p><u>Part-time (extended morning)</u></p> <p>8:45am - 1:00pm</p> <p>Fees £2,425 + £14/lunch session</p>	<p><u>Part-time 6 sessions</u></p> <p>Fees £2,909.52</p>	<p><u>Part-time 7 sessions</u></p> <p>Fees £3,394.44</p>
<p><u>Part-time 8 sessions</u></p> <p>Fees £3,879.36</p>	<p><u>One-off lunch session</u></p> <p>12:00pm - 1:00pm</p> <p>Fees £16</p>	<p><u>Extra sessions</u></p> <p>Morning or Afternoon</p> <p>£45</p>