



Our Ethos:

At Little Acorns Nursery, Montessori Pre-school and Acorns after School we believe that each child is special and unique. We strongly believe in the blended Montessori Method of education in developing each child's independence and confidence. Our service provides high quality professional care in a child led environment.

At Little Acorns 'Montessori' means:

1. **Freedom with responsibility:** In the Montessori classroom your child is allowed the freedom to choose their own work within the boundaries of the curriculum and with the expectation of appropriate behaviour towards others.
2. **Concrete to abstract:** Dr Maria Montessori discovered that your child develops academic skills best by starting with manipulative materials, and through their use, progresses developing abstract understanding of the world around them.
3. **Development of the Whole Child:** At Little Acorns attention is given to social, emotional and physical growth with a focus on the development of each child's self-confidence and self-discipline. Through our service's Montessori based integrated preschool curriculum your child will glide into primary school with confidence, excellent social skills and a respect for others and their environment.
4. **Love of Learning:** The Montessori environment serves to preserve and nurture your child's innate love of learning. At Little Acorns Nursery,



Montessori Pre-school and After School Pre-school aim to help each child reach their full potential through meaningful play and life experiences.

5. **Quality & Curriculum:** Little Acorns Nursery, Montessori Pre-school and After School Pre-school strive to achieve excellence in all areas of quality care. Teaching staff continue to refer to the quality framework of Siolta and support the curriculum framework of Aistear.

Our Mission Statement:

Little Acorns Nursery, Montessori Pre-school and After School Club is committed to providing high quality and professional early childhood care and education. Little Acorns Nursery, Montessori Pre-school and After School Club thrives in promoting the emotional, intellectual, physical and social development of the whole child in a safe, secure, stimulating, warm and nurturing environment. Our aim is to help children reach their full potential and inspire children to demonstrate positive learning dispositions towards learning at preschool and beyond. We provide learning opportunities that nurture children's learning and development in a holistic way. Our service operates under a set of core beliefs that comes from our ethos.

● We Believe:

1. Quality for us means warm and kind interactions in a safe and nurturing environment.



2. In a blended Montessori based integrated curriculum in conjunction with Aistear (The Early Childhood Curriculum Framework) and Siolta Standards (National Quality Framework for Early childhood Care and Education).
3. We work in close partnership with parents and families ensuring we share your child's experiences within our service.
4. We operate under the principles of honesty, openness, fairness, love, empathy and respect.
5. We will cherish each child's individuality and we will ensure to give genuine and equal support and encouragement to each child's self-worth.
6. We facilitate a holistic approach to early childhood education and development with the belief that a happy child is a confident child.
7. In the importance of building supportive relationships:
family-child-teacher.
8. In promoting a child-lead educational curriculum in partnership with families and teachers.
9. We empower our staff to share our vision of high-quality care and require that employees have the skills and drive to help achieve it.

Manager Signature:

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