

Dear Parent(s),

Choosing the right school for your child/children is one of the most important decisions that parents have to make. It is this very task of choosing the right education and school for my child that constitutes the foundation upon which the Modern Montessori education group was built. With this in mind, I take this opportunity to present a brief history of our organisation, which represents over thirty years of experience and expertise in Montessori education.

Thirty five years ago, my daughter, Olivia, was two and a half years old and after endless deliberation and extensive research, my husband and I made the decision to enrol her at a Montessori school in London (U.K) called The Gatehouse Learning Centre. It soon turned out that the time, thought and careful consideration invested in making this decision, was not wasted. We watched in awe as our daughter flourished in every conceivable area (academic, social and emotional), exceeding even our very high expectations. In fact my husband and I were so inspired by and impressed with the teaching and the results that we commissioned the principal of the school, who was trained by Maria Montessori, to design a distance learning course to teach the Montessori method to people all over the world. The first College of Modern Montessori student enrolled at our offices in London in 1981 and since that time, over twelve thousand people from over eighty different countries have enrolled for our distance learning Montessori teacher training course.

In 1991, after having lived in South Africa for a number of years, it was clear to us that the country's provision of early childhood education was distinctly lacking, and we knew that an increased Montessori 'presence' would positively impact South Africa's education system. We moved the Modern Montessori head office to Johannesburg and commenced work towards expanding the scope of our operations to include distance learning and part time and full time lecture-based Montessori training. In 1994, our part time and full time Montessori teacher education programmes were awarded international accreditation from the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (MACTE), which is an autonomous, international, non-profit making accreditation agency for Montessori teacher education programmes. The MACTE Commission is based in the United States and is the premier, internationally recognised, standard setting and accrediting body for Montessori teacher education and their accreditation is testimony to an institution's unwavering commitment to the provision of high calibre, superior quality Montessori education.

In 1996, after a seemingly endless search for new premises to house our administration department, lecture facilities and flagship school, we found the perfect property set on five beautiful acres in Linbro Park, Sandton. The school property was originally built by Raymond Ammoretti, acclaimed Italian woodcraftsman. Raymond and his wife, Lorna, had six children and as their family and business grew, they erected more buildings to accommodate their needs. As the Ammoretti children grew and left home, Raymond and Lorna were rattling around on five acres and they decided to sell, and as the property is far too big for most families, it was on the market for some considerable time; however, as soon as we saw it, we knew it would be the perfect property to develop into a school and training centre. It was here that we created a Montessori preschool for children aged three months to six years old, and so, The School of Modern Montessori was borne. After only a few months, parents were so pleased with their children's development that they pressured us to take Montessori teaching into primary level (catering for children aged six to thirteen years old), which we have successfully achieved.

By virtue of the success of our Linbro Park school, we have since expanded Modern Montessori's school division to include two more sites:

- The School of Modern Montessori, situated in Glen Austin, Midrand, Gauteng (established in 2002); and
- The School of Modern Montessori Gillitts, Durban, Kwa-Zulu Natal (established in 2003).

So, you see, our wealth experience of excellence in Montessori education is the foundation upon which each of the Modern Montessori schools were built and developed. Each school is the perfect combination of:


- established and credible education provider, rich in history and tradition, boasting considerable years of experience in education;
- well-equipped classroom and outdoor facilities nested in a secure and picturesque environment providing beautiful and safe surroundings in which your child will grow, learn and play;
- well-trained, experienced, dedicated and caring teachers and care-givers, whose professional expertise, commitment to education and passion for children, you will depend on firstly, to provide your child with the best possible academic and developmental foundation in which to reach his/her full potential, and on which his/her future learning will be based; and secondly (and equally important) to provide a loving and nurturing environment, in which your child's/children's happiness is of paramount importance.
- low teacher to child instruction ratios that afford your child/children the individual attention they so richly deserve;
- an all-inclusive education, extra-mural and supervisory solution. For working parents, it is especially important that their child's/children's school offers not only an academic education, but also meals, extra-curricular activities, aftercare, and holiday programmes.

I thank you for your interest expressed in The School of Modern Montessori, Linbro Park, and take great pleasure in enclosing herewith our prospectus for your perusal.

The magical splendour of the school can only be truly appreciated in the flesh, so to speak. We therefore encourage you to schedule an appointment with the registrar, Adam Darby, who will explain the Montessori method and general school operations in detail; and give you a tour of our magnificent grounds and facilities. In the event that you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to meeting you.

Kind regards,



PATRICIA DARBY
Director

The School of Modern Montessori Linbro Park, Sandton

SCHOOL PROSPECTUS 2012 ACADEMIC YEAR

*“Whoever touches the life of the child,
touches the most sensitive point of a whole
which has roots in the most distant past
and climbs towards the infinite future.”
~ Maria Montessori*

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1. Maria Montessori & The Montessori Method

Detailed information on Maria Montessori, the Montessori method and the differences between Montessori and traditional education, can be found on our website (www.montessoriint.com) under the 'The Montessori Method' tab.

2. Admission Policy

- Discrimination is against South African law. Pupils and staff are appointed on merit. The school's ethos is rooted in the belief that all people, regardless of race, colour, language, creed and gender, are of equal worth and are treated equally in the selection for, and in the general operation of the school.
- Primary school applicants and applicants with special needs or barriers to learning may be required to spend a day or two in the classroom in order for the teacher to assess their academic, social and emotional level.
- Where selection becomes necessary because the number of applicants exceeds the number of available places, selection is based on the following criteria:
 - Preference will be given to applicants who have submitted the application form and accompanying documentation, and paid the admission fees (comprised of the registration fee and the deposit).
 - Preference will be given to siblings, except where this is not in the best interest of the child/children.
 - Preference will be given to applicants who have previously attended a Montessori school.
 - The capacity of the school to provide an acceptable quality of education to the applicant. This provision applies particularly to applicants with special needs and barriers to learning.

3. Registration & Admission Procedure

- Telephonic/email enquiry is made by interested parents.
- School prospectus and application form is emailed.
- Appointment is made with the Registrar (Adam Darby) or authorised personnel to visit the school.
- Application form; accompanying documentation; and proof of payment of the registration fee and the deposit; is returned to the school administrator/registrar.
- Acceptance and date of commencement of attendance is confirmed in writing.
- Fees (school fees, lunch fees (if applicable), stationery fees and Edu-Demo fees) are payable prior to commencement of attendance.
- On the first day of school, pupils and their parents are required to arrive half an hour prior to commencement of classes in order to meet the teacher(s) and familiarise themselves with the morning routine.
- Parents of new pupils are welcome to phone the school periodically to establish how their child/children are coping with his/her/their slightly daunting, but incredibly exciting new school adventure.

4. Mission Statement

To provide each child with a well rounded, individualised educational and developmental experience that is grounded in Montessori principles and that nurtures an enduring love of learning. We guide the child towards independence and self confidence, creating a strong foundation on which to build future learning.

5. Physical Address

The School of Modern Montessori
119 1st Road
Linbro Park
Sandton

A map and directions are available on our website: www.montessoriint.com.

6. Contact Details

Telephone: (011) 608-1584 / 2206 / 1590
Facsimile: (011) 608-1586
Email: modmont@global.co.za and adam.m.darby@gmail.com

7. Age Range & Classes

The School of Modern Montessori accepts children from the age of three months old to thirteen years old. The school is comprised of the following classes:

- Nursery: 3 months – 2 years old
- Toddler: 2 – 3 years old
- Early Childhood: 3 – 6 years old
- Junior Primary: 6 – 9 years old
- Senior Primary: 9 – 13 years old

8. Facilities

- All classes are fully equipped with Montessori materials in the practical life, sensorial, language, maths and cultural (geography, botany, zoology, history, science, music and art) subject areas.
- The outside area includes a tennis court, a swimming pool, playground with extensive outdoor play equipment (jungle gyms, seesaw, sandpit, clamber net, swings, rocking horse, ping pong table), and a separate Astroturfed baby and toddler playground equipped with a covered sandpit, chalk board, swings and seesaws.
- The nursery is a beautiful and peaceful environment equipped with cots, a host of educational toys, an en suite bathroom and nappy changing station.
- There is secure parking for approximately fifty cars.

9. Security

- The safety of the children and staff is of paramount importance at all times.
- The property is equipped with an alarm system and the perimeter is electric fenced.
- The school is linked to ADT Security (24 hour armed response).
- A security guard is on duty between 6:00am and 6:00pm.

10. Academic Staff

All teachers (called 'Directresses):

- have Montessori theory and practical qualifications awarded by accredited training institutions;
- are first aid and CPR trained and certified;
- are committed to life-long learning and professional development and attend workshops and training courses periodically to update, refresh and expand their knowledge and skills repertoire;
- are members of SACE (South African Council of Educators); and
- are dedicated and loving educators who subscribe to the maxim:
"The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The great teacher inspires."
~ William Arthur Ward

11. Operating Hours

- The school gate is opened at 07:00am and supervisory staff are on duty from this time.
 - Pre-primary School Hours:

Half Day:	8:00am – 1:00pm*
Full Day:	8:00am – 5:30pm
 - Primary School Hours:

Half Day:	8:00am – 1:30pm*
Full Day:	8:00am – 5:30pm
- * If you have arranged for your child/children to have school lunch, please add thirty minutes to the collection times stipulated above.

12. Arrival & Departure Policy

- All classes start promptly at 8:00am. Please ensure that your child/children is/are not late for school, as he/she/they miss out on a vital part of their day and late arrivals are disruptive to the other children in the class.
- It is customary at the school for your child/children to shake hands with his/her/their teacher upon arrival, and on departure.
- Upon collection, you are required to 'sign out' your child/children in the register.
- Children must be collected on or prior to the times stipulated above. Failure to do so will result in a penalty fee of R100.00 per half hour (or part thereof) being charged.
- Children will not be released to any unauthorised person. In the event of your child/children being collected by an unfamiliar person, please ensure that, prior to collection, you inform the office and your child's/children's teacher with the relevant details (i.e. – name; relationship to pupil; and scheduled collection time).
- In the event that you are running late, please contact the school office and your child's/children's teacher will be advised accordingly.

13. 2012 Terms

The School of Modern Montessori operates in accordance with the Independent Schools Association of South Africa (ISASA) three term private school calendar.

TERM 1	
Start Date:	Wednesday 11 th January
End Date:	Wednesday 4 th April
Half Term:	Thurs 23 rd Feb (normal closing) – Tues 28 th Feb (return to school)
Public Holiday:	Monday 21 st March (Human Rights Day)
Holiday Programme:	15 Days (5/4; 10/4 – 13/4; 16/4 – 20/4; 23/4 – 26/4; 30/4)
TERM 2	
Start Date:	Wednesday 2 nd May
End Date:	Wednesday 8 th August
Half Term:	Fri 29 th Jun (normal closing) – Mon 9 th Jul (return to school)
Holiday Programme:	21 Days (10/8; 13/8 – 17/8; 20/8 – 24/8; 27/8 – 31/8; 3/9 – 7/9; 10/9)
TERM 3	
Start Date:	Tuesday 11 th September
End Date:	Friday 7 th December
Half Term:	Thurs 18 th Oct (normal closing) – Tues 23 rd Oct (return to school)
Public Holiday:	Monday 24 th September (Heritage Day)
Holiday Programme:	10 Days (10/12 – 14/12)

14. Absenteeism Policy

- In accordance with government policy, a pupil who has been absent for more than thirty days during the school year, may not be promoted to the next level.
- Parents are required to notify the school office between 8:30am and 9:30am of their child's/children's absence.
- In the case of illness, a doctor's certificate is required for absence of three days or longer.

15. Holiday Programme

- Holiday programmes are held in the breaks between each term.
- Reminders are sent towards the end of each term and parents are required to book and pay in advance.
- The holiday programme fee is R100.00 per day per child, which includes activities, lunch and an afternoon snack.

- During holiday programmes, the operating hours remain unchanged (*please refer to point 11 above*).
- Holiday programme is **not** offered during half term or on public holidays.

16. Lunch & Afternoon Snack

- A hot lunch is served to the full day preschool children at 1:00pm and to the full day primary children at 1:30pm.
- Half day children are entitled to stay for lunch, which is served at an additional cost of R12 per day per child, to be paid termly in advance.
- Please notify the child's/children's teacher should you wish for your child/children to be provided with lunch.
- An afternoon snack, such as a sandwich & juice, is served to full day children at 3:00pm.

17. School Requirements

- A healthy snack for your child/children to eat at mid-morning snack time. A sandwich and one piece of fruit and/or a cheese wedge are usually ample. Sweets, chocolates and fizzy drinks/Energade and high sugar biscuits are not allowed.
- A change of clothes. A sun hat, during the summer months.
- One box of tissues per term.
- Disposable nappies, wet-wipes, formula and a blanket are required for babies.

18. General School Rules

- All personal items must be clearly marked with the child's name.
- Parents are requested not to allow children to bring toys to the school, as there is no place for toys in a Montessori environment. Also, children become distressed if a favourite toy is broken and parents are displeased if an expensive toy is lost.
- If parents find any Montessori equipment in their child's bag, please ensure it is returned. Montessori equipment is expensive and difficult to replace, and often one missing part can render the material useless.
- Children are not allowed to bring cell phones to school. In the event that a child needs to contact his/her parent(s), the class teacher will escort him/her to the office to use the school phone.

19. Birthdays

When your child/children has a birthday during the week and he/she would like to celebrate with us during school hours, we would appreciate it if you would let us know ahead of time, as we use this as an exercise for teaching the children the understanding of time. Also, we thoroughly enjoy parents being able to participate in these celebrations.

20. Medical & Health Policy

- Please do not send your child/children to school if he/she/they has/have a high temperature, unexplained rash or contagious condition.
- Please ensure that your child's vaccinations are kept up-to-date.
- Should your child show any signs of illness whilst at the school, you will be notified immediately.
- Medicines must be clearly marked with the child's name, and specific instructions need to be recorded on the medical administration form which is available from the class teacher.

21. Extra Murals

- Please note that music and physical education are offered by the school and are included in the school fees.
- A variety of other extra murals are offered at the school and interested candidates should contact the extra mural provider(s) listed below for more information.
- Extra mural activities are scheduled outside of the academic work cycle.

DAY	ACTIVITY	TIME	CONTACT
MONDAY	Music* (Included in Curriculum)	10:00 – 11:00 (Primary Pupils)	Trudy Low - 082 290 9870 mlow@attglobal.net
	Hip Hop Academy	11:00 - 11:30	Glenda - 011 802 3176 082 557 4473
	Piano Lessons (Private)	11:00 - 13:00 (30 min. Sessions)	Trudy Low - 082 290 9870 mlow@attglobal.net
TUESDAY	Music* (Included in Curriculum)	10:00 – 11:00 (3-6 Pupils)	Trudy Low - 082 290 9870 mlow@attglobal.net
		12:00 – 13:30 (Primary Pupils)	
	Piano Lessons (Private)	11:00 - 12:00 13:30 – 14:30 (30 min. Sessions)	Trudy Low - 082 290 9870 mlow@attglobal.net
WEDNESDAY	Kids.com (Computer Studies)	08:00 - 10:00	Amanda Bekker - 082 780 8908 amanda@queenbee.co.za
	Soccer Starz	11:30 - 12:00	Patrick Mc Culla - 083 236 8559 patrick@soccerstarz.co.za
THURSDAY	Karate	13:30 - 14:30	Bradley Korras- 082 926 9517 jkaedenvale@mweb.co.za
FRIDAY	Physical Education** Primary Pupils (Included in Curriculum)	08:00 - 09:30	Sean/Darren – 083 234 5890
	Swimming		To be advised

22. Code of Ethics

The principles and ideas of Montessori on the integrity and needs of children underpin all aspects of the school. Pupils, parents and academic and administrative staff strive to apply these same principles in their work and relationships with each other. All members are expected to act with integrity and dignity and to respect each other.

23. Code of Conduct

In order for us to follow the Montessori method as well as possible we have instilled some ground rules. Ground rules protect the rights and liberty of each individual child and the group as a whole. They promote the internalisation of good social behaviour and values including: self control of impulses, consideration for others, a sense of responsibility for oneself and the welfare of the group. Ground rules can help to make life at school easier, make the days run more smoothly, enable children to be more independent and help to develop responsibility. The number of ground rules are generally kept to a minimum, stated and presented in a positive manner with the emphasis on safety, respect for others and the environment and the results benefit all members of the group.

The children are made aware of behaviour which is acceptable and that which is not. Issues arising between children are always discussed with them first, failing which, the time-out method (“The Thinking Chair”) has proved successful in the Preschool. Parents will be called in to discuss discipline problems if need be. If a disciplinary problem does arise, it is dealt with individually, keeping the child’s self esteem in mind at all times.

Please make yourself and your child/children aware of the following general conduct rules:

Children are required to:

- arrive at school on time;
- treat others with respect and dignity;
- look after their own belongings;
- pick up their own litter;
- stay within the allocated areas in the playground;
- respect classrooms and equipment;
- adhere to classroom rules;
- replace equipment that they break;
- never throw sand, stones or sticks; and
- **never threaten any other person physically or verbally, use racist, offensive or derogatory language, harass another person, bully or steal.**

Primary School Code of Conduct Agreement

A detailed code of conduct to be adopted by the primary school children can be found in the Application Form (‘Primary School: Code of Conduct Agreement’), which must be signed by primary school pupils and their parents and submitted with the remaining registration documentation.

Primary School pupils must agree to:

1. not be late for school;
2. be prepared for school;
3. do his/her work to the best of his/her ability;
4. treat others with respect and dignity;
5. look after his/her belongings;
6. respect the property of others;
7. not play in areas that are out of bounds;
8. ensure the toilet is clean and tidy after he/she has used it;
9. make sure that he/she keeps his/her classroom neat and clean;
10. make sure that he/she throws away his/her rubbish in the dustbin;
11. ensure that he/she does not misuse any of the equipment;
12. not use insulting or offensive language;
13. not bully, intimidate or behave in a violent manner;
14. not take property that does not belong to him/her;
15. observe school rules to the best of his/her ability;
16. respect his/her teacher and the teachers on aftercare duty;
17. treat the school property with respect and replace anything he/she breaks;
18. report to his/her teacher anything that makes him/her unhappy;
19. complete his/her homework every day;
20. not disturb another person working in the classroom;
21. give his/her parents notices to sign and return them to school; and
22. read the code of conduct and understand it.

Primary Children Discipline Procedure

Level 1: Verbal Warning

The teacher issuing the verbal warning will hand the child a verbal warning slip, which the child needs to take home and ask a parent to sign. Verbal warning slips will be kept on file. Three verbal warnings for the same offence will lead to a written warning.

Level 2: Written warning

A written warning will be given to the pupil to take home for a parent's signature and the teacher involved will contact the parents.

Level 3: disciplinary hearing

When serious offences are committed and verbal/written warnings are inadequate, the school will hold a disciplinary meeting before a decision is taken on what action should be imposed, which could result in suspension or expulsion.

24. Fees: 2012

OPTION 1: ANNUAL FEES Due on/prior to 1 st day of term one	2012			
	Preschool		Primary School	
	Half Day	Full Day	Half Day	Full Day
Annual Fees:	R24 400.00	R34 600.00	R30 000.00	R41 500.00
Discount 10%:	R 2 440.00	R 3 460.00	R 3 000.00	R 4 150.00
Invoice Value:	R21 960.00	R31 140.00	R27 000.00	R37 350.00

OPTION 2: TERMLY FEES Termly Fees = Annual Fees ÷ 3 Due on/prior to 1 st day of each term	2012			
	Preschool		Primary School	
	Half Day	Full Day	Half Day	Full Day
Termly Fees:	R8 140.00	R11 540.00	R10 000.00	R13 840.00
Discount 2.5%:	R 203.50	R 288.50	R 250.00	R 346.00
Invoice Value:	R7 940.00	R11 260.00	R 9 750.00	R13 500.00

OPTION 3: MONTHLY FEES Monthly Fees = Annual Fees ÷ 11 Due on/prior to 1 st day of each month (from 1 st January – 1 st November)	2012			
	Preschool		Primary School	
	Half Day	Full Day	Half Day	Full Day
Monthly Invoice Value:	R 2 220.00	R 3 150.00	R 2 730.00	R 3 780.00

**10% discount applies to the 2nd and subsequent sibling attending the school
(school fees only)**

ADMISSION FEES Admission Fees = Reg. Fee + Deposit Due upon submission of application	2012			
	Preschool		Primary School	
	Half Day	Full Day	Half Day	Full Day
Registration Fee (non refundable):	R 1 000.00	R 1 000.00	R 1 000.00	R 1 000.00
Deposit (refundable):	R 2 220.00	R 3 150.00	R 2 730.00	R 3 780.00

ADDITIONAL COSTS	AMOUNT
Stationery Fees* – per annum	R 500.00
Edu-Demo Fees* – per annum	R 450.00
Holiday Programme – per day	R 100.00
Daily Lunch (half day only)	R 12.00

NOTES
Overdue accounts are subject to a 10% late payment penalty charge.

* The Edu-Demo fees are comprised of one eye test; one ear test; termly shows & events; and the year-end outing. The stationery fee includes your child's annual stationery requirements.

* The Edu-Demo & stationery fees are compulsory and are payable in cash, in advance, directly to your child's/children's class teacher prior to the first day of the first term.

25. Payment Options

The annual fee can be paid on a monthly, termly or annual basis.

Annual Fee: Option 1

- Annual fees are payable in advance on/prior to the first day of the first term.
- In this case, a 10% full settlement discount is deducted from the annual fee.
- In order to be eligible for the discounted rate, fees must be paid on/prior to the first day of the first term.
- Payment can be made by cheque, credit card, direct deposit, electronic transfer (EFT) or in cash.
- In the event that you wish to pay by credit card, the 10% discount does not apply and the full annual fee is payable.
- In the case of direct deposit and EFT payments, please use your child's/children's full name(s) as the beneficiary reference and email/fax confirmation of the transaction to modmont@global.co.za / (011) 608-1586.

Termly Fee: Option 2

- Termly fees are payable in advance on/prior to the first day of each term (*please refer to point 13 above for specific dates*).
- Termly fee = annual fee ÷ 3.
- In this case a 2.5% termly settlement discount is deducted from the termly fees.
- In order to be eligible for the discounted rate, fees must be received on/prior to the first day of each term.
- In the event that you wish to pay by credit card, the 2.5% discount does not apply and the full termly fee is payable.
- Payment can be made by post-dated cheques or future-dated (recurring) electronic transfer (EFT).
 - Post-dated cheques
 - All three post-dated cheques dated for the first day of each term, must be submitted prior to the first day of the first term.
 - Please reference your child's/children's full name on the reverse of each cheque.
 - Future-dated EFT
 - A bank issued confirmation schedule of all three future-dated EFT payments must be submitted prior to the first day of the first term.
 - Please use your child's/children's full names as the beneficiary reference and confirmation of each individual transaction must be emailed/faxed to modmont@global.co.za / (011) 608-1586.
- Overdue accounts are subject to a 10% late payment penalty charge.

Monthly Fee: Option 3

- Monthly fees are payable in advance on/prior the first day of each month (1st January – 1st November).
- Monthly fee = annual fee ÷ 11.
- Payment can be made by post-dated cheques or future-dated (recurring) electronic transfer (EFT).

- Post-dated cheques
 - All eleven post-dated cheques dated for the first day of each month, must be submitted prior to the first day of the first term.
 - Please reference your child's/children's full name on the reverse of each cheque.
- Future-dated EFT
 - A bank issued confirmation schedule of all eleven future-dated EFT payments must be submitted prior to the first day of the first term.
 - Please use your child's/children's full names as the beneficiary reference and confirmation of each individual transaction must be emailed/faxed to modmont@global.co.za / (011) 608-1586.
- Overdue accounts are subject to a 10% late payment penalty charge.

26. Admission Fees

- Admission fees are comprised of the registration fee and the deposit.
- The registration fee of R1 000.00, in addition to a deposit of one month's school fees, is payable upon submission of the application form and accompanying documentation.
- The admission fees can be paid by cheque, credit card, direct deposit, electronic transfer (EFT) or in cash.
- In the case of direct deposit and EFT payments, please use your child's/children's full name(s) as the beneficiary reference and email/fax confirmation of the transaction to modmont@global.co.za / (011) 608-1586.
- The registration fee is non-refundable.
- The deposit is refunded upon the child/children leaving the school on the proviso that notice of one full term has been submitted in writing to the office and the child's/children's class teacher on the final day of the penultimate term of attendance.

27. Banking Details

Name of Account:	The College of Modern Montessori
Bank:	Standard Bank
Branch:	Rosebank
Branch Code:	004305
Account Number:	00-198-172-2

28. Termination of Tuition & Notice Period Policy

- In the event that you wish to remove your child/children from the school, notice of one full term must be submitted in writing to the office and your child's/children's class teacher on the final day of the penultimate term of attendance.
- Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the deposit, in addition to you being liable for one full term's fees in lieu of notice.

29. Testimonial – A Pupil’s Perspective

Past pupil, David Diack, attended the school between the ages of three and twelve. At the beginning of 2011, David embarked upon his secondary schooling at St. Benedict School, an exclusive private school in Pinetown, KZN, where he is currently reportedly flourishing. We take great pride in presenting the following charming letter to the school from David, which encapsulates his thoughts on the school, his teacher and how his pre-primary and primary education prepared him for his future.

10th November 2010

I started going to Yvonne’s Montessori school when I turned three. I loved it from the word ‘go’. There was so just so much to learn, and the classroom was a very interesting place for me.

I was so lucky to be in the Montessori school until I turned twelve, and then I had to say goodbye. But it prepared me so well for high school. I think my general knowledge is excellent because I was taught so many different things in great detail.

Montessori teachers taught me how to respect myself, my friends and other people. At Montessori we talk things through when we have problems. We all have a voice and this makes us feel unique and special so we learn how to deal with problems and people in a civilised way.

It also taught me how important it is to respect the smallest little animal or plant.

What a pity the whole world cannot receive a Montessori education. The Modern Montessori school is the greatest, and Yvonne is the best teacher I ever had. I will never forget her. When I think of the school it feels like home.

Thank you.

David Diack (13 years old)

30. Conclusion

Parents are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the contents of this prospectus and in the event that they have any queries with the information contained herein, please have no hesitation in contacting us.