

**Bethnal Green Montessori School & St Peter's Montessori School:
Criteria for joining.**

We are committed to offering a genuine Montessori approach to children's education and care, between the ages of 2 ½ and 6 years old, over a span of 3 years. The aim is to secure the necessary time for the formation of the child's personality in the most harmonious way, in a stable mini-community based on a 3-year cycle.

This is our deeply held belief, and we want families who join us to respect this and be committed to the school in the way we are committed to the children and families here. We have decided from September 2018 to discourage applications where parents intend to move their child to another school after one year. This is counter-productive to our aims and our belief in the importance of a child-led, developmentally-based, Montessori education, delivered with integrity. For every child who takes a place for one year, then leaves, another child is denied the chance to complete the three year cycle of development in a balanced, time-rich community, on which our teaching is based.

We know that some parents who want to join our school are already accepted onto Waiting Lists in other schools that may require the child to join before age 4. To deter parents from joining our school community on a short-term basis, we will give preference on our Waiting List to families who wish their child to stay with us for a minimum of 2.5, preferably for 3 years, from September 2022's intake onwards.

In accepting a place, parents acknowledge their acceptance of this expectation as part of the contractual agreement.

The deposit payable to secure a fee-paying place at Bethnal Green Montessori School from September 2022 will be £400. This deposit will be repaid within 2 months of the child's leaving date, provided all outstanding fees have been accounted for. Where a child leaves early, (i.e. who has been in our school for one year or less), this will automatically forfeit their deposit.

Please sign and return the confirmation below.

Yours sincerely,

Hayley Boyd
School Manager

I confirm that I have read and understood the criteria for joining and understand my deposit may be forfeit if I do not comply with the above.

Signed.....

Date.....