



Montessori Schools Association

Working for the Montessori movement across the UK

Here is a list of the Montessori Schools that are registered with the MSA in the East Midlands area.

Earl Shilton Montessori School

The Institute, 12/14 Station Road, Earl Shilton,
Leicestershire LE9 7GA
Telephone: 01455 841951

Lilliput Montessori Anstey

Latimer Street, Leicester, Leicestershire LE7 7AW
Telephone: 0116 236 5353
Website: www.lilliput-anstey.co.uk

Lilliput Montessori Coalville

Railway House, Hotel Street, Coalville,
Leicestershire LE67 3EQ
Telephone: 01530 815 888
Email: lilliput@coalville-3.freemove.co.uk
Website: www.lilliputmontessori.co.uk

Lilliput Montessori Glenfield

Stamford Street, Glenfield, Leicester, Leicestershire LE8 8DL
Telephone: 0116 232 1319
Email: lilliput@glenfield-2.freemove.co.uk

Lilliput Montessori Whetstone

8 Swan Yard, High Street, Whetstone, Leicestershire LE8 6LQ
Telephone: 0116 286 7761
Email: lilliput@whetstone-4.fsbusiness.co.uk

Staunton Montessori Nursery School

Staunton-in-the-Vale, Nottinghamshire NG13 9PE
Telephone: 01400 282 860
Email: info@staunton-montessori.com
Website: www.staunton-montessori.com

The Harborough Montessori Pre-School

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Leicestershire LE5 1HW
Telephone: 07968412135
Email: lauraobrienm@hotmail.com

Childrens Garden

Silver Lane, Stamford, Lincolnshire, PE9 2BT
Telephone: 01780 752094

Derby Montessori School

296 Uttoxeter New Road, Derby, DE22 3LN
Telephone: 01332 346333
Email: principal@derbymontessori.co.uk
Website: www.derbymontessori.co.uk

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Changing times...

"Many of my works were written about at the beginning of my endeavours, and they often refer to scientific theories and experiments that were popular then or to situations that were familiar in those days. Times have changed and science has made great progress, and so must our work."



Maria
Montessori
1870 - 1952

MONTESSORI explained:

As the Headteacher of a Montessori Nursery School, people often ask me, 'So, what exactly is Montessori?' Well, here's a brief explanation of this highly effective system of education. Professor Maria Montessori, the first woman to become a physician in Italy, founded the Montessori approach in 1907. She designed a 'prepared environment' in which children could freely choose from a number of developmentally appropriate activities. Research has now proven that this global, non-denominational approach, is highly successful in preparing children for later life. Interestingly, the founder of the extraordinary Internet company 'Google' puts his success entirely down to his Montessori education! As a teacher I derive great pleasure from seeing the amount of progress children make through Montessori, in their crucial Early Years, which are the foundation for a successful and happy life.

Letting Children Flourish: Although the educational approach is largely child-centred, specially trained Montessori teachers guide the children within a set curriculum. I asked one seasoned Montessori teacher trainer what she believed was the essence of the approach and she said that it was independence. We all know how much children love to be able to do things for themselves. In a Montessori school, children can choose a range of practical life tasks, such as pairing socks, pouring water or polishing shoes. My feeling is that by giving children tasks that have real purpose, they develop a great sense of self-esteem and meaning. The order and harmony that parents often comment on as they enter the Montessori environment, creates a basis for children to flourish. For young children the world is a mass of sensory stimuli without much structure, so in Montessori we use special activities and equipment to help children make sense out of chaos. The results that

I have seen are happy children with a love of life!

An Enchantment with Life: The Montessori approach aims to help children learn in an enjoyable way and reach their fullest potential at their own pace. Due to this, we find that children often develop an enthusiasm for learning, along with self-discipline, independence and a respectful attitude. When our Honorary Patron, Dr Miriam Stoppard opened our new premises at Staunton Montessori this year, she made a moving and passionate speech in support of Montessori. She argued that because Montessori promotes child-initiated learning and the valuing of children's ideas, it creates 'an enchantment with life'. The Early Years are such a precious and special time for both parents and children, therefore it's so important that we reach higher for our little ones. We should not only build



Dr Miriam Stoppard visits the Staunton Montessori School.

beautiful schools for our communities, but we should also train our teachers so well that they keep hold of their 'enchantment with life'.

The Montessori Schools Association (MSA) and the 21st Century: I sincerely believe that we need the Montessori approach more than ever in the 21st Century. Its strength to deliver for children is unique. Although I trained as a so-called mainstream teacher, it wasn't till I'd

experienced the joy of Montessori that I really felt I was making a difference for children. In a world of so much change and instability, what Montessori provides is clear and tested vision that allows children to really blossom. And now the Montessori Schools Association, with government funding, is piloting this vision of education in a 'failing' inner-city primary school. The results of this pilot scheme, I believe, could lead to a transformation in our whole view of education and the place of Montessori with in it.

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www.montessori.org.uk/msa