

## School details

The Elmwood Montessori School is an independently-run Montessori nursery school for two-and-a-half- to five-year-old children. Located in a beautiful church centre, with the use of the main hall, a smaller classroom and a secure outside play area, the school is registered for 40 children. It is fully equipped and furnished and staffed by qualified Montessori nursery teachers and assistants.

The Principal, Mrs Sarah Herbert, has been running Elmwood since January 1986, and her aim is to provide a relaxed, happy and rich environment which will stimulate each child's natural love of learning and discovery, and allow all children to develop at their own pace to their own social, academic and personal potential.

Elmwood's teachers tailor tuition and care to each child individually and guide them through all areas of their development and learning, with patience, humour and a real love of being with young children. We follow the Montessori curriculum, which is comprehensive and broad-based, and work within the six areas of learning of the Government's Foundation Stage curriculum.

The school runs Monday to Friday during school term-times, and each daily session (9.00 am – 12.00 noon or 1.00 pm – 4.00 pm) incorporates freely-chosen individual activities and tuition, with access to all the Montessori materials, and group times for general knowledge topics and projects, as well as music, art and craft, PE, cooking and drama. Children may stay for one or two optional longer days a week when they are ready (9.00 am – 3.00 pm). The emphasis is on a warm welcome to all children, a wide variety of activities, a positive approach and good communication with parents.

Elmwood is registered with the London Borough of Hounslow and inspected regularly by Ofsted. In its last full report, Ofsted commented: "Elmwood Montessori School is a happy, stimulating environment. There are many strengths in this setting and the children are well-behaved, confident and enthusiastic to learn. Good teaching and access to an extensive range of resources has led to the children achieving proficiently in all areas." Children aged between three and four benefit from the Department of Education and Skills funding for nursery education, currently set at £425.15 per term for five sessions a week, which is deducted from each term's fees.

Prospective parents are invited to view the school and meet the Principal before registering. Early registration is recommended.