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## INFORMATION LETTER

Little Souls Montessori preschool is based on the Montessori philosophy started by Maria Montessori.

It is a **child-centred philosophy** where our curriculum follows the child.

Each child follows the curriculum at their own pace. We meet the child where they are.

It is a **sensory focused curriculum** – so we incorporate all the child's senses. E.g. to learn letters we have what we call "Sandpaper letters" so the child will see the letter, feel the letter (Made out of sandpaper) and hear the sound of the letter, thereby incorporating 3 senses at once.

Our classes have **mixed ages**, so each class will have varied ages between 3 – 6 years. The younger children learn from observing the older children and the older children reiterate their learning by teaching the younger children.

We **open** our gates from **7:20am** and close our gates at 8am to start our morning. For our **half day** children we open the gates again at 12:30 and we close our gates again promptly at 1pm. Our **full day** school closes at **5pm** sharp. We charge a R50 fee for every 15 minutes after 5pm late pick-ups.

We start with a morning circle time. Our work cycle starts afterwards at roughly 8:30am and continues until 11:30am. We then have our outside time until the half day children are collected by their parents.

We ask that you send a healthy snack with your child to school. We will provide a lunch for the full day children only.

We have a maximum number of 30 children between the ages of 3 – 6 years. We accept children in the year they turn 3 years old provided they are toilet trained.

Our fees are **R2950 per month for half day** and **R3600 per month for full day** and are subject to change at the end of every year. We usually increase our fees by 10% each year. We have an **annual fee of R500 for supplies** (Stationery, toiletries etc) which is due in the February month.

Our school fees are paid in advance – no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month and are for 12 months – irrespective of holidays/sick leave etc.

**New children pay a once-off R500 registration fee.**

To get a better understanding of our school and philosophy please feel free to contact me to come and visit. My contact details are above.