

THE COUNCIL OF MONTESSORI EDUCATION (UK)

This accreditation report is the judgement of the ME(UK) Assessor approved by the Council of Montessori Education (UK) on how *Merrydays Montessori Nursery* meets the key standards laid down by Montessori Education (UK) in line with the philosophy and theory of the Montessori Approach to education originally established by Dr. Maria Montessori. The granting of ME(UK) Accreditation is recognition of authentic Montessori practice.

Name of School: Merrydays Montessori Nursery
Name of Owner: Mrs Helen Everley
Head Teacher: Mrs Helen Everley
Name of Assessor: Helen Prochazka
Date of Visit: 9th July 2019

Key Issues

Points for Mandatory Action

There are no points for mandatory action

Recommendations for Consideration

1. *To try to make the environment for the youngest 2 year-olds cosier and 'smaller' to ease their initial transition into the nursery. Suggestions to consider are:*
 - *Create a smaller space for them within the large hall by rearranging the furniture*
 - *Create a cosy nook*
 - *Think about organising a programme of small group activities for them as part of a structured day until they are able to begin to integrate independently into the free-flow of the other children. Such activities should include snack preparation, both of food and setting the table, and for these children it would be good to have a dedicated table where they can have a group snack to model grace and courtesy and develop the skills to enable them to participate independently in individual snack.*
2. *Arranging some materials, either later practical life, or practical life activities associated with the cultural area, in the room where the sensorial materials are displayed to entice the children from the large hall into this room.*

Description of School

Merrydays Montessori Nursery is very well established in the Memorial Hall in Henley in Arden, in premises which comprise an entrance area, a large hall, and leading off that 3 smaller classrooms. The Henley in Arden Montessori Primary School shares the premises with the nursery and is part of the same organisation. The nursery does not have exclusive use of the premises so all the equipment has to be packed away each day and laid out afresh each morning. The children flow freely around the whole school but the youngest children are generally in the large hall and the primary children in the furthest smaller room. The outdoor space runs along the long side of the hall and round the rear, where creative use has been made of the area to set up raised beds for gardening. A wide range of other outdoor activities is available.

Statement of Recommendation

The assessor would like to recommend to the Awarding Panel of ME(UK) that Merrydays Montessori Nursery receives accreditation.

Name of Assessor: Helen Prochazka

Date: 17.7.19