

## The Georgian Montessori Primary School CLG

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# Social Diversity & Compassionate Policy

The Georgian Montessori Primary School CLG aim to ensure that children from all backgrounds are respected and welcomed. The Social Diversity and Compassionate Programme ensures that children of diverse social backgrounds and circumstances have the opportunity to benefit from a Montessori education and realise their potential.

## Social Diversity & Compassionate Programme

The school is parent run with parents paying fees. The school provides both a bursary and compassionate scheme out of a desire to provide a Montessori education option to ALL children.

### The Social Diversity Programme

The Georgian Montessori Primary School recognises that fees may pose a possible barrier to entry for parents who may wish to avail of a Montessori education for their child/children. School fees stand at €3,190 the year 2019/2020. The basis of the program is to offer an 8 year Montessori education, junior infants to 6th class inclusive, to students who would not otherwise attend the school due to social and financial barriers. Our aim is to offer one place (*for the 2019/2020 academic year*) in the school under this programme.

Decisions on the number of places to be offered on the programme will be subject to a school's financial review and determined by the Board of Management on an annual basis in June.

Applicants are not selected on academic or any other ability or disability they may have.

This Programme is advertised on our school website and anyone is welcome to apply.

### Compassionate Programme

The Georgian Montessori Primary School recognises that families may find themselves unable to pay part or all of their school fees due to change in financial circumstances. Current pupils of the school whose families are unable to pay school fees due to extenuating circumstances may apply for the Compassionate Programme. This may result in a partial or full exemption of fees for a period of time as agreed by the Board of Management.

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Parents may also make an agreement/contract with the Board of Management to pay fees over a longer period of time – i.e. outside the normal agreed payment terms.

### Application Process

#### Social Diversity Programme

- Applicants must first make a request in writing to the school and will receive a form to complete
- Parents are requested to submit the completed form, along with any documents required to support the application, to the Board of Management
- Upon receipt of the application the Board of Management will arrange for the child and the parent(s)/guardian(s) to meet with members of the Board of Management regarding their application
- Offers will be made to parent(s)/guardian(s) prior to the September school year start.
- Siblings/relatives will be required to make a separate application and are not automatically entitled to a place.

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- Parent(s)/guardian(s) will be informed of the Boards decision as soon as possible

### Confirmation of acceptance of offer of enrolment

Applicants who are being offered places will be invited to –

- (a) Confirm, in writing, acceptance or otherwise within 14 days of the posting of the offer; and
- (b) Submit with the written acceptance –
  - written confirmation that the applicant and his parent (s)/guardian(s) agree(s) to adhere to the general policies and procedures available from the school administrator  
([admin@thegeorgianmontessori.com](mailto:admin@thegeorgianmontessori.com))
  - Failure to comply with any aspect of this may result in the enrolment offer being withdrawn

*On admission the information shared with families is available on our website*

[www.thegeorgianmontessori.com](http://www.thegeorgianmontessori.com)

- Statement of Purpose and Function of the school
- Opening and closing times

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- Fees

A copy of the school's Policy and Procedures are available from the school secretary. Email [admin@thegeorgianmontessori.com](mailto:admin@thegeorgianmontessori.com)

Please see The Georgian Montessori Primary School Admissions Policy for further details of the applications process.

### **Social Diversity and Compassionate Scheme Funding**

The Georgian Montessori Primary School will ensure that the school is in a position to provide adequate funding support for the Social Diversity and Compassionate Programmes.

The Georgian Montessori Primary School will endeavour to hold funds to the value of 5% of our annual Revenue in a segregated account. In addition we will commit to host one fundraising event each year.

We welcome donations which can be made via direct debit or once off donations to the segregated account. Donors can avail of tax breaks - details are available from [finance@thegeorgianmontessori.com](mailto:finance@thegeorgianmontessori.com) or [admin@thegeorgianmontessori.com](mailto:admin@thegeorgianmontessori.com)

Person Responsible: \_\_\_\_\_

This policy was adopted by The Georgian Montessori Primary School CLG on date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_ on behalf of the Board of Management.

Review date: \_\_\_\_\_