

Parent and Family Participation

Working successfully with the children depends on a working together with the parents. For this reason the house maintains intensive contact through talking with parents, encouraging parents to visit the kindergarten for a day, parents evenings, parent-child afternoons and joint participation in special events.



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Help me to help myself!

... a child said to Maria Montessori, an Italian doctor and educationalist, who took this to be the basis of her teaching philosophy. Respect for the personality of the child and of the child's needs, builds the fundamental stance of the adult whose role is that of helper on the way towards independence.

Association

The Montessori Kinder-House is supported by the Parents Association Montessori-Arbeitskreis Kriftel e. V. Only children whose parents are members of the association can be accepted into the kindergarten. The annual subscription charge is at the moment 31 €.

General Conditions

The Kinder-House is situated in a container-construction in the Königsberger Straße 67. It has a generous amount of room and a large external play area on site. Kriftel Council subsidises the Kinder-House but as the 3rd party financier is missing (i. e. Church) the monthly contribution charges are higher than other kindergartens in Kriftel. Forty children can be accommodated.

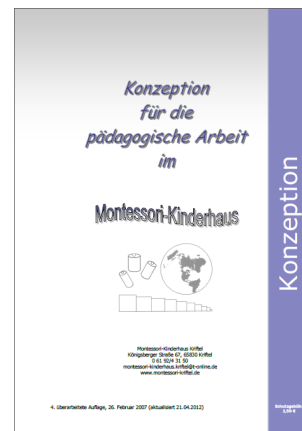
Educational Work

The Montessori Kinder-House works on an open concept, based on Montessori's educational philosophy. The children have the opportunity to choose from one of five areas: Montessori room, kitchen, movement room, building-/puppet corner and the workshop, to go to after the daily meeting—morning circle.

Further information (in German) is available in a brochure at the Kinder House (2,50 €).

The staff are made up of five carers and one national service recruit.

The house has placements for school traineeships and qualifying trainees which are dependant upon the financial situation.



Opening Hours, Care Times, Prices

The house is open all day from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Thursday and 7:30 am to 2:30 pm on Fridays.

1/2 day, up to 12:30	150 €
2/3 day, up to 2 pm	185 €
1/1 day	200 €

The eating space is limited, so the number of whole day places are also limited. Children with a brother or sister pay 50 percent less, the third child is free.

Lunch costs 75 € per month.

Integration

The integration of handicapped children and slow developers is a fixed part of the Montessori philosophy. By combining the education of handicapped and non-handicapped children of various age groups and stages of development the learning process is achieved and promoted by a process of imitation and social communication. Up to four integration children can be accepted into the Kinder House. Prior to admission the parents of a child are invited to discuss with the staff if the conditions in the kindergarten meet the needs of the child. For further information see brochure Concept and Integration.

The Montessori House offers help for school children with special needs, one afternoon every two weeks. This group was formed on the basis that these children could be helped in their school development by using the Montessori materials—school work can literally be grasped. In this way extra help can be precisely targeted, in accompaniment to regular school.