



Dear Parent at Caterpillars Montessori Pre-School

This letter introduces MY MONTESSORI CHILD, pioneering software that helps Montessori nurseries to deliver the very best possible educational experience for young children. Developed in collaboration with several hundred Montessori settings, it's the only system endorsed by the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI). The software has been used by Caterpillars Montessori Pre-School since 2016. The system comprises two parts: (1) an iPad- or tablet-based system for the setting to use, and (2) a secure website for each set of parents. No part of the system is designed for children to use directly. The setting's MY MONTESSORI CHILD system runs on tablets and other computers via the Internet. When the setting observes a child engaged in an activity, the observation notes and a photo are recorded using an iPad or tablet and stored in the child's profile. The setting can review their collective observations and progress analyses to ensure that each child's development is properly supported in accordance with both Montessori principles and the EYFS (the UK's statutory framework for assessing child development).

You are given access to your parents' MY MONTESSORI CHILD website by the school. Your parents' site is exclusively about your child and is regularly updated. Visiting the site each week, you will learn about your child's continuous, self-directed development. You can access your MY MONTESSORI CHILD parents' site on any Internet-connected device using your child's assigned username and secure password, as set for you by the school. If you click the BOOKMARK link at the top, you will see instructions for putting an icon on your device's home screen, so that you don't need to keep entering login details (after entering them once). From time-to-time there are downloadable albums and reports available in small articles on the HOME page or on the REPORTS page, which include PDF downloading and printing instructions.

The entire MY MONTESSORI CHILD system has been made secure for the protection of your personal data and data about your child. The system is fully compliant with the UK Information Commissioners Office's (ICO) regulations. All web transmissions are encrypted. The servers themselves are based at a physically-guarded data centre in the UK. Under ICO rules, your consent should be given to process personal data, so as soon as your login details are provided by the setting, please login and go to AT HOME where you'll find a link to our Privacy Policy as well as a Consent form that you can sign on screen (if using a tablet or mobile). Or you can sign the Consent form on a tablet when you next visit the setting.

As a parent at a nursery using MY MONTESSORI CHILD, you have free access to our innovative early-learning activity system for parents to use, called MY CHILD AT HOME. It shows you intelligently selected activities for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and reception-age children to do at home. The system lets you observe any activity they're doing now, review activities they've done, and evaluate their progress. It works on any mobile or tablet with Internet access. Register at www.mychildathome.com to get started.

We look forward to welcoming you to MY MONTESSORI CHILD, enabling you to follow your child's progress – and to share in the many ways they learn and grow at Caterpillars Montessori Pre-School.

With best wishes,

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