Dear Parent at Little Oaks Montessori

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 over 200 Montessori settings, the software will also used by Little Oaks Montessori starting in 2020. The system comprises two parts: (1) an iPad- or tablet-based wireless system for the setting to use, and (2) a secure website that parents can access. 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 connected to the Internet. When the setting observes a child engaged in an activity, the observation notes and a photo are recorded via the tablet into the child's personal profile. The setting can review their collective observations to ensure that each child's development is properly supported in accordance with both Montessori principles and the EYFS (the Government's framework for assessing child development).

You are given access to your parents' MY MONTESSORI CHILD website as soon as there are sufficient observations entered into the system about your child. 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 a secure password. If you click the BOOKMARK link at the top, you will see simple instructions for putting an icon on your home screen, so you don't need to keep entering the password.

The entire MY MONTESSORI CHILD system has been made secure for the protection of your and your child's personal data. The system is fully compliant with the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). All web transmissions are encrypted. The iPads' and teachers' identities are checked every time a teacher logs-in and data is transmitted to and from our servers. The servers themselves are based at a physically-guarded data centre in the UK. Under the GDPR, your consent should be given to process personal data, so as soon as your login details are provided by the setting, please go to the AT HOME page where you'll find a link to our Privacy Policy and a Consent form you can sign on screen (if you're using a tablet or mobile). Or you can sign the Consent form on a tablet when you're visiting the setting.

As a parent of a setting using MY MONTESSORI CHILD, you will also have free access to our innovative early-learning activity system for parents to use, called MY CHILD AT HOME. It lets you view specially-selected activities for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers to do at home, observe any activity they're doing now, review activities they've done previously, and evaluate their progress. It works on any mobile or tablet with Internet access. Simply register at www.mychildathome.com and get started today.

Thank you for reading this, and 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 nursery.

With best wishes,

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