



Montessori del Sol



CAYMAN ISLANDS
GOVERNMENT

SUMMARY INSPECTION REPORT | OCTOBER 2019



Excellent

exceptionally high quality of performance or practice.



Good

the expected level for every school in The Cayman Islands, both public and private.



Satisfactory

the minimum level of quality required for The Cayman Islands. All key aspects of performance and practice in every school should meet or exceed this level.



Weak

quality not yet at the level acceptable for schools in The Cayman Islands. Schools will be expected to take urgent measures to improve the quality of any aspect of their performance or practice that is judged at this level.

ABOUT OUR INSPECTIONS



The inspection framework is organised around judgements using a four-point scale. The four levels on the scale are defined below.

ABOUT MONTESSORI DEL SOL

Address: 11 Hinds Way, George Town, Grand Cayman

Contact Number: 345-949-3222

Name of the Head Teachers: Amy Lipton and Nadine Brandson

Number of children on roll: 53

Number of teaching staff: 7

Number of support staff: 1

Age range of students: 18months - 6years

Date of last inspection: June 2013

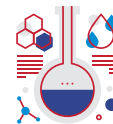
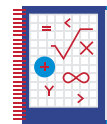
Date of this inspection: 9th - 10th October 2019

Number of stakeholder survey responses received from:

Parents: 45

Staff: 8

INSPECTION JUDGEMENTS



Overall, I am satisfied
with the quality of
education provided
at this centre



(strongly agree/ agree):

PARENTS 100%

STAFF 100%

Students' attainment in relation to international standards

Exploration

Movement	EXCELLENT	
Sensory	EXCELLENT	
Scientific	GOOD	
Mathematical	GOOD	
Technological	EXCELLENT	

Respect

Self	EXCELLENT	
Others	EXCELLENT	
Environment	EXCELLENT	
Culture	EXCELLENT	
Religion	GOOD	

Well-being

Health	EXCELLENT	
Emotional	EXCELLENT	
Social	EXCELLENT	
Reflections	EXCELLENT	

Communication

Verbal and symbolic	GOOD	
Listening	EXCELLENT	
Creative expressions	EXCELLENT	
Literacy	GOOD	

Ensuring effective teaching to support children's learning

Teaching	GOOD	
Learning	EXCELLENT	
Assessment	GOOD	

Keeping our children safe and always supported

Health and safety	EXCELLENT	
Support and guidance	GOOD	

Offering a curriculum that meets the educational needs of all children

GOOD

Leading and managing the school and developing links with the community

Leadership



GOOD

Self-evaluation and improvement planning



GOOD

Links with parents and the community



EXCELLENT

Staff and the learning environment



EXCELLENT

OVERALL



GOOD

KEY STRENGTHS OF MONTESSORI DEL SOL

Inspectors identified the following key strengths in the school:

- The programmes to support children's well-being and respect were excellent, as a consequence of staff diligence and skill. In addition, children's progress and their engagement in these areas of their learning were highly positive features of the provision;
- Across the year groups, children demonstrated confidence and enjoyment in their learning and staff effectively promoted children's independence and responsibility for their learning;
- Arrangements to ensure the health and safety of children were comprehensive and effective;
- School directors placed a strong focus on staff professional development and, as a consequence, both teachers and support assistants worked effectively as a team providing a consistent approach to practice and curriculum delivery;
- Links with the community and parents were effective in enriching the curriculum and broadening children's experiences;
- The spacious, well-resourced outdoor play areas provided rich and multi-sensory experiences for the children;



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MONTESSORI DEL SOL

Inspectors identified the following areas to support the continued improvement of the school:

- Implement plans for the school to receive accreditation, thereby strengthening further the current arrangements for self-evaluation and school improvement;
- Review provision and children's progress in aspects of communication and mathematics particularly with regard to the the Kindergarten-age children and adapting the curriculum to better meet the needs of those of statutory school age;
- Further develop assessments arrangements to ensure a close link to the new Cayman Islands Foundation Stage curriculum and track the progress of children overtime to monitor their achievement against expected standards.



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

As the school is judged to be providing a good quality of education, there will be no further inspections of Montessori del Sol until the next cycle, which commences in September 2020.

To read the full Inspection Report for Montessori del Sol,
VISIT: <http://www.gov.ky/portal/pls/portal/docs/1/12882544.PDF>

