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Unique Scandinavian Kindergarten with bespoke Family Wellbeing and SEN Support Services

Malone Kindergarten

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~ Specialist Team ~

At Malone Kindergarten, the staff team is led by an experienced Early Years Specialist and dedicated team of Early Years professionals.

Our experienced team of SEN professionals is overseen by our inhouse **Educational and Child Psychologist**,and a developing multi-disciplinary team including Speech and Language Therapist, Physiotherapist, as well as Early Years, SEN, Psychology and Parent Support professionals.

~ Early Years Education ~

"We feel so lucky to have found Malone Kindergarten. We are confident that it has been the absolute best start to life that we could have given our children." Parent of Nursery children

Education Authority Funded Nursery School

Mainstream Nursery School and dedicated small group **SEN Nursery class** for children with additional needs

Pre-Preschool 'Pre-Kinder'

Pre-Kinder class and small group **SEN Pre-Kinder group** with intensive supports in preparation for preschool

~ Support Services offered ~

"Your intervention with our son has made a transformative difference to his life. His development improvement is down to your team's capabilities and dedication and we are very appreciative of all your efforts." Parent of 4yo with ASD and severe learning difficulites

Small group therapeutic sessions

~ Social explorers | communication and interaction
~ Emotional regulation and wellbeing
~ Attention and listening
~ Language & communication | Makaton Sing & Sign

Early movement skills

~ Early movement small group programs
~ Physical skills and ASD
~ Physical disabilities

Professional Assessments

~ Educational psychology assessment
~ Cognitive ability and attainment testing
~ Speech and language assessment
~ Physiotherapy assessment

Individual intensive intervention

~ Developmental delay
~ Speech and language difficulties
~ Physical and motor difficulties
~ Cognition and learning difficulties

Parent Support Hub @Fika

~ Regular Parent Hubs hosted in our Fika coffee pod onsite

~ Parent training / information sessions

~ Informal Drop-In service for a 'coffee and chat' to discuss your family needs

~ Parent-child interventions to support positive interactions with your child

Adopting our own uniquely blended **nature curiosity approach**, embedded in the influences of **Scandinavian Kindergarten** education, the **Reggio Emilia** philosophy and **Montessori** approaches, children attending Malone are encouraged to develop their own identities with the ethos that each child can become "Simply Me."

"100 languages.. 100 ways of thinking, playing, speaking -Reggio philosophy

Reggio Emilia approach stands out for its **inclusive and child-centred** philosophy. Renowned for its emphasis on **creativity, collaboration, and respect for individuality**, this offers a myriad of benefits, particularly for children with additional needs. Each child is a **capable and resourceful individual** with focus placed on individualized learning experiences.

"The goal is to activate the child's own natural ability to learn -Maria Montessori

The Montessori Method of education provides a **nurturing, supportive** environment for children of all abilities and learning styles. Montessori respects each child's **unique learning path**. Learning in a Montessori classroom is multi-sensory and hands-on as children learn by doing .

"Let nature be your teacher-William Wordsworth

Reggio Emilia philosophy advocates for an environment filled with "**natural light, order and beauty**". At Malone the learning environment is recognised for its potential to inspire - bringing nature into the learning spaces and extending play areas into the outdoor environment. Research suggests that nature-based learning experiences can have significant **positive impacts on physical, emotional, social, and cognitive development**.