

# Mount Anville Montessori Junior School's Purpose and Function

## School Year 2024/2025

### Purpose

Mount Anville Montessori Junior School provides quality early education to children aged 2½ to 6 years, nestled in South County Dublin. Mount Anville Montessori Junior School is a private Sacred Heart School and is classified as a full-day service under the Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016. It is open for 34 weeks per year from 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2024 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025. We can cater for 88 students at any one time. Currently, we can cater for 88 children in the Early Child Years category (Montessori Classes) and then move to Preparatory level, equivalent to Junior and Senior Infants in the National School System. Each Montessori Class has two levels: 4 Montessori Junior and Senior levels. Currently, we have 4 Montessori Classes (School Year 2024/2025). The MAMJS Admissions Policy allows for a maximum of 22 students in each of the Montessori Classes, with a Montessori Directress (Room Leader) and classroom assistant, therefore the adult: student ratio is 1:11 respectively.

For children of school going age, we have 3 Preparatory classes and 2 classes at each level from 1<sup>st</sup> Class to 6<sup>th</sup> class. Currently, our class maximum number is 26 students from Preparatory to 2<sup>nd</sup> class and 28 students from 3<sup>rd</sup> class to 6<sup>th</sup> class.

### Principle

This policy is underwritten by the Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016 and Tusla Regulations.

### Rationale

This is a description of MAMJS that includes who the service aimed at, the type of service provided, the opening hours as well as the age range and the number of children that can be catered for in the service. Below is a standard template Statement of Purpose and Function. Setting Details Name of Setting

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#### Contact Person:

- Elizabeth Kavanagh (Principal)
- Gillian Beatty (Deputy Principal/1<sup>st</sup> Class Teacher)
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### Description of Setting

<b>Type of Setting</b>	Full Time Private Setting under the patronage of the Sacred Heart, enveloped by a Montessori philosophy	
<b>Number of weeks open</b>	34 weeks	
<b>Programme being Followed</b>	Montessori Curriculum, penetrated by Aistear and Siolta, encompassing a MAMJS Sacred Heart ethos Preparatory to 6 <sup>th</sup> class, encapsulates the National Curriculum and Montessori Curriculum, penetrated by the Sacred Heart ethos.	
<b>Opening hours</b>	8:35am to 12:15pm: Montessori sessional care, anchored by the Montessori curriculum and the Sacred Heart ethos.  8:35am to 2:45pm: school day from Preparatory to 6 <sup>th</sup> class  12:15pm to 6:00pm: Aftercare with the emphasis on play, creativity and learning through discovery	
<b>Number of students and staff</b>		
Montessori Session (8.50am-12.30pm)	Number of Students	Adult/Student Ratio (as per Admission MAMJS Policy)
4 Montessori classes with a Montessori Directress and classroom assistant	Montessori Junior	1:11
	Montessori Senior	1:10
3 Preparatory classes	Montessori Junior	1: 26
2 classes at each level from 1 <sup>st</sup> class to 6 <sup>th</sup> class	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> classes: 26 max class size	1:26
	3 <sup>rd</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> class: 28 max class size	1:28

## Number of students and staff

See Montessori Roster and Class Allocation layout 2024/2025 (available at Welcome Office and on display at entrance corridor)

## MAMJS Team

- **Principal:** Elizabeth Kavanagh (floater)
- **Deputy Principal/1<sup>st</sup> Class Teacher:** Gillian Beatty
- **Aftercare Supervisor:** Annette Brindley
- See MAMJS Team Allocation at entrance to school

## MAMJS Board of Management: Montessori and Finance Committee

- Luci O'Donohoe: Chairperson
- Leah Brennan: Teacher Nominee
- Ruth Andreucetti: Teacher Nominee
- Mark Regan: Parent Nominee
- Andrea Kelly: Parent Nominee
- Kate Thornhill: Director of Finance, Facilities & Operations
- Elizabeth Kavanagh: Secretary to Board of Management