



Rockingham Montessori School Incorporated
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POLICY TITLE: Extended Day Policy

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BOARD REVIEW DATE:

Three year old children attend school five (half day) sessions a week. Around the time of the child's 4th birthday, parents need to arrange a meeting with their child's Director to discuss their child's readiness for extended days. After the child's fourth birthday, three additional sessions will be offered (there are exceptions – see below). This is a continuing process beginning with the offer of one extended day and working up to a maximum of three unless the Class Teacher believes the child will benefit from more. This constitutes eight sessions a week (three long days which are consecutive plus two half day sessions).

It is the Director's responsibility to balance the group's developmental needs (both social and academic).

Exceptions

There are a variety of reasons why a child may not be offered eight sessions per week.

A child new to Montessori who is four may not be a candidate for the programme.

A child with individual needs affecting their development for whom the extended day may present stress, for themselves and/or their classmates.

A child's sleep patterns.

Stress which may be coming from the family or outside of school circumstances that is affecting the child's readiness.

The child's Director will inform the parent when the child is ready to take on more sessions.

It is the Director's responsibility to make this decision for the benefit of the child and others.