



February, 2023

Dear Prospective Parents,

Thank you for considering Saxtons River Montessori School for your child's early education.

**New Student Application:** The New Student Application Form must be completed and returned to SRMS, along with a \$25 application fee in order to be considered for admission. If you have already submitted an application for a previous year, please do not pay an additional application fee. We will contact you in April to arrange a school visit for your family and you will receive notification of your child's placement in your program of choice by mid-June.

Once you receive notification, the next step will be to complete an **Enrollment Form and submit a \$200 tuition deposit to confirm your place in the program.** Tuition deposits are applied to the full year's tuition payment. Any reserved placements that are unconfirmed by July 1, 2023 will be made available to other applicants. Please know that we have very few openings from year to year and often operate with a student waitlist. Incoming 3-year olds applying for our full-time, 4-day program will be given priority over other applicants.

**Tuition:** Our Board of Directors will review the school's finances and tuition annually at midyear. **Tuition rates for the following year will then be posted on the website.**

**Public Pre-K Funding:** Per Vermont's Universal Pre-K Act 166, all children who are age 3-5 on or before 9/1/20 are eligible to receive funding equal to \$3,764 per child regardless of family income or circumstances. This amount is paid directly to the school and deducted from the tuition. You must apply for this funding directly through your Vermont school district. Fill out their Public Pre-K registration form and submit any documentation (e.g. birth certification, etc.) that your district requires.

**Building Bright Futures:** This is a state program that offers tuition assistance for eligible families, based on income and child care need (e.g. parents who both work or go to school, etc.) To see if your family is eligible, please go to <http://www.brightfutures.dcf.state.vt.us> and click the Child Care Benefits tab.

**Scholarships:** The school offers partial scholarships based on financial need and the amount of money available in our budget. If you wish to apply for scholarship aid, we ask that you first check to see if your family is eligible for Bright Futures tuition assistance. Only then, complete and return the Scholarship Application Form to SRMS.

**Variance Requests:** Applications with requests for program variations from the standard SRMS offerings will be waitlisted and filled on a space-available basis at a later date. A letter to the Director/School Board, outlining the reason behind your need for the variance, must accompany any request.

If you have any questions about enrollment procedures, please email [maeve@srmontessori.org](mailto:maeve@srmontessori.org) org. For more information about SRMS, you can visit us online at [www.srmontessori.org](http://www.srmontessori.org). We look forward to hearing from you regarding your child's education at the Saxtons River Montessori School.