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**Picasso House
Montessori Pre-Prep School**

Opening January 2010

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It is with great pride that I announce the opening of Picasso House Montessori Pre-Prep School.

Under the umbrella of Paint Pots Montessori School in Chelsea, Picasso House will initially offer children an ongoing Montessori Education up to the age of 8 years although the intention is to extend this provision to 11 years in time to grow with the first cohort of children.

With the timely presentation of the Cambridge Primary Review, which in essence, confirms that we are sending children to formal school too young in this country, I feel **Picasso House, Montessori Pre-Prep School** now gives parents another option when considering where you wish your child to be after a positive Montessori Nursery experience. Sometimes children are leaving as young as 4 years old (Summer birthdays) when the Montessori journey has only just begun due to the pressure some parents feel to get their child into the next school, even if they really believe the child has not finished the stage he is at.

From January 2010 a handful of children from Paint Pots Montessori School Chelsea will be moving upstairs at Paint Pots where Picasso House is based (although for the first 2 terms there will be a natural flow between the two classrooms due to the age of the first group, and the number of children).

The children will be led by the newly appointed Terence O'Connor. Following a successful 20 year career in the Film & TV Industry, Terence trained as a Montessori Teacher and has worked at Rolfe's Nursery School and Rainbow Montessori. More recently Terence has completed the AMI Elementary 6-12 course at the AMI Training Centre in Hampstead and is now looking forward to embarking on his new journey as our first Elementary Teacher.

We are currently putting the final touches to our new classroom in preparation for 2010 and look forward to introducing you to Terence. If you would like to arrange an individual meeting with Mary Sarooshi (AMI Montessori Consultant) and myself to discuss Picasso House in relation to your child please do not hesitate to contact me via Geraldine at geraldine@paint-pots.co.uk or on **08456 43 44 41**.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Georgina Hood'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Georgina Hood
Principal**

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