

Pedagogic Principles

Our Aim

PHORMiniS teaches children to accept and embrace human diversity. We encourage them to try out new things, to respect themselves and others, to be caring, tolerant and patient and to develop their own abilities in a self-confident manner.

Bilingualism

Language plays a key role within our educational concept. Our bilingual German-English nursery school attaches great importance to providing a high degree of support in both German and English.

The children learn the two languages according to the so-called immersion method. Each nursery school teacher speaks exclusively in his or her native language of either English or German. This enables the children to learn both languages within a natural context via the morning circle, at meals and through songs, stories and games. Our daily routine reinforces language acquisition.

We encourage the children to express themselves in both languages. We also adopt a patient approach which allows each student to progress at his or her own pace.

Early Years Curriculum

At our day care centre we orient ourselves on the Hamburg Education Recommendations, which form the basis for our pedagogical work. This concept divides the children's development into seven different sections which together have the aim of encouraging the children's personal development as well as their relationships to others and their surroundings. Our day care centre is additionally arranged following the principle of reference areas which ensures that each child has their own permanent place with us and their own room in which they can gather themselves. The children use the rooms for free play as well as for guided educational offers.

Parents as Partners

Parents are our children's first and most important contact people. We want you to be able to monitor and support your child's development here, so we give you regular insights into our work.

Information is hung on our noticeboards about up-coming events, the day's activities, and the menu. We offer regular parent evenings as well as development discussions for the parents of each and every child. A newsletter informs you about changes and developments in the kindergarten. Parents are invited to take part in certain activities such as reading partnerships, and of course they're invited to our celebrations, too!

Reception

Our aim is for children to develop the confidence and motivation they need for their future educational pathway. For this reason, Phorms offers a Reception class in the year before students enter school proper.

The Reception is located close to the Phorms Primary School, and this enables the children gradually to accustom themselves to a daily school routine. The rooms at the Reception are set up in a similar way to classrooms. The routine itself remains play-based, children are still able to learn how to develop their powers of concentration.