

## Our concept

We attach great importance to early childhood education, awareness and trust. Our concept is based on the principles of Open Pedagogy and the „Hamburger Bildungsempfehlungen“ (Hamburg Educational Recommendations). In the Alsterpalais we have combined day care centre and school, and are thus able to provide education of a piece from day nursery till the end of school.

## Education right from the start

Children discover and explore the world from the day they are born. The task of our educators is to understand their learning process and to support them in a caring and affectionate way. They follow the children's process and give them a feeling of security necessary for their development.



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## Learning experience spaces

We design our facilities as experience spaces, which promote the children's creativity and autonomy. They can play, explore, run around, learn, discover and dream in the studio, the workshop, the gym and the water play area, in the children's restaurant and in the naturalistic outdoors playground.

## Two languages in everyday life

Languages are the gateway to the world as well as to different cultures. The earlier and the more casually they are being acquired, the better. Following the principle of immersion ("one person - one language"), our English-speaking educators organise the day with the children in English. Just like their own language, the children learn English in context in a playful way.



## Food

Eating means pleasure and sociability. It also has a health aspect, as early eating habits influence the eating behaviour. We value a healthy, well-balanced diet and we respond to the children's preferences. We exclusively use organic ingredients and prepare the meals in our on-site kitchen. When we shop, cook and bake together with the children, not only do they experience how the meals are prepared but they also learn scientific facts, diligence and care.

## Ecology and sustainability

We care deeply about the future of our children. Ecologically and socially equitable behaviour is present in everything we do, be it in the project work with the children or in the plants and herb garden. We also demonstrate our environmental responsibility by choosing energy-saving and sustainable construction techniques.



## Our philosophy

Our aim is to offer a secular, humanistic and holistic education that combines the different traditions of the progressive educational movement with the latest developments in teaching research. We want to give every child the opportunity to create their own idea of the world and to find a place in it. All children are welcome, regardless of their social and cultural background.

## The Flachsland Zukunftsschulen

Our full-time education centre was established in 2008, as a result of the successful and innovative pedagogical work of Kinderwelt Hamburg e.V., an organisation currently running nineteen bilingual day care centres. Our "Zukunftsschule" in the Alsterpalais is a place of collaborative learning for children from 1 to 12 years old. The secondary school is in the planning stage. Our day care centres Alstertal in Hummelsbüttel opened in July 2010.



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## A place of inspiration

Our architecturally attractive building is a place for creativity, arts and discoveries. In our various experience spaces such as the studio, the gym, the restaurant or the music room, the children can discover and explore independently. Our building is a place for the whole family and can be used outside normal opening hours.

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Instead, teach them,  
to yearn for the vast and endless sea.“

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

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