



WHY CHOOSE EL BAMBINO?

Choosing El Bambino as your child's preschool

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‘What makes Montessori unique is the emphasis on individual progress and giving children opportunities to extend and engage with the learning environment for long periods of time,’

*Barbara Isaacs,
Chief Education Officer for [Montessori St Nicholas](#).*

El Bambino and Montessori

The Montessori methodology works well alongside the El Bambino’s curriculum. This is because El Bambino uses Permata and KSPK as its guidance to monitor and classify the children with their natural ability and developments. El Bambino uses Montessori as it’s technics of methods to help the children be more skilled, independent and responsible towards their growth. The combination focuses on the individual needs of the child, good relationships between teacher and learner, and a positive learning environment.

The right Montessori methods give benefits to the children through their emotional wellbeing that comes from making choices independently, and knowing those choices come with responsibility.

The capacity for a child to be in control of their own learning builds independence, autonomy and the ability to engage the attention for long periods of time, alongside social awareness.

Results-wise, preschool with a Montessori approach do well. *Carol Powell, the former head teacher of Gorton Primary School in Manchester, which uses Montessori methods in the Early childhood foundation has said about Montessori teaching that “As a way of teaching, instinctively I know it’s right,” “The children are more skilled than they were before, our results have gone up, and the best thing for me is that they have improved the socialised behaviour.”*

El Bambino Classrooms

El Bambino’s class and facilities are prepared with the Montessori environment and has been set up with a range of activities for children to choose what they want to do, engaging with each or just one, as long as they cover all the Montessori’s Syllabus.

At El Bambino (EB) classroom, a child might do up to more than 5 Montessori activities in 3 hours, daily activity and the activities can be done alone, some with a friend, some in a small group and some with the teacher. The teacher’s role is to ensure that the environment is perfectly prepared, with everything ready for children to use to support their spontaneous choice. Teachers will have a broad plan of what they would like children to be engaged in, based on their individual interests, and will observe and encourage them as they take part. Through the observation teacher track progress of the child individually, rather than formal assessments and tests like conventional preschool do, and at EB homework is rarely given.

We treat children like equals, same level as the adult. The child dictates the pace of what they do day-to-day, this give them confident talking to adults, and is learning to be good at walking into a new environment and working out what their wants to explore.





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Montessori Activities & Syllabus

The Montessori activities will be covered 5 areas in children development:

1. Sensorial
2. Practical
3. Language
4. Science
5. Math

These are the 5 syllabus each child will cover, choosing one or more activity within this syllabus to work on.

There are certain key principles the El Bambino would like to achieve through the Montessori methodology:

1. **Order and structure** - Although learning is child-led, children need order and structure to thrive. Everything in the classroom has its place, and children take responsibility for putting one activity away before moving on to another.
2. **Sensory learning** Children learn through the senses, so Montessori puts emphasis on preparing teaching materials with great care.
3. **Freedom** The single most important factor in child development, according to Maria Montessori. The Montessori classroom provides experiences, activities and environments that encourage children to follow their natural instincts.
4. **Sensitive periods** The Montessori movement says that children move through 'sensitive periods' when they're particularly receptive to learning a new skill, such as reading, writing or counting. Teachers watch out for these opportunities and take advantage of them, rather than trying to get a child reading or writing at a certain age.
5. **Discipline** is seen as something that should come from inside, rather than being imposed. Teachers focus on helping children develop social and emotional skills. Rewards and punishments are not used, and teachers will only step in when a child is behaving in a disruptive or upsetting way.

Why Choose El Bambino?

El Bambino aims to properly practise the Montessori Methodology with the aid and guidance of the Permata and KSPK. Our focus is the overall progress and development of your child, from the standard reading and writing to the growth of their personality. This is the way of Montessori, by choosing El Bambino you trust us to deliver the best outcome for your child's future.

