



Le jardin
des particules
crèche et école

Who we are?



A day nursery and a Swiss law school created in 1960

Managed by the CERN Staff Association

Subsidized by CERN and parents

A nursery with 65 children and a school with 40 children.

A multidisciplinary and qualified team of 35 people

26 different nationalities

Our mission

- Le Jardin des Particules offers a framework favouring the personal development of each child through an education respecting their individuality within a group.
- This helps them develop their **autonomy** and **personal skills**, stimulates their desire to learn and their creative talents. It ensures the development of the ability to understand and express oneself orally (and in writing) in French, the language of instruction.

A close-knit family environment

- Le Jardin des Particules provides a close-knit family environment which enables children to develop and express their personality, respecting their individuality within the group: "to build oneself within and through a group". We encourage interaction and cooperation between the children.
- Each child, each individual is unique and has their own needs. We help your children to develop their autonomy and their personal skills on a daily basis, stimulating their desire to learn, their creative talents and also their interpersonal skills thanks to the interactions they have with others.

Learning French, but not only ...

- The language spoken at Le Jardin des Particules is French. Your child will thus be able to follow French-speaking education in local schools, whether Swiss or French. But we welcome 26 different nationalities and respect the origins of all. We don't hesitate to speak other languages so that all children and their parents feel included and can flourish in our structure.
- Awareness-of-English sessions take place on four afternoons each week at school.

These educational philosophies are

- playing is magic
- positive discipline
- cooperative education
- the flexible class
- Montessori pedagogy
- the Reggio Emilia approach

We think it is important to place children at the centre of their learning experiences, enabling them to discover things for themselves as young curious researchers

The nursery

The nursery is open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Children at this stage have their first experience of separation from their families and of meeting other children. We welcome them with respect for their individuality and pace of development, providing a space of creativity and conducive to discovery, experimentation, **exchange** and **games**.

Your child will develop their capacities and self-confidence. The educational team creates a climate and an environment that promotes pleasure, the **joy** of **discovery**, for children to express themselves freely without being judged. Individual and collective activities alternate harmoniously.

The nursery

4 groups:

Les Coquelicots: 4 children (4 months-1 year)

Les Myosotis: 9 children (1 year-2 years)

Les Trèfles: 16 children (2 years-3 years)

Les Cosmos: 16 children (3 years-4 years)

The school

The school has “Swiss School impulse” certification and is a member of the Geneva Association of Private Schools (AGEP).

It welcomes children from 4 to 6 years old (1st and 2nd primary school years) on a daily basis.

Le Jardin des Particules prepares children for both the Swiss and French school systems taking into account the requirements of each. They are placed in the age groups based on their age on July 31st (if future schooling will be in Switzerland) or December 31st (if future schooling will be in France).

The school

We place children at the centre of the educational process and take into account the multicultural and multilingual diversity of our environment

Although we mainly follow the Plan d'Etudes Romand (PER), we adapt this as necessary to best prepare and meet the needs of our children who come from around the world, sometimes for only a short period

Children leaving the 2P class will have acquired the necessary mastery of French, the concepts and skills required by the PER of the Swiss Department of Public Instruction, and will be ready to continue their education in public or private schools whether in Switzerland or in France

The school

The school is open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and a canteen service is available upon registration

- 2 classes 1P/2P of 20 children each
- English awareness sessions are given in small groups on four afternoons per week. Swimming sessions are held on Wednesday afternoons