



Pedagogical project

Dear children,

Dear parents,

Welcome to our child care service.

The next couple of pages will let you discover our concept, our working approach, our values, our identity, all the reasons that brought you to Le Monde Magique.

This project has been the result of many collective reflections since 2007, the year our service was created. It may be revised at any time, so as to be as close as possible to our practices.

Our concept

When we set out to create a child care service, our purpose was to get as close to their needs as possible. Children have their own world, filled with imagination and magic, so that the concept of Le Monde Magique felt obvious to us.

Thanks to its open spaces and hiding places, our infrastructure has been conceived as an invitation to daydream, alone or in groups.

Arranging and adapting the premises is an efficient professional way to organize the activities of a group, which is why nothing is set in stone in Le Monde Magique: everything can evolve according to the needs of children.



All kinds of play structures are available: most of them are symbolic, some of them are creative, and they can be used in structured activities or free play, in order to stimulate the relational, psychomotor, affective and mental development of children. Alone, with others, or through the help and guidance of adults, children gradually build themselves.

Grown ups propose, children dispose... By carefully observing what they make of our propositions can we adapt our approach.

A professional spirit for a magical world

The team of Le Monde Magique is supervised by two directors. Both of them are nurses and directors of child care centers with more than 15 years of practice. Their employees are early childhood professionals with various diplomas: nurses, child educators and youth carers.

The adaptation period, a crucial phase that should not be neglected

When children are welcomed to Le Monde Magique, they will go through an adaptation period. At first, they will visit us with their parents, then they will spend a little time alone with us, and gradually more and more time until they're perfectly at ease. The needs of children are our guidelines and each one of them develop at his/her own pace. Our goal is to move ahead with children without rushing the learning process. During that initial phase, children will be under the supervision of one educator.

Soft toys, security blankets: how to ease the separation

Soft toys, or, as professionals call them, transitional objects, remind children of their familiar environment. Usually, this object is chosen by children between 10-12 months, sometimes earlier or later. Most of the times, these are teddy bears or stuffed animals, but sometimes they can be pillows, dummies, dust cloth, etc. It reminds children of their home and familiar smells, which reassures them.



Children who have soft toys or security blankets must bring them to the child care center. Those who don't could bring another familiar object, especially during the adaptation period.

Security in all its forms

Our infrastructure offers maximal security: we only use quality material, we throw away anything that is no longer in top condition and we ensure the highest hygiene standards. Several times a year, officials from the Department of Health and Safety make random checks on us.

Children are made aware of the importance of road safety every time we go outside with them and they have to wear fluorescent harnesses.

When It comes to security, though, three aspects are very important to us:

Emotional security

Psychological security

Physical security

Children should receive tenderness and warmth from our team but also from other children.

We feel that children should feel a special connection with Le Monde Magique. We explain everything we do with empathy and patience. We encourage them to express their feelings, negative or positive. We acknowledge the progress of children, we encourage them and we congratulate them at every stage.

What if we explored these magical places?

Le Monde Magique is made up of several worlds

In the foyer, there is a cloakroom where every child has his/her locker where parents can store all kinds of personal objects and belongings.



Dialogue and constructive exchanges

Le Monde Magique is a place where parents can express their needs in a climate of confidence and trust. We respect different cultures and encourage children to respect them, so that they all can express themselves freely and with no fear of judgment. We make sure that every child, and therefore every parent, gets the best possible welcome. When they arrive, children are under the supervision of an educator who will spend all the time needed to take into account the needs of every one. Educators welcome parents in the order of their arrival.

We ask parents to spend a little time with us in the morning and at the end of the day so that we can inform them of what's planned or what's happened to their children. That's why we ask for a strict respect of opening and closing hours.

When children are already under stress when they get to the child care center, starting the day will be all the more difficult for them. In the same vein, children who have to leave the center in a hurry in the evening will feel frustrated and won't be able to leave in the best conditions.

When children are given back to their parents, as soon as the debriefing is completed, our educators no longer intervene so as not to interfere in the parents' authority. If asked, our team may help a parent even after the debriefing phase.

We aim to be an advisory service for families. Our team and ourselves are trained professionals and are able to provide you with information about food, sleep, child diseases, etc.

Should you wish to meet us, you will have to get an appointment with the management.



Let's get on with the tour...

There are two spaces on the ground floor:

Le Monde des Goût'à'tout or dining area.

This hall can accommodate the youngest children in Le Monde Magique on baby chairs as well as older children on low chairs, sitting at low tables.

The dining space mirrors a family environment as much as possible. Children sit at little tables with one or two members of our team. It's okay if they don't finish every meal but they are encouraged to eat a little of everything. Our goal is to help them discover and enjoy new kinds of food.

Le Monde Magique works closely with an officially approved caterer, which has been granted the Fourchette verte label. The center itself has the same certification for afternoon snacks. Dieticians make sure that meals are healthy and well-balanced.

The world of Découvr'Tout: a space for small children

Children can have a good time while exploring the motor faculties of their bodies, thanks to psychomotor material, a nice wooden caterpillar in which toddlers can crawl, hide, see each other, touch and discover new textures, learn to walk or simply to let go.

Psychomotricity is self-evident for professionals

We use psychomotricity every day and with children of all age at Le Monde Magique. Even very young children need to move. Children need psychomotor activities in order to learn how to cross over an obstacle, to identify danger, to master their own bodies, to locate themselves in three-dimensional space, to understand concepts such as 'up', 'down', 'close' or 'far away.'



We work with adapted equipment, such as big balloons, foam rolls, foam ramps and stairs, with foam carpets everywhere for maximal security. Our role is to let children build confidence and to let them find the right combinations of movements by themselves.

Children learn if we let them do their own thing (with verbal guidance and individual support, such as light touches on key parts of the body, i.e. joints.)

It's thanks to psychomotricity that we can help younger children master the sitting position, develop their neck and trunk strength and train their upper and lower-limb motricity, and learning to crawl and eventually to walk.

Le Monde Magique has earned the "Youp'là bouge" label, which promotes children's physical activity in day care centers. It is reviewed and reassessed annually.

Let's continue our exploration with the ground floor and its three contiguous rooms:

The world of "Tout'Doux"

It's a room where younger children can dream, discover, touch, listen, let themselves go, sing, laugh, drink a bottle of milk or simply have a good time.

The world of "Mini'Songes"

A siesta room equipped with cute wooden cradles, in a warm environment painted in soft tones. Babies sleep according to their own needs and rhythms.

The world of "Doux'Rêves"

A second siesta room for young children, identical to the first one, in order to make sure that every child's sleeping pattern gets the respect it deserves.



The time for rest should not be neglected

In Le Monde Magique, toddlers will live intense days full of discoveries, play and emotions. Community life, though enjoyable, can also be demanding. That's why children in the older group have the opportunity to rest in a room equipped with beds and personal sleeping bags. This moment of rest is supervised by one member of our educational team.

On the first floor, let's discover the area dedicated to toddlers: three worlds where they can play symbolic games.

The world of "P'tits artistes"

A place to do crafts, where children can discover painting, drawing, collages, stamping and many other creative activities.

In this room children can also learn the basics of collaboration by playing board games.

The world of "Locomotions"

A room dedicated to all kinds of floor games: cars, Lego, train circuits, dolls' houses, etc.

The world of "Familles"

A room for imitation games: fancy-dress costumes, cooking, dolls, etc.



Symbolic games are important

Symbolic games belong to the realm of imagination, imitation and ultimately, appropriation of the world through symbolic representation in order to build a sense of abstraction and conceptual thinking. Children use dolls, a kitchen or cars in order to reproduce and integrate everything they see throughout the day.

Symbolic games are also a great way to introduce social values, since they're meant to be played together. Every child has a different approach to these games, but they're always a way to build a relationship with the world.

The last two floors are used by our educational team. There's a break room and the directors' office.

Dear Children,
Dear Parents,

We thank you for your trust and we look forward to our next collaboration.

The management and educational team of Le Monde Magique.

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