

VIRTUAL PRIMARY
SCHOOL
FOR FREE FAMILIES

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What is Umbrella?

Umbrella is an international community where children from different countries meet several times a week to develop projects, share ideas, and learn together.

It is a space designed for KS2 (6 to 10 years old) and KS3 (10 to 14 years old) students who follow alternative educational paths or flexible family education models, where they can share experiences with other children from different parts of the world.

Learning also means sharing

Many children who learn from home enjoy enormous freedom to discover the world. But they also need moments to share their ideas, listen to other perspectives, collaborate on projects, and build friendships with children living similar experiences.

Umbrella was born precisely to create that space.

Why was Umbrella created?

Many families who educate outside the traditional system seek freedom, flexibility, and personalisation, but they also want their children to maintain regular contact with other students.

Umbrella was created to meet that need: to create a learning community where children can collaborate, research, present projects, and develop relationships of friendship, trust, and collaboration with other children in an international environment.



A community to learn together

We believe that children learn best when they have the freedom to explore their interests and the opportunity to share that learning with others. Umbrella combines both: freedom and community.

What do we do at Umbrella?

We work through thematic projects that connect different areas of knowledge. Each project is an opportunity to research, experiment, create, and present their own ideas.

Students research, create, experiment, debate, and present their discoveries. The objective is not to memorise content or prepare for exams, but to awaken curiosity, develop autonomy, and learn how to learn.

What makes Umbrella different

- Project-based learning.
- International community of students.
- Small groups.
- Active and collaborative participation.
- Designed to complement flexible educational models.
- No exams or compulsory homework.
- Practical, creative, and community-centred approach.

What students take away. Learning for life.

Oral communication, critical thinking, creativity, teamwork, research, autonomy, problem-solving, digital skills, and confidence to share ideas with others..

How do the sessions work?

Each week students participate in live online sessions where they explore new topics, share discoveries, work on projects, and collaborate with their peers. Activities may include experiments, research, models, exhibitions, debates, creative work, or presentations.

Who is it for?

- Families with flexible educational models.
- Nomadic families.
- Students looking to build friendships with other children.
- Students who wish to complement other educational experiences.
- Nomad families who want to extend their timetable with collaborative activities.

Important information

Umbrella is a space for international extracurricular experiences and does not replace formal schooling. It does not issue enrolment certificates and does not replace a school. Its purpose is to offer shared learning experiences, collaborative projects, and a community to build friendships, aimed at families who have chosen alternative educational models.





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We are a centre that offers various virtual, residential and in-person programmes, with physical locations in Omagh (UK) and Murcia (Spain). Accredited by Pearson Edexcel, it was founded by Mercedes Gil in 2014 and its Head of Studies is Azucena Caballero, co-founder of Pedagogía Blanca.

The school's main objectives include offering an alternative, free and flexible system that adapts to the needs of students and their families. We bring an innovative and personalized programs for students who approach education in an unconventional way. Our typical students are digital nomads, world-traveling families, athletes, artists, gifted students, homeschoolers, and worldschoolers.

We offer the world-renowned Pearson Edexcel qualifications (iGCSE, iA-Levels and BTECS) which can be prepared independently, as private candidates at our official exam centre (in Murcia, Spain), online or in a hybrid mode from one of our Montessori Residences (Erdkinder), and a Montessori Primary programme based on the UK National Curriculum.

Our methodology includes tools from Montessori Pedagogy, the Agile model, self-directed learning, self-education, creativity and a global mindset. We want our students to achieve everything they set out to do: go to university, start their own successful businesses, pursue a professional or artistic career or work for the best companies in the world.

We can help restore confidence and motivation for studies. Geographical relocation, chronological freedom, adaptation to cognitive styles. We know that each student is different and we will adapt as much as possible the elements necessary to obtain a qualification that allows you to achieve everything you set out to do.



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As a Pearson Edexcel authorized center, we have several levels of studies, which although we consider independent of age, have the equivalence with the Spanish system:

- iGCSE - we prepare subjects for secondary school approval, focusing on the most important content to ensure maximum results in the shortest possible time. Spanish, English, Mathematics, Geography and Science.
- iAlevels - we prepare you to obtain the equivalence to the Baccalaureate and access university courses all over the world. To access Spanish universities, it is necessary to obtain accreditation through Unedassis and, depending on the studies, perhaps take a general entrance exam from the British system (a simplified selectivity) or a specific one from the university of choice.
- iBTEC - we teach Business and Technology Education Council courses across a range of subjects and levels.

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Programa Nomad (Online)

Our Nomad+ program allows you to travel and move around the world while maintaining your school relationships and personalized curriculum, without having to change schools, classmates, teachers, etc.

Putting the student at the center, we believe that the curriculum should be personalized and independent of age, sex, location, etc.

We offer online lessons in the morning and afternoon, depending on the program, between 1 and 5 lessons per day (in blocks of about 50 minutes). Our teachers are trained to achieve meaningful learning in students.

Students are involved in interesting and purposeful projects, they can progress independently but do not have homework or exams as a central part of the assessment.

The language of instruction is English in most programs, but we can also integrate Spanish and a multilingual platform.

Classes are held online, daily, and allow students to have the same group of classmates, teachers, progress monitoring, curriculum, etc. wherever they are: traveling, in a residence far from the school, in our Erdkinder...

No problem!



Erdkinder (Montessori Residence)

Erdkinder is a German term that refers to an education based on nature and real life, which focuses on the real needs of adolescents. It means "Children of the Earth" and Montessori chose it for the Secondary School program because of the idea of working productively, with the hands, with effective and real work.

Our Erdkinder is a secondary education programme that focuses on practical education and nature, and takes place in an outdoor environment, at our physical centres in the United Kingdom or Spain.

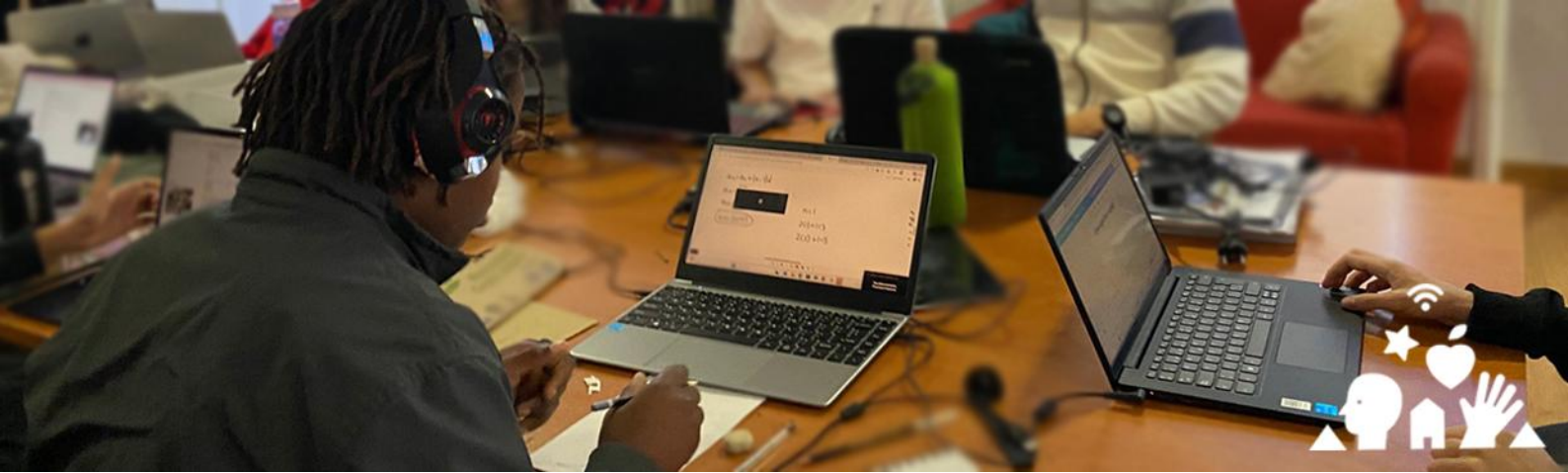
Among the reasons why we know that the Erdkinder program is the perfect complement to the academic and professional training we offer, are:

- **Development of practical skills:** Practical skills are acquired that are important in real life, such as farming, cooking, carpentry, gardening, mechanics, electricity, etc. These skills can help one become more independent and self-sufficient.
- **Fostering Responsibility:** Everything is geared towards being responsible for one's own learning and well-being. The program provides the opportunity to make decisions and assume responsibilities that are essential for one's own growth and development.
- **Social development:** Students work in teams and learn to collaborate with others to carry out projects. They also learn to respect and care for the environment and natural resources, which helps them develop a social and environmental awareness, and to find their purpose in life and to orient themselves at all levels: professional and personal.



Erdkinder (Montessori Residence)

- Practical and meaningful learning: The foundation is learning by doing and experiencing. The program focuses on practical experience and meaningful learning, which means that adolescents learn in a way that makes sense to them and that they can apply to their everyday lives.
- Emotional development: Responsible freedom implies greater self- confidence. Our students also learn to manage stress and anxiety, and develop a greater ability to cope with life's challenges and problems.



Hybrid model

Montessori British's hybrid classroom model combines the best of in-person and online education to provide students with a comprehensive and flexible educational experience. This approach is tailored to students' individual needs and preferences, allowing them to get the most out of their learning.

In the hybrid class model, students have the option to attend in-person classes at the Montessori British educational center or participate in online classes from the comfort of their home. This flexibility allows students to adapt their schedule and learning environment to their personal needs.

During in-person classes, students have the opportunity to interact directly with their peers and participate in hands-on activities.

Furthermore, the Montessori British hybrid classroom model focuses on the comprehensive development of students, not only in the academic aspect, but also in the development of practical, emotional and social skills. Project-based learning, problem solving and creativity are promoted.

In summary, Montessori British's hybrid classroom model combines the best of in-person and online education to provide students with a flexible and personalized educational experience. This approach is based on the principles of Montessori pedagogy and promotes the holistic development of students, adapting to their individual needs and encouraging their autonomy and collaboration.

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Digital Journeys

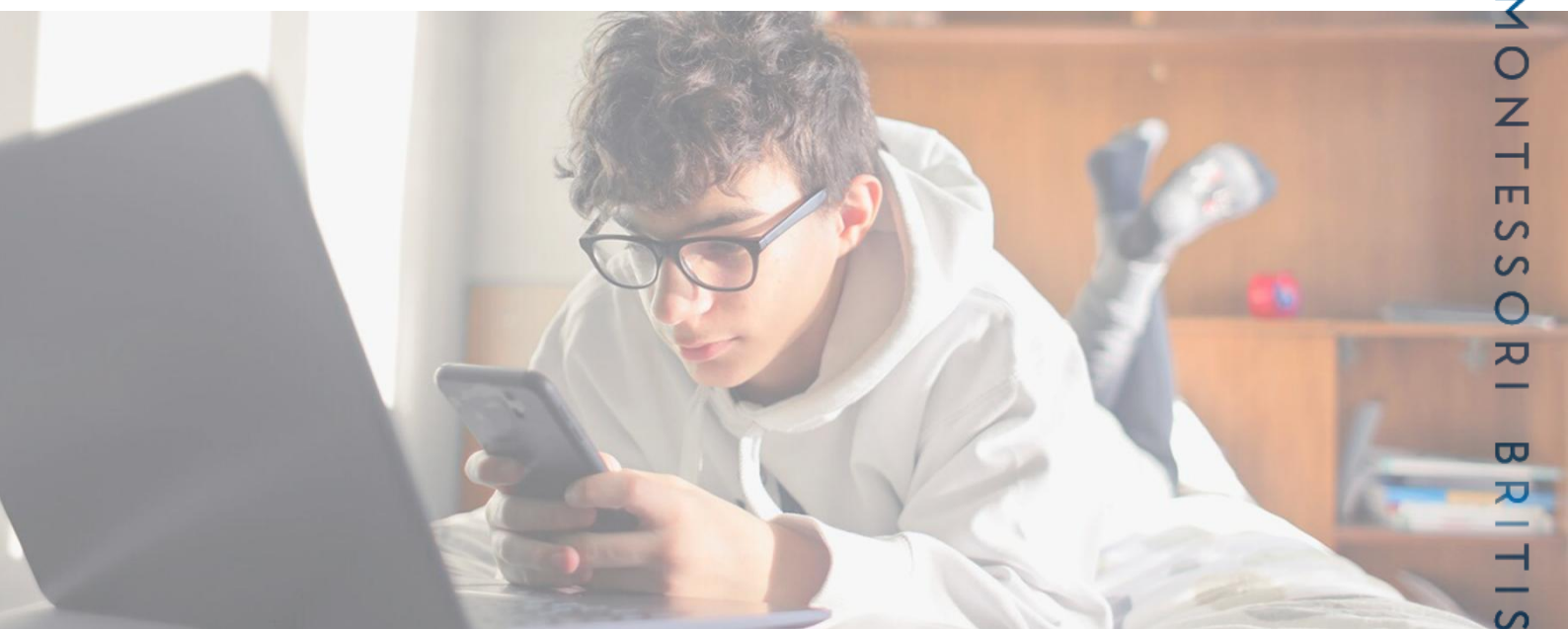
Our array of online programs across various educational stages empowers you to explore the world while nurturing school connections and a tailored curriculum, all without the need to switch schools, classmates, or teachers.

By placing the student at the heart of our approach, we hold the conviction that the curriculum must be tailored to individual needs, transcending age, gender, location, and more.

Classes are conducted online every day, providing you with the opportunity to connect with the same group of classmates and teachers, while enjoying consistent progress monitoring and curriculum, no matter where the student may be: traveling, residing far from the school, or in our Erdkinder... It's seamless!



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