

WELCOME HOMESCHOOLING FAMILIES



Homeschooling is a Partnership

Parents and Teachers partner together in their child's Education

OBSERVATION

The importance of Observation

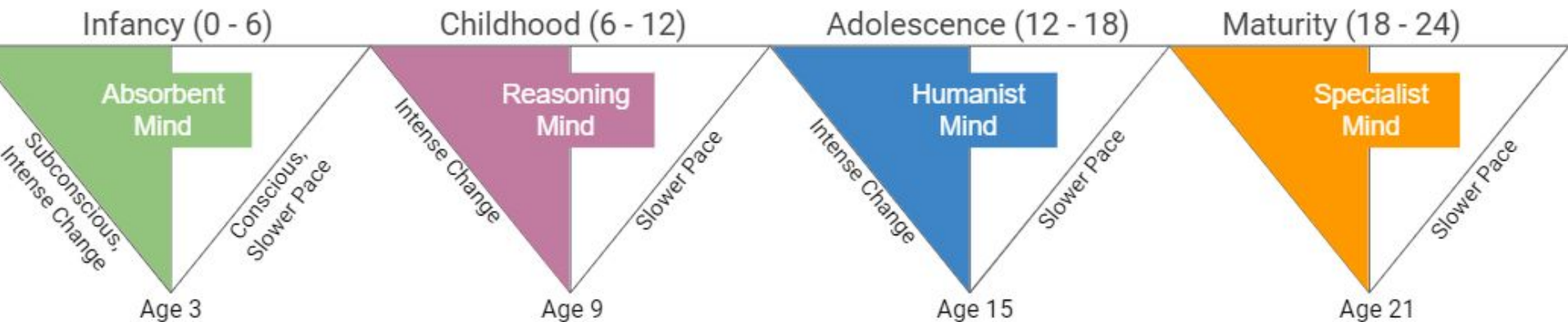
Why it is important to observe your child?

You may be familiar with the saying “**follow the child**”, but to do this we need to know the child.

The first step is to learn about your child’s development so you can understand why they are behaving in a certain way or focused on specific toys or activities. In Montessori terms, we talk about the sensitive periods. This is when your child focuses on one aspect of their environment for a period of time and is not interested in very much else. This is perfectly normal and natural but it is only possible to identify these sensitive periods if you take time to observe your child.

Maria Montessori was a scientist. She started by observing children, then designed her method based on her observations.

Maria Montessori's Four Planes of Development



Physical & Biological Independence	Mental Independence	Social Independence	Spiritual & Moral Independence
"Help me do it myself"	"Help me think"	"Help me think with you"	"How can I help you?"
Focus on self	Focus on local community (Friends, Family)	Focus on global community	Focus on society
Exploring environment through the senses: What?	Exploring ideas and information: How? Why?	Transition from family life to life in society	Exploring ideas and information: How? Why?
Development of Absorbent Mind	Exploration of Mind and Personality	Exploring Human Social Life	Desire to take their place in society

Individualized Lessons

Pin-point student needs and provide resources to meet those needs:

ACADEMIC NEEDS: CATCH UP / BE CHALLENGED MORE

CREATIVE NEEDS: PROVIDE COURSES AND RESOURCES TO MEET THE CREATIVE NEEDS AND INTEREST