



Mª Dolores Hernández

Dear colleagues,

I'd like to introduce you to our school and, at the same time, I am sure that there are many things that we can share. You are all welcome to come and visit us and, of course, to help us fulfil a new challenge: to bring our school into international cooperation. Comenius could give us the chance to make our students aware of their European citizenship. This is a great opportunity; let's make the most of it!

COLEGIO HERNÁNDEZ

At our school we personally direct our daily task toward the achievement of these goals:

- **Education for peace.** Promoting a peaceful coexistence and values such as solidarity, cooperation, freedom and rejection of any means of discrimination. We have a Coexistence plan which states the principles and rules to guarantee such ethics.

- **Health education.** We foster healthy and welfare habits. We support campaigns such as to prevent drug abuse or eating disorders.

- **Gender education.** To give everyone the same opportunities, as well as, the same rights and duties. One of our main concerns is to improve gender competence in education and fight wrong stereotypes and of course, gender violence.

- **Environmental education.**

To develop attitudes of commitment to our natural environment and encourage reflection on the consequences that our lifestyle may have on the environment and the lives of others.

- To motivate students to improve foreign language skills as well as intercultural competences in order to respect cultural differences. To promote an **active citizenship**, including the European context. We are interested in taking part in cultural exchanges.

- To adopt a comprehensive approach by developing **new learning materials, teacher training, personalised learning and assessment techniques**. We are concerned that one of our main duties is to adapt to the changing environment and to the changing needs of our pupils and parents.

- We are involved in **Innovation plans** supported by the Autonomous government and based on Bilingual Educational Programmes.

- The School Council is the most important institution within the school and comprises the management team together with Mr Vicente Hernández the Head Teacher, and Mrs. Maria Dolores Hernández the Director of Studies. In the School Council you can find representatives of teachers, pupils, parents, non-teaching staff and the town Council. Elections are held every four years to elect members and the head teacher convenes meetings periodically.

- At our school there is a parent-teacher association (AMPA) which organises extra-curricular activities outside school hours, arranges parents meetings and which fully supports our European adventure.

VILLANUEVA DE CASTELLÓN

Our school is located in Villanueva de Castellón in the province of Valencia and it belongs to Ribera Alta region (the cradle of orange trees), it is about 50 kilometres from the city of Valencia. It has a population of 7400 inhabitants. Its economy is mainly based on the production of oranges.

The town is close to the historical city of Xàtiva and it is connected with Valencia by railway.



The main services of the town are a theatre, a public library, a sports centre, an adult's school, a conservatory, a health centre,

We enjoy a mild Mediterranean climate all year long and the average temperatures are between 12/20°C in winter and 24/32°C in summer.

COMUNITAT VALENCIANA

The Valencian Community is an Autonomous Community located in central and south-eastern Spain. It is divided into three provinces, from north to south: Castellón, Valencia and Alicante.

Valencia is the kingdom of rice dishes and its most international dish is "paella". Our cuisine is based on the Mediterranean Diet.

In the Autonomous Region of Valencia pupils are entitled to be educated in schools, where their integrity and convictions will be respected, where they will be encouraged to take part in the running of the school. As in the rest of Spain schooling is compulsory between the ages of six and sixteen.

The aims of our Educational System are:

To develop fully the personality of the student and encourage the respect for democratic principles and fundamental rights.

To promote the acquisition of intellectual habits and study skills, as well as concepts of science, technology, humanistic principles, history and ethics.

To prepare the student to participate fully in the cultural, social and professional life of the Autonomous Region of Valencia. (We celebrate the Public holiday in Valencian Community on 9th October, and the "Fallas Week" from 14th to 19th March. The Fallas festivity burns away winter worries in a tribute to spring. The fallas are huge works of art made of cardboard mounted over wooden frames. There are over seven hundred and they are burnt on 19th March in a tribute to St. Joseph. We erect our own Falla at the school playground.

To help learners acquire the competences, skills and attitudes necessary to apply for a successful life and make them aware of their own learning process.





FALLAS AT SCHOOL



LA PROVA (THE PROOF)



MOMENTS



OUR SCHOOL

Educational stages

- Infants (3-6 years)
- Primary Education (6-12 years)
- Secondary Education (12-16 years)

Staff: 28 teachers.

School facilities

- Computer room.
- Language laboratory.
- Canteen.
- Library.
- Gymnasium
- Soccer field, sports court and playground.



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