A good start for your child (preschool education)

Ready to start primary school via playful learning



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Is your child growing up with two languages? That's great. Children who are brought up bilingual have good listening comprehension skills and find it easy to switch between languages. But a child like this may sometimes need a little extra time to learn Dutch properly. Or help to stimulate his/her development in other areas.

A referral from the child health clinic (consultatiebureau) would enable your child to attend a programme at a childcare centre. Via play, children get the extra developmental help they need to start primary school well prepared and confident.

A good start for your child

It is important for every child to get a good start at primary school. That's why extra developmental support is available for any child from the age of 2.5 upwards who needs it. This leaflet explains what this support involves, what the conditions are and who to contact with any questions you have.

Extra learning and play for toddlers

The child health clinic can give your child a referral for extra learning and play. A member of staff from the child health clinic will sit down with you to see whether your child could benefit. If your child is referred, supervision will be provided by specially-trained child care workers. In a group with other toddlers.

Who is it for?

The programme is aimed at children between the ages of 2.5 to 4 who need a little extra help with their development. The child health clinic gives these children a referral. When assessing a child, the child health clinic will also look at the situation at home. For example, whether you are able to speak Dutch and which options you have for extra support.

What will the programme involve?

- Your child will play with educational toys and other children the same age and take part in educational activities;
- Your child will practise talking, listening, playing with other children and exercising;
- Your child will get used to the typical structure of a day at primary school.

How often will my child attend the childcare?

If your child has a referral from the child health clinic, they will attend the childcare for 16 hours per week. This is usually divided into several half-day sessions.



What can I do (as a parent) to help my child's development?

As a parent, you have a very important role to play in your child's development. For example, you can read a story (out loud) together, play together, draw together or sing together. Check out the overview in the link other parenting-help ideas: www.helmond.nl/opvoedondersteuning.

The childcare worker will also give you tips and tasks to practise with your child at home. This will help you prepare your child for primary school too.

The child health clinic can help you find a childcare centre with preschool education options.



Costs and registration

Costs depend on how much income you have. The childcare organisation can give you more information about the costs you can expect. It can also help you register your child.

Do you have any other questions about costs or about preschool childcare without a referral? See: www.helmond.nl/kinderopvang-subsidie-peuterarrangement-inwoner.