



Dutch lessons

Moving to the Netherlands with your children is a great adventure! A lot of expats prefer to enrol their children in local Dutch schools as the education system is good and it is a positive way to integrate in the Dutch culture. To help your children integrate as quickly as possible we recommend they take Dutch lessons. This way, children will have a good knowledge of the Dutch language to communicate while playing with friends or practicing sports.

To attend our school it is compulsory to speak and understand Dutch. Children as from group 3 (age 6) need to be able to read in Dutch as well.

The “Taalcentrum*” (literally, “Language centre”) in Almere offers a programme to teach your child all the basics necessary to enrol into a local Dutch school. Normally it takes a year for children to finish Taalcentrum, but this differs per child. Some children want to integrate in the playground or class as soon as possible and they are eager to understand Dutch. Others need more time to adjust to a new home, new country and language and need more time to adjust. Whatever their goals, Taalcentrum offers a program containing pre-teaching and Dutch reading and writing.

When your child finishes Taalcentrum, they inform you to start looking for a local Dutch school. In the letter about the Dutch educational system it is explained what choices you have for elementary school.

De Kraanvogel is an ecumenical elementary school and has a Christian identity.

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