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## **Schooljaar 2021-2022**

Taalcentrum Almere – primair onderwijs

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**General information**

Taalcentrum Almere is a school for students who do not yet have sufficient Dutch language skills to be able to follow lessons at a regular primary school.

After about 1 year, pupils at Taalcentrum Almere have learned sufficient Dutch language skills to follow education at a school in their own neighborhood.

At Taalcentrum Almere there is a lot of attention and time for vocabulary development, understanding the Dutch language and correctly speaking and pronouncing it.

If pupils from Taalcentrum Almere go to a regular primary school, it is possible that a teacher from Taalcentrum Almere will support this transition in the new school.

There are also students who move on from Taalcentrum Almere to secondary education, to the Kopklas or to the Kansklas. You will find more information about this on our website.

We hope that your child will soon feel at home at Taalcentrum Almere and that he/she will be able to develop further to find a place in Dutch society.

If you have any questions or if you are unsure about anything, you can always contact your child's teacher or the team leader to make an appointment.

**Special leave**

Due to the Compulsory Education Act, **holidays outside the school holidays** are not allowed. In special cases, children can get extra time off.

**It is not allowed to take these days off in the first two weeks after the summer holidays or immediately after a holiday.** More information about the rules on special leave can be found on the website:

<https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/onderwerpen/leerplicht/leerplicht-en-kwalificatieplicht>

Being unauthorized absent from school will be reported to the attendance officer. If you want to request special leave, you can do so via a form that you can obtain from the teacher.

**Parental Contribution**

For parties, such as Easter, Sinterklaas and Christmas, the school trip and for various materials, we ask a voluntary parental contribution of **€ 50,-** per child per year.

You can transfer this amount to:

**Rabo account number: NL19RABO0324122497  
in the name of Taalcentrum Almere**

stating your child's name.

**mr. T. Klein Koerkamp  
Director**

**Mrs. Y. Halbesma**

**Team Leader****Holidays and days off 2021 – 2022**

	first day	last day
Autumn holidays	16-10-2021	24-10-2021
Christmas holidays	25-12-2021	09-01-2022
Spring holidays	19-02-2022	27-02-2022
Easter weekend	15-04-2022	18-04-2022
May holidays	25-04-2022	08-05-2022
Ascension Day	26-05-2022	27-05-2022
Pentecost	06-06-2022	
Summer holidays	16-07-2022	28-08-2022

Days off for teachers' study:

Thursday	30-09-2021
Thursday	25-11-2021
Monday	24-01-2022
Wednesday	16-03-2022
Tuesday	07-06-2022

If there are extra days off, you will be informed on time.



**Your role as a parent**

- You provide the school with all the information about your child that can be important for achieving an optimal educational result.
- You make sure that your child is at school on time.
- If your child cannot come to school for a valid reason, you must inform the school with the reason of your child' absents .
- You inform the school a day in advance if your child has an appointment by the dentist, the doctor, etc..
- You have a duty to comply with the Compulsory Education Act. The school has a duty to report to the attendance officer. You have to apply for written by special leave if necessary.
- You ensure that your child is toilet trained, can go to the toilet independently, can eat and drink independently and can dress and undress before your child starts school.
- You can help and support with homework.

**Parent- school meeting**

You will be invited a few times a year for a parent –school meeting to discuss your child' development. The date and time of the meeting is always in consultation, you are expected to respond to an invitation from the teacher to speak about your child. Your input in the conversation is very important.

### **Home language**

Your child will learn the Dutch language at the school. Dutch is a new language for your child. We know from research that a child needs the language he already masters (the home language) to learn a new language. It is therefore important that you continue to speak to your child in your home language. It is also still good to read and tell stories to your child in your home language.

You can also help your child by naming the words he has learned in Dutch in your own language. In this way, a connection is made in your child's head between the two languages, which helps your child to learn the new Dutch language.

## **How can you help your child at home?**



### **Read**

Reading is an important part of your child's school career. It is important that your child is reading aloud at home every day for about 15 minutes.



### **Earbuds or headphones**

From group B onwards, students regularly work independently on the computer. Please provide your child with earbuds or headphones for this purpose.

### **Medical protocol**

Taalcentrum Almere has a medical protocol. Teachers are not allowed to perform medical procedures (except in emergencies). On the website of Taalcentrum Almere you will find the link for the entire text of the protocol.



### **Mobile phones**

There are children who bring their mobile phones to school. Children are not allowed to use the mobile phone during school hours. Parents are also not allowed to call their

children via their child's mobile phone during school hours. If necessary, you can call the school on number: 036-7670520

### **Photograph**

In the context of privacy, it is not allowed to post photos or videos taken at school on social media (such as Facebook, the internet, etc.).



### **Gymnastics**

The children have gymnastics from a gymnastics teacher twice a week.

Your child is expected to bring the following items to school for this lesson:

- Shorts/leotards/T-shirt/leggings
  - Possibly a towel (to freshen up....)
  - Gym shoes (no black soles) for group B to F
- Group A will have gymnastics on barefoot



### **School bus**

It would be preferable that children come to school by themselves or are brought by their parents. To get to the Taalcentrum Almere, your child may use the school bus, provided by the Municipality of Almere. This arrangement applies to all children for the first three months. After that, the school bus arrangement will stop, you have to arrange then your own transport. Children who live more than 6 km by bike route from the Taalcentrum Almere can make use of the school bus for a longer period. Depending on your income, you do or do not have to pay a personal contribution.



### **Homework**

All children starting from group B and onwards will get homework every week.

For homework they get words that were taught in the lessons Dutch during the week before. When the homework is done, it has to be taken back to school.

In addition to Dutch, the children get homework if they need it. The teacher will discuss this with you.

### **Story bags**

After completing course 1 of Dutch your child can borrow a story bag. This bag contains reading, learning and playing material. Reading and playing supports learning the Dutch language.



## Practical information

### School hours

- Monday to Friday:  
8.30 am. until 14:20 p.m.



### **Your child must be in the class by 8.30!**

Students can enter from 8.20am.

If you pick up your child from school yourself, make sure that you are on time and that your child does not have to wait.

The school has two entrances. Groups A make use of the infant class entrance. The pupils will have to enter the school

by themselves, the parents have to stay outside. You are only allowed in the building on your child's first day at school. When you pick up your child after school, you can wait behind the lines in the square.

### **Report absent**

If your child cannot come to school, you must inform the administration. We ask you to do this before 09.30 am. You can leave a message on the voicemail or send an email to: [administratie@taalcentrumalmere.nl](mailto:administratie@taalcentrumalmere.nl)

Phone: 036-7670520

### **Eat, drink and lunchtime**

There is a short break in the morning at approximately 10:00 am. The children can then have something to eat and drink (fruit, vegetables, a sandwich, etc.). The children will have lunchtime at school. You have to provide your child's lunch. The children eat together in the class between 12:00 and 13:00 (bread, fruit and drinks).

It is important that your child brings at least the following to school:

- A packed lunch (a few sandwiches)
- Drinks: a bottle of water or packs
- One or two pieces of fruit or vegetable

**Your child is not allowed to bring crisps, chocolate, candy, cola, etc. to school.**



**Birthday treats**

In the Netherlands it is customary to treat on your birthday. Treating is not mandatory. If your child wants to treat, then think of something small that can be eaten easily and immediately. You can think of: fruit/vegetables, a bag of popcorn, healthy puff pastry snacks or a cookie. It is not possible to hand out cake or candy bags. When you are in doubt, you can always ask the teacher for advice.