

Info boekje

**Taalcentrum
Almere**

English



Schooljaar 2023-2024

Taalcentrum Almere – primair onderwijs

Locatie 1: Sesamstraat 1, 1313 GS, Almere

Locatie 2: MJ Granpré Molièrestraat 72, 1333 KE, Almere

Locatie 3: Binnenkruierstraat 9, 1333 EC, Almere

Locatie 4: Hoornstraat 1, 1324 SH, Almere

email: info@taalcentrumalmere.nl

website: www.taalcentrumalmere.nl

Telefoon: 036-7670520

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 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 **€ 79,-** 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.

Holidays and days off

	first day	last day
Autumn holidays	23-10-2023	27-10-2023
Christmas holidays	25-12-2023	05-01-2024
Spring holidays	19-02-2024	23-02-2023
Easter weekend	29-03-2024	01-04-2024
May holidays	29-04-2024	10-05-2024
Ascension Day	09-05-2023	10-05-2024
Pentecost	20-05-2024	
Summer holidays	22-07-2024	30-08-2024

Days off for teachers' study:

Friday	13-10-2023
Wednesday	13-12-2023
Friday	22-12-2023
Thursday	01-02-2024
Tuesday	09-04-2024
Monday	17-06-2024
Monday	01-07-2024
Friday	19-07-2024

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.



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.



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.



Earphones or headphones

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



Mobile phones

During lessons pupils are not allowed to use their mobile phones. You are kindly requested not to call your child during lessons. 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.).

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.

Sportkleding**Gymnastics**

The children have gymnastics from a gymn twice a week.

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

- Shorts/T-shirt/leggings
 - Optional: a towel
 - Sport shoes (no black soles) for group B t
- In group A pupils sport on bare feet.

**School bus**

Best would be if pupils can come to school by themselves or by being dropped off by parents. To get to Taalcentrum Almere your child is allowed to make use of school transport offered by the Almere municipality. This arrangement is valid for all pupils during the first 3 months of starting school. After this period the arrangement ends and you have to arrange transport yourself. Pupils who live farther away than 6 km (bike ride) from school can continue the arrangement for a longer period of time and depending on income you need paying a contribution.



Please note; all written communication in Dutch

The target group of the Almere Language Centre consists of about 80 nationalities and speak about 50 different languages. We do written communication in Dutch (just like the other Dutch schools). Anyone can put the information in their own language through a translation program. In this way, we expect as few misunderstandings as possible.

Parking

Take into account the local residents when you drop off/collect your child. Park in the designated parking spaces (not on spaces reserved for disabled people or drive ways). Sometimes you need to just walk a bit further.



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!

Pupils can enter school from 8.20. Make sure you are on time when you collect your child so he/she doesn't have to wait.

The school building has two entrances. Groups A make use of the infant class entrance and the other classes taken the main entrance.

Sick or absent

If your child cannot attend classes you must notify school **before 09.30**. You can leave a message on the voicemail or send an email to: administratie@taalcentrumalmere.nl

Phone: 036-7670520

Eat, drink and lunchtime

Children eat and drink in their own group.

Ca. 10.00: short break

Ca. 12.30: lunch break

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

- A lunch package (sandwiches)
- A bottle of water or otherwise
- One or two pieces of fruit

It is not allowed to bring crisps, chocolate, sweets, cola etc to school.



Birthday / treats

Our school has a no-treat policy. That means that there are no treats at school for the birthday of your child.

But of course we will make it a special day. The birthday child may choose decoration and an activity from the birthday box.

