



## **Schooljaar 2024-2025**

### **Taalcentrum Almere – primair onderwijs**

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

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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

	<b>first day</b>	<b>last day</b>
Autumn holidays	28-10-2024	01-11-2024
Christmas holidays	23-12-2024	03-01-2025
Spring holidays	17-02-2025	21-02-2025
Good Friday	18-04-2025	
May holidays	21-04-2025	05-05-2025
Ascension Day	29-05-2025	30-05-2025
Pentecost	09-06-2025	
Summer holidays	11-07-2025	22-08-2025

### Days off for teachers' study:

Thursday	19-09-2024
Monday	14-10-2024
Wednesday	20-11-2024 (from 12:15)
Friday	13-12-2024
Friday	20-12-2024
Monday	27-01-2025 (from 12:15)
Monday	03-02-2025
Wednesday	26-03-2025
Thursday	10-04-2025 (from 12:15)
Tuesday	10-06-2025
Monday	23-06-2025
Tuesday	01-07-2025 (from 12:15)

On the days, marked in yellow, the children go to school from 8:30 till 12:15. The children are free from school at 12:15.

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.

**Sport t-shirt****Sporttrui****Sportbroek****Schone schoenen****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 08.30**. 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**

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.

