



City of  
Amsterdam



# Preschool

A good start for your child

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For all children between the ages of 2 and 4

living in Amsterdam

## Playing and learning at preschool

Children play and learn together at preschool.

They practice with language, they sing, draw and exercise.

This prepares your child for primary school.

## Choosing a preschool, and signing up

You can choose a preschool for your child yourself.

You can sign up your child for preschool yourself.

You can sign up your child if it is at least 1 year old.

You can find all Amsterdam preschools on

[www.schoolwijzer.amsterdam.nl/en/](http://www.schoolwijzer.amsterdam.nl/en/)

## Your child to preschool

Your child can go to preschool when it is between the age of 2 and 4. Most children go to preschool 16 hours a week.



## Paying for preschool

- You pay part of the costs for preschool yourself.  
The amount you have to pay depends on your income.
- You can apply for the rest of the costs at the Dutch tax department (Belastingdienst).  
These costs are paid as part of the childcare allowance.  
Please visit [www.belastingdienst.nl/toeslagen](http://www.belastingdienst.nl/toeslagen) (Dutch only)
- If you do not receive childcare allowance, the City of Amsterdam pays part of the costs. The childcare centre will take care of this.

## For parents with a Stadspas (city pass)

The City of Amsterdam helps people with a Stadspas.

The City does this with the 'scholierenvergoeding' (allowance for school students).

The allowance is 250 euros a year.

With that money you can buy material your child needs for preschool. For example a bicycle, clothes and books.

If your child goes to preschool for 16 hours a week, you will pay no more than 18,15 euros a month.

## Advice for preschool

Sometimes the Parent and Child Councelling Team (Ouder- en Kindteam) advises your child to go to preschool.

This is called a preschool advice (voorschooladvies).

If you want to know how much the preschool will cost you, you can make a calculation on our website.

Please visit [www.amsterdam.nl/voorschool](http://www.amsterdam.nl/voorschool) (button rekensom)

## Fun and games walk-in for children up to 2 years

Your child can visit the fun and games walk-in if he or she is younger than 2 years old.

At the fun and games walk-in your child can play with other children. You can join in too. For a fun and games walk-in in your neighbourhood please visit [www.amsterdam.nl/voorschool](http://www.amsterdam.nl/voorschool)

## More information

You can call the City of Amsterdam for more information on 020 251 8315. Or you can send an e-mail to [vve@amsterdam.nl](mailto:vve@amsterdam.nl)

Or you can visit

[www.amsterdam.nl/en/education/preschool-education/](http://www.amsterdam.nl/en/education/preschool-education/)

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