



kinderdagverblijf

# Prinses Irene

Onderdeel van Uiterk Kinderdagverblijven 

## ***Your second home***

Our childcare centre offers children a calm and safe environment where they can be themselves, a second home where there is a balance between on the one hand regularity and predictability, and on the other playfulness and spontaneity. This is why children feel at ease here and why they love going to 'Prinses Irene'.

'Prinses Irene' is one of the longest running childcare centres in Amsterdam. We are now in a colourful and spacious building on Nassaukade, a roomy and playful building with triangular bay windows on the first floor: ideal, sunny spaces to play in. There is also room for the children to play outside in our spacious play area, or to produce works of art in our art room.

'Prinses Irene' offers children a safe, sheltered, warm and stimulating environment. We think that it is important that children are given the scope to be themselves, to discover their own possibilities, to learn to make their own choices, and to stand up for themselves. But it is also important that they learn to take other children into account. In this way, after four years at 'Prinses Irene' children can move on to primary school with confidence and all the necessary social skills.

### *Walls covered in children's artwork*

Our childcare workers undertake all kinds of thematic and creative activities with the children. What is very special is our visual artist, who has been visiting 'Prinses Irene' for many years, stimulating the children's creativity and helping them to discover all kinds of different things. The works of art are produced in our own art room and are displayed in the hall and in the group rooms. Even the babies join in! These creative activities are aimed at encouraging the children to experience and do things by themselves, at stimulating all their senses and at using different kinds of material.

The children also very much enjoy the monthly visits by our enthusiastic musicians. In a playful manner, students of the Amsterdam Conservatory and the Amsterdam School of the Arts sing with our children and bring them into contact with various musical instruments. Whenever they visit us, it is always an exciting and cheerful part of the day.

It is also important that children are active and are encouraged to move around. That is why we have a low tunnel (to go into on all fours), a big sandbox and a snoozing corner.

### *Outside in a challenging environment*

We often go outside. We have a wide outside play area for the toddlers which offers all sorts of stimulation with its sandbox, bicycle routes, playing pond, lawn and various playhouses. In spring and summer the children help plant seeds and water the plants. Every year we organise a sports morning in the park, and if the weather is good we sometimes visit the children's farm.

On our separate baby terrace we have five outside sleeping cottages in direct view of the childcare workers. If the parents approve, the children can sleep in these. Often children sleep much better in these cottages and they also build up extra resistance in this way. Most children love sleeping here.

### *Fresh vegetables*

Twice a week our cook prepares a delicious, freshly-made hot lunch. We make sure that the children are given a variety of fresh vegetables. Our meals are mostly vegetarian, with plenty of fresh vegetables, and if we do eat meat it is always organic.

### *Parent group*

'Prinses Irene' has an active parent group. We think that it is very important that parents participate in this group, as it gives parents the opportunity to influence what is happening at our childcare centre. Dutch law states that parent groups have the right to give advice on several topics, for example the centre's educational policy, food, and health and safety. In addition to this more formal participation, the parent group plays an essential role in the organisation of parties and trips.

### *Our team*

At 'Prinses Irene' we have a close, knowledgeable and experienced team that has been working together for many years. This continuity has created an atmosphere of calm and trust for both the children and their parents.

### *Practical information*

'Prinses Irene' has two baby groups, each with 9 children aged 0-18 month, two toddler groups, each with 13 children aged 18 months to 4 years and two vertical groups with each 12 children aged 0 to 4 years.

There are two professional childcare workers in each group.

Opening hours: 'Prinses Irene' is open on work days from 7.30 AM to 6.30 PM.

You are very welcome to come and visit our childcare centre. Please contact our manager Chris Beek to arrange a visit, and we will make sure that we have plenty of time for you.

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### *Enrolment*

You can enrol in our childcare centre via this website, by clicking the red square 'Enrolling directly' on the homepage.