



kinderdagverblijf

de Kraai

Onderdeel van Uiterk Kinderdagverblijven



The ultimate family feeling

We think that warmth and attention are fundamentally important for a child. If the child feels safe and at ease, learning and discovery will follow automatically. The attention and warm atmosphere experienced at 'De Kraai' give children, parents and staff the feeling that they belong to one big happy family. And this is one of the ways in which we help the children develop into socially and emotionally aware adults.

Childcare centre 'De Kraai' is located in a characteristic, renovated building in a quiet street in the 'Oostelijke eilanden' neighbourhood. The outside play area borders on the Funenpark. The rooms for the groups are large and we have a spacious hall in which we do all sorts of activities with the children.

Our building is characterised by light and spacious group rooms bordering on the wide play area. The children also get plenty of exercise inside in our big hall, for example if we bring out the sand table or ball pit, or if we transform the hall into an obstacle course.

Development and self-reliance

We value the children's self-reliance, of course within their own developmental phase. We try to involve the children in the daily programme, for example by having them help us to hang up bunting for birthdays or plant seeds in the garden. We encourage them to do activities together, for example they help in the housekeeping and are given small tasks. This helps them to feel a shared responsibility and it makes them feel independent, grown-up and valued.

Children are individuals with their own strengths and talents, and that is why all the group rooms have specific play areas. This means that the children can choose for themselves in which area they want to play. If they have finished playing, they clean up their own materials and then they find something else that they want to do. We stimulate the children to further develop their playing and creativity. Every two months we work on a different theme, such as nature, holiday destinations, clothes, colours and shapes. We listen to the children's wishes and needs and adapt the programme to these. During the day we integrate the themes in our programme. What we do and what the children have made is on show in the group rooms. The TV screen in the hall shows pictures of special activities or trips for example to the Oosterpark or to Artis Zoo.

Playing outside

It feels good to be outside. We have a large garden and we involve the children in planting and caring for the plants in our garden. They love to see the flowers grow; because it is their own project, together they make sure that no flowers are picked. Even the bumble bees are chased out of the garden!

Meals

Our cook prepares healthy, freshly-made lunches, which are alternately hot and cold. Sometimes the children help prepare the food. The meals are varied, so that the children become acquainted with different tastes. The children can choose from different types of raw vegetables and sandwich fillings (which are mostly organic).

Team

Our team is made up of 17 part-time childcare workers, the manager and the cook. Not only are we a stable and involved team, but we are also a close and mixed group. The mixture of highly trained younger workers and experienced senior employees makes our team knowledgeable and versatile. Because we are such an experienced and close team, the children and their parents know us all personally. Most of our employees have worked at 'De Kraai' for more than 10 years with great satisfaction. This provides continuity for the children, their parents and the other staff.

Parent group

'De Kraai' 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 the 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.

Practical information

'De Kraai' has two baby groups, each with 9 children aged 0-2 years, one toddler group with 14 children aged 2-4 years and two vertical groups each with 12 children aged 0-4 years. There are two professional childcare workers in each group.

Opening hours: 'De Kraai' 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 Michele Hogeweg 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.