



### ***A great time in a warm atmosphere***

At 'Kresj Lindengracht' we offer children a familiar and safe environment where they can be themselves. We have created a relaxed atmosphere in which people are open-minded and friendly. The children are given the scope to discover the world around them by playing and, in this way, take their first steps towards independence.

### *In the middle of the 'Jordaan' neighbourhood*

Childcare centre 'Kresj Lindengracht' is located in a beautiful old school building in Anjeliersstraat in the middle of the 'Jordaan' neighbourhood. The building has many exciting little corners in which children can play with sand and water, have their meals together, play with clay, and paint. There are also some quiet places where they can be by themselves, if they need a rest from the hustle and bustle around them. All the group rooms have one or two mezzanines and are on the ground floor.

### *Art room*

Every day we do handicraft with the children, either in our own art room or in the group rooms. The children make wonderful works of art, which we exhibit in the group rooms.

### *Activities with a theme*

The children create art every day, either in their group room or in our art room. A dancing teacher regularly visits 'Kresj Lindengracht' to dance with the children who want to, or to give the children yoga lessons. For our activities we make use of themes such as wild animals, holiday, autumn, family and parties. These themes play a role in all our activities: in the discussions we have, the games that are played, the books that are read, and the art that is made. Sometimes the themes are rounded off with a party, art exhibition, or a trip, for example to the zoo.

### *Outside every day*

We take the children outside every day. We have a beautiful, spacious, fenced garden that gets a great deal of sunshine, but also has some shaded areas, and has plenty of plants and equipment. In other words, it is a wonderful place to play in. We have divided the garden into two parts: one specifically for babies and another one designed for toddlers.

### *Involved parents*

At 'Kresj Lindengracht' we feel that contact with the parents is crucial. We enjoy communicating with parents, for example when they drop off and pick up their children. In addition, we organise an annual parents evening for each group, to encourage parents to meet and get to know each other better.

### *Parent group*

'Kresj Lindengracht' 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.

### *Educational policy*

We have been inspired by the ideas of several child psychologists. Our team is made up of very experienced and well-trained staff. Parents often tell us that we offer high educational quality. And that makes us extra proud of our centre!

The child is an individual in the group, and we take this as our starting point at 'Kresj Lindengracht'. All children develop in their own way and at their own speed. We encourage the children to be independent. We listen to them carefully and act in a consistent manner, so that the children know what they can expect. Safety is a determining factor for children's development. We interact with the children in an atmosphere of equality, so that every child feels both valued and valuable.

### *Stable and close team*

At 'Kresj Lindengracht' we have 12 enthusiastic experienced childcare workers and one manager. On average, the childcare workers have worked at 'Kresj Lindengracht' for more than 10 years, and this has made us a very close and stable team. Something else we are really proud of!

### *Practical information*

'Kresj Lindengracht' has two baby groups, each with 9 children aged 0-2 years, and two toddler groups, each with 14 children aged 2-4 years. There are two professional childcare workers in each group.

Opening hours: 'Kresj Lindengracht' 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 Rinske Bos to arrange a visit.

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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.