



kinderdagverblijf

**Dikkie Dik**

Onderdeel van Uitzendingsbureaus



## ***Well-considered development***

At childcare centre 'Dikkie Dik' we think carefully about everything that we do. The children are given the scope to develop at their own speed in a tranquil environment. In such a safe and calm atmosphere, they can discover both themselves and the world around them.

### *19th century school building*

'Dikkie Dik' is located in a beautiful former school building from the 19th century. The building is light and spacious, offering the children a lot of room for playing. The spacious and well-equipped group rooms all border on our big, sheltered garden. In addition, there is an art room and a play room.

### *Outside every day*

All the groups at 'Dikkie Dik' have their own access to our spacious, fenced garden. This is where the children embark on loads of adventures in the play house, in the challenging climbing house with slide, or in our large sandbox. Usually we go outside every day, and the children will be running or cycling around together or in their own little fantasy world.

### *Art and music*

A number of times a year the children are offered 'Music for young children', which is based on the method 'Music on the lap' and which is given by a qualified music teacher. The children are given the opportunity to sing and play music together in a group. Old songs and new songs are learned together with an activity. Not only is the musical development stimulated in this way, but memory and concentration are also trained because the children need to remember the melodies and words. In addition, the loco motor system is practised.

Every week an artist comes to 'Dikkie Dik' to give special attention to creativity. By creating and playing, children learn to discover both themselves and their environment. All experiences are included and combined with new experiences in a continuous creative process of action and inaction, relaxation and play, music and handicraft.

### *A hot lunch four times a week*

There is also a cook at 'Dikkie Dik' and four times a week we can enjoy a healthy and freshly prepared lunch, made by our cook in our professional kitchen on the first floor. On the fifth day the children receive a healthy cold lunch with sandwiches.

### *Parent group*

'Dikkie Dik' 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.

### *A natural balance between activities and relaxation*

At 'Dikkie Dik' we feel that loving care is the underlying theme in the way we approach the children, together with respect for the parents, the environment, and the culture in which the child was born. During the first few years the foundations are laid for the child's self image and development. The experiences gained as a child influence a person for the rest of his/her life. Together with the parents, we assist the child during these formative years.

It is important to us that there is a safe and calm atmosphere in which the child can go out exploring, so that it gets to know him or herself as well as the surrounding environment. In this way the children learn by playing; in a natural way, we thus lay the foundation for a positive self-image and a healthy dose of confidence and independence.

'Dikkie Dik' pays a great deal of attention to communication and interaction in all its forms. We try to create a natural balance between activities and relaxation, as these are essential elements of a familiar and learning environment.

### *Good communication with parents and children*

Our close-knit team is knowledgeable, experienced, involved and enthusiastic. Good communication with the children and the parents is paramount. As a result of the pleasant cooperation between childcare workers and support staff, everybody knows each other well. We continuously try to improve our expertise by following training sessions and lectures.

### *Practical information*

'Dikkie Dik' has three baby groups, each with 8 children aged 0-2 years, and two toddler groups, one group with 14 children and the other group 16 children aged 2-4 years. There are two professional childcare workers in each group.

Opening hours: 'Dikkie Dik' 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 Yolanda Rietbergen 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.