

GO! Kinderopvang provides childcare in standard pre-school playgroups and in pre-school playgroups featuring Pre-School Education (PSE) in Lelystad, Almere and Zeewolde. The curriculum is focused on the development of children between the ages of 2 and 4. We ensure that the children play together in groups under professional guidance as much as possible. The pre-school playgroup is an effective springboard to primary school.

Learning by playing together

Playing is great fun; it is also learning, discovering, and developing yourself!

At pre-school playgroups, toddlers are stimulated to embark on new challenges, which lead to new steps in their development. Our trained staff members stimulate toddlers in achieving optimal development according to their individual potential.

Toddlers attend pre-school playgroups for two half-days in either morning or afternoon sessions, during which they engage in a variety of activities. Playing freely indoors or out is just as important as creative activities like gluing, cutting, painting, doing jigsaw puzzles and modelling with clay. A lot of attention is also given to reading aloud and singing songs. Eating and drinking together is another important moment in the day. The layout of the play-room provides a challenging and stimulating play environment. Children spend some of their time play together in play corners, where they also learn the discipline of sitting in the circle and listening to one another. The pedagogical working method is described in the general [pedagogical policy](#) of GO! (the Orange Umbrella) and the [pedagogical work plan](#) of the pre-school playgroups.

Pre-School Education (PSE)

Pre-School Education (PSE) is provided in our PSE pre-school playgroups. The curriculum of these playgroups is aimed at stimulating the development of children aged between 2 and 4, with a special focus on the development of language and social-emotional skills. At the age of 4, the child will transition to a primary school, preferably one which uses a PSESE approach in groups 1 and 2. This comprehensive curriculum for children from 2 to 6 years is called PSESE (Pre-School and Early-School Education). The objective is to transition children to group 3 without delays. The curriculum is configured using an acknowledged PSESE programme. GO! Kinderopvang has been commissioned to implement PSE by the municipality.

Children with a PSESE indication attend pre-school playgroups from the age of 2 and a half for 16 hours a week. This time is divided between 4 to 6 half-days or parts

of a half day, depending on the opening hours of the pre-school playgroups. Of these 16 hours, 8 hours are free of charge. The PSESE indication is issued by the child health clinic. If a PSESE indication is not issued, a toddler can be enrolled for a maximum of 2 half-days. The income of the parent will be decisive for the amount of the [parental contribution](#).

In Lelystad, a special scheme is in place which allows children to attend pre-school playgroups free of charge. This applies to children with a PSESE indication whose parents fall into the lowest income category, or to children without a PSESE indication but for whom the hardship profile is applicable. Click [here](#) for more information.

Talent Groups

Our Talent Groups in Lelystad and Almere provide an innovative development curriculum for toddlers to facilitate a flying start at primary school. This is achieved by the development of social and cognitive talents through a play-based approach, working closely with parents to ensure optimal development of the child. In addition, we maintain a close collaboration with local primary schools to ensure a smooth flow. The Talent Groups are for children between the ages of 2 and 4. Talent Groups are currently underway in the form of a pilot at five locations in Lelystad ([Peutertalent](#), [Finnjol](#), [Speelkajuit](#), [Zuidwester](#) and [Dolfijntjes 1](#)) and at two locations in Almere ([de Compositie](#) and ['t Hof](#)). Check out the Lelystad [brochure](#) for more information about Talent Groups in Lelystad and the Almere [brochure](#) for more information about Talent Groups in Almere.

Opening hours

Our pre-school playgroups operate opening hours which may vary according to the location. Half-days are either morning or afternoon sessions. Holidays are aligned as much as possible with the primary school holidays as defined at a national level by the government. Holiday dates are published at the beginning of every school year.

Exchange of information with authorities

In order to enable optimal and uninterrupted development for all children, the pre-school playgroups maintain close contact with partners within the municipality. For example, community child health clinics are frequently contacted to exchange and align information. Advice and support may also be requested from Youth Care services in the municipality, and arrangements are in place regarding the transfer of data on the child's transition to primary school.

Parents are informed about the nature of these arrangements and the way in which they will be expected to engage during the intake at the pre-school playgroup. Permission is always requested for the exchange of information, and the interests of the child are obviously always central to this process.