Talent Groups are for children between the ages of 2 and 4 in Lelystad. Our objective is to give these children a flying start by developing social and cognitive talents through a play-based approach. Talent Groups are currently running as a pilot project at four locations in Lelystad: Finnjol, Speelkajuit, Zuidwester and Dolfijntjes 1. We are building on the favourable results that were achieved at the preschool playgroup <u>Peutertalent</u>, which will also remain a Talent Group.

Trained staff and experts, work together in the Talent Groups to find effective and practicable ways to enhance children's prospects for successful development. There is a strong focus on skills development and a smooth transition to primary school. Active commitment on the part of the parent(s) is required.

Talent Groups form part of the Pre-School and Early-School Education (PSESE) policy of the municipality of Lelystad. The ambition is to ensure that all children develop to their full potential so that they can move on to group 1 without any delays due to insufficient language or other skills. Please read the <u>brochure</u> for more information.

Talent Groups are also now running in Almere at the pre-school playgroup locations 't Hof and Compositie. There is also a Talent Group at the children's day-care facility Penseel.