



## **International Language Class (ITK) Uithoorn**

### ***Have you and your child(ren) recently come to live in the Netherlands? Do your children speak little to no Dutch?***

In order to be successful in Dutch education, it is essential for your child to learn how to speak, read and write the Dutch language accurately and fluently.

In this the International Language Class Uithoorn may play an important role.

If your child is between six and twelve years old, he/she can participate in this special language program. The International Language Class is part of all elementary schools in the Uithoorn Community and is located in a classroom in elementary school De Springschans, Eendracht 8, Uithoorn.

In about one year your child, together with other children of different nationalities, will learn the basics of the Dutch language. It is an intensive program, consisting mainly of vocabulary acquirement, but also reading and writing skills, arithmetic, spelling and world orientation (biology, geography and history).

#### **Your child(ren) will attend this class five days a week.**

Monday	8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday	8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday	8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Thursday	8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Friday	8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Your child will have lunch at home. If you have to work or attend school, your child can also have lunch at school. This is called 'overblijf'. Overblijven (remaining at school) costs money, about € 2,50 per day per child if you have a membership. You will get a separate letter about this. All children must bring something to eat and drink in the morning break and, if they stay at school, also their own lunch and a drink for lunchtime.

Participation in the International Language Class is free of cost. For the organization of school parties, excursions and field trips a voluntary contribution of € 47,50 a year is requested. You will also receive a separate letter about this.

After finishing the International Language Class, your child can move up to one of the regular elementary schools in Uithoorn. This will be an elementary school of your choice and preferably in your residential area. In the last semester of the International Language Class year, the pupil will attend this elementary school one day a week in order to get acquainted with the new class and teacher. The International Language Class teacher will make sure the receiving primary school is well informed about your child and will make suggestions for further guidance.

Even if your child doesn't have a BSN (citizen service number or sofinumber) yet, he/she can start in the International Language Class.

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