

# Childcare Options in Aarhus

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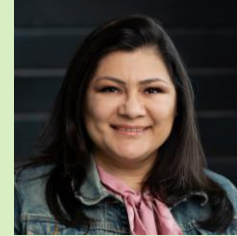
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# GOOD TO KNOW



Information on Childcare in Aarhus 0- 6 years of age  
[international.aarhus.dk](http://international.aarhus.dk)

The screenshot shows the 'Childcare 0-6 years of age' page on international.aarhus.dk. The page is organized into three main columns of information:

- Before we take care of your child:**
  - Sign up your child for childcare
  - Types of childcare - day nurseries, childminders, and kindergartens
  - Choose full-time or part-time daycare
  - Guarantee of childcare scheme (pasningsgaranti)
  - Waiting lists
  - Mandatory learning offer (obligatorisk læringstilbud)
- When we take care of your child:**
  - Opening hours and closing days
  - Withdrawing your child from daycare, SFO and Club
  - Food and meals at your child's daycare institution
  - Get leave from childcare
  - Transfer between departments
- Rates, subsidy and payment for daycare:**
  - Rates and payment
  - Free or subsidised childcare
  - Private childcare arrangement (privat pasningsordning)
  - Combination offer (kombinationstilbud)

At the bottom, there is a section for 'General information about daycare in Denmark' with a link to 'Lifeddenmark.dk'.

[Childcare 0-6 years of age](http://international.aarhus.dk)

Description of all public childcare offers in Aarhus  
(childminders, day nurseries, kindergartens, combined institutions):

The screenshot shows the 'Se alle vores dagtilbud' page on Aarhus Kommune's website. The page features a large header image of two smiling children. Below the image, the text reads: 'Se alle vores dagtilbud. Vi har samlet vores mange institutioner i 36 dagtilbud. Her finder du en oversigt og links til dem alle.' Below this, there is a section titled 'Dagtilbuddenes hjemmesider' with three small thumbnail images representing different childcare settings.

[All childcare offers in Aarhus](#)  
In Danish – use Google translate

# Overall info



1. **Almost all families in Denmark use a childcare service**
2. **Most children are enrolled in public childcare services.** A smaller share attend private day nurseries or kindergartens.
3. **Public childcare is not free of charge** – nor is private. Subsidy is possible for both.
4. **You must apply for a place in daycare** – done differently depending on public, private institution or a private childcare arrangement (privat pasningsordning) - more later

# Overall info



## 5. You can sign up your child for public or private childcare once they have a CPR number

- **Baby born in Denmark:** receives a CPR number at birth (remember to apply for legal residence).
- **Sign up your child for public childcare** before the child turns 4 months to have the best possible seniority on the waiting list.
- **Child coming to Aarhus from abroad:** the municipality must offer a childcare service no later than three months after the municipality receives the application.
- **Recommendation:** sign up your child for a public kindergarten when signing up for a childminder (dagplejer) / day nursery (vuggestue)

# Overall info



6. **Right to public daycare on weekdays** (not weekends and holidays)
7. **Guarantee of public childcare for all children** from the 1st or 16th of the month after your child has turned 26 weeks and until they start school (at the age of six). Also guarantee of childcare after school until August 1st of the year when the child starts 4th grade-
8. **Guarantee of childcare within your guarantee district** (Aarhus is divided in 3 guarantee districts).
9. **Staff in public and private childcare** setting must show a child protection criminal record certificate (in Danish: børneattest).
- 10 **At present**, the City of Aarhus does *not* provide a subsidy for parents to care for their own children at home.

# Pedagogical goals in Danish childcare



## The Danish Daycare Act

## National pedagogical curriculum

- sets objectives for children's learning within six areas
  - Personal development
  - Social development
  - Language and communication
  - Body and movement
  - Nature and science
  - Culture and creativity

Aim: children that are confident, curious and active participants in society

# TYPES OF CHILDCARE



0

1

2

3

4

5

6

School  
and  
SFO

**Day Nursery (Vuggestue)** 26 weeks -3 years

**Childminder (Dagleje)** 26 weeks – up to 4 years

**Kindergarten (Børnehave)** 3- 6 years of age

**Combined day nursery and kindergarten (integreret institution)** 26 weeks – 6 years

**Private childcare arrangement (privat pasningsordning)** 24 weeks – 6 years

**Private childcare (nursery, kindergarten, combined institution)**

# PUBLIC, INDEPENDENT AND PRIVATE

## **PUBLIC DAYCARE INSTITUTIONS:**

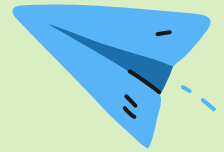
- Childminder, day nursery, kindergarten, combined institution
- Run by the municipality
- Common pedagogical goals
- Sign-up via Digital Placement on [international.aarhus.dk](http://international.aarhus.dk)
- Rate: fixed by the municipality

## **INDEPENDENT DAYCARE INSTITUTIONS:**

- Day nursery, kindergarten – have board - agreement with and supervised by the municipality
- Same framework as public institution: e.g. budget and number of children per adult
- Sign-up via Digital Placement on [international.aarhus.dk](http://international.aarhus.dk)
- Rate: fixed by the municipality

## **PRIVATE CHILDCARE:**

- Private childcare arrangement (private childminder in your home or self-employed childminder in their home)
  - Sign-up: via forms, certain criteria, approval and pedagogical supervision by the municipality
  - Rate: written agreement, application for subsidy is possible
- Private institution: nursery, kindergarten or combined institution
  - Sign-up: contact the institution
  - Rate: set by the institution, invoices sent directly to parents, application for subsidy is possible



# PUBLIC, INDEPENDENT AND PRIVATE

## **Public and independent institutions:**

- 47 Day nurseries
- 1 International Day Nursery
- 39 Kindergartens
- 231 Combined institutions



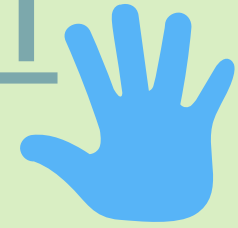
## **Private institutions:**

- 6 Kindergartens
- 1 Combined institution
- 1 International pre-school (Aarhus International School)

Please note that the figures may contain inaccuracies.

# PRIVATE CHILDCARE ARRANGEMENT

## PRIVAT PASNINGSORDNING



### Two options:

- 1) Employ a private childminder. Your child is cared for in your own home.
- 2) Secure a place with a self-employed childminder who can care for up to 5 children in their own home.

- You find the private childminder yourself
- Your child can be on a waiting list for a public childcare offer while being cared for by a private childminder
- Rate and working hours: written agreement, subsidy possible
- Approval and pedagogical supervision by the municipality
- Language: Must be able to speak Danish
- Holiday and illness – no alternative is provided
- Sign-up: application forms on [international.aarhus.dk](http://international.aarhus.dk)

**Private childcare arrangement (privat pasningsordning) 24 weeks – 6 years**

# PRIVATE DAYCARE INSTITUTION

NURSERY, KINDERGARTEN OR COMBINED INSTITUTION



## **SIGN-UP:**

- Contact the institution directly – own waiting lists
- [Map showing private institutions in Aarhus](#)

## **Rate:**

- Defined by the private institution – possible to apply for subsidy from the municipality

**Private institution (nursery, kindergarten, combined institution)**

# PUBLIC CHILDMINDER

## DAGPLEJE

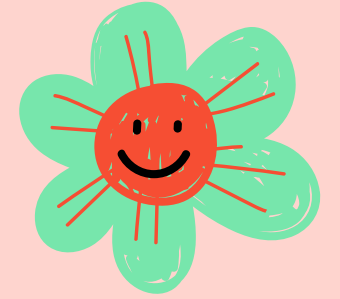


- **In the childminder's home** – same adult. Certain requirements
- **4 children** - maximum
- **Socialisation with others** – meet for playgroup (legestue) and outdoors with children from other local childminders.
- **Education:** educational background will vary. Courses in childminding are mandatory
- **Food:** Lunch and snacks are made at the childminder's home
- **Holiday and illness:** Your child is taken care of by another (known) childminder
- **Transition to kindergarten – possible from age 3-4. Your child** cannot continue at the childminder after the date you have chosen as the date of need for a place in a kindergarten.

**Childminder (Dagpleje) 26 weeks – up to 4 years**

# PUBLIC DAY NURSERY

## VUGGESTUE



Educated caretakers – pedagogues, pedagogical assistants

Max number of children per adult – 3 children per adult

Number of children in total will vary

Structured everyday rhythm - breakfast (if not provided from home), singing, lunch, outdoor time, mid-day nap, afternoon snacks, and more playtime.

**Day Nursery (Vuggestue) 26 weeks -3 years**

# PUBLIC KINDERGARTEN

BØRNEHAVE



Educated caretakers

Ratio of children per adult: 6

20 children in a group – often divided by age

Everyday rhythm – activities led by the staff and free play

**Kindergarten (Børnehavn) 3- 6 years of age**

# PUBLIC COMBINED DAY NUSERY AND KINDERGARTEN INTEGRERET INSTITUTION

Day nursery and kindergarten are part of the same institution

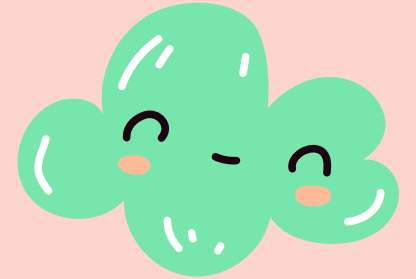
- 'Set-up' will vary from institution to institution' – e.g. concerning
  - How much the children are mixed across day nursery and kindergarten
  - Shared or divided playground

Gradual transition from the nursery to the kindergarten:

- Groups across oldest children in day nursery and children in kindergarten

Guaranteed childcare in the same institution until they start school – choose the kindergarten as well, when signing up for childcare.

Want another kindergarten? Sign up for that kindergarten asap



**Combined day nursery and kindergarten (integreret institution) 26 weeks – 6 years**

# GOOD TO KNOW



**INTRODUCTORY MEETING:** with the pedagogical manager and childminder / contact pedagogue before start or soon after  
- Interpreter if needed

## MEALS

Breakfast if needed

Childminders prepare food

Day nurseries and kindergartens: brought lunchboxes, catering or in-house cook

## **SLEEP**

The youngest children sleep in prams.

Older children sleep on mattresses indoors.

# GOOD TO KNOW



## AULA - COMMUNICATION PLATFORM FOR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

- Register arrival and pick-up time, who will pick up the child, holidays, and other absences.
- Communicate with other parents and the staff at your child's institution or school
- Accept invitations to events and meetings.

# GOOD TO KNOW



## OPENING HOURS:

**Mondays 6:30 -16:30**

**Tuesday – Thursday 6:30 –17.00**

**Friday 6:30 -16:30**

## **TYPICAL CLOSING DAYS:**

- The days before Easter
- The day after Ascension Day
- Constitution Day (5 June)
- Weeks 29-30
- 23 December
- 24 December
- 27-31 December

## **SCHEMES :**

- Part-time daycare: 25 hours per week
- Part-time daycare: 30 hours per week for parents on leave according to the law on maternity leave
- Full-time daycare: 51,5 hours per week
- Childminder: 48 hours per week

# GOOD TO KNOW



## MONTHLY COSTS – public childcare

Depends on:

- Part-time / full-time
- With or without catering at the institution
- Under or over 3 years of age
- Siblings
- Subsidy – depending on household income

Childminder (dagpleje) - 3.625kr (2026)

Day nursery (vuggestue) and kindergarten (børnehave) – 1.602kr to 5.078kr (2026)

# CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

- Physical handicap
- Autism
- Speech and language difficulties
- Etc.

Please reach out to:

PPR – [Pedagogical Psychological Advice, City of Aarhus](#)

- to know how they can support your child



# SIGN-UP FOR PUBLIC CHILDCARE



**Guaranteed childcare** between 26 weeks – until your child starts school

**Your child must have a CPR number**

**Sign-up digitally** - using 'Digital Pladsanvisning' (public and independent institutions) and MitID

## **Sign-up:**

- As soon as possible - before 4 months old.
- Recommendation: Sign up for both childminder / day nursery and kindergarten. If you wish the kindergarten in the combined institution where your child attends day nursery, choose it as a kindergarten option as well.
- Choose up to 5 institutions from 0-3 years of age and up to 5 from 3-6. Prioritized
- Sign up no later than current month + 2 months before your child needs a place

**Choosing a place:** You can choose freely among institutions, but children living in the local district of the institution are first in line to get a place.

**Placement offer:** Received through Digital Post – you accept or decline. Offer is received at the earliest two months before your requested start date you have provided when signing up.

# SIGN-UP FOR PRIVATE CHILDCARE



Your child must have a CPR number

## SIGN-UP:

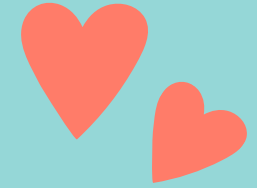
### **Private daycare institution:**

- Contact the institution directly

### **Private childcare arrangement (private childminder in your own home or self-employed):**

- Application forms on [international.aarhus.dk](http://international.aarhus.dk)

# HOW TO PRIORITIZE



**VISIT THE INSTITUTIONS YOU HAVE IN MIND – call first**

**Match expectations**

**Family values and practices**

**Language**

**Flexibility**

# Day nursery / childminder



A teddy bear or doll



Two blouses/shirts



A thin cotton cap



Pacifiers



Two pairs of trousers



Two sets of underwear



One pair of slippers



Two pairs of socks or tights

# Kindergarten



A set of underwear



A change of clothes



A pair of socks

# Extra – childminder, nursery and kindergarten

## Summer



A waterproof suit  
A pair of rubber boots



A thin fleece sweater



A sun hat or cap



A pair of sandals or shoes

**Sunscreen  
must be applied  
at home**

## Winter, spring and autumn



A waterproof suit  
A pair of rubber boots



A snowsuit  
A pair of boots



Cap and gloves

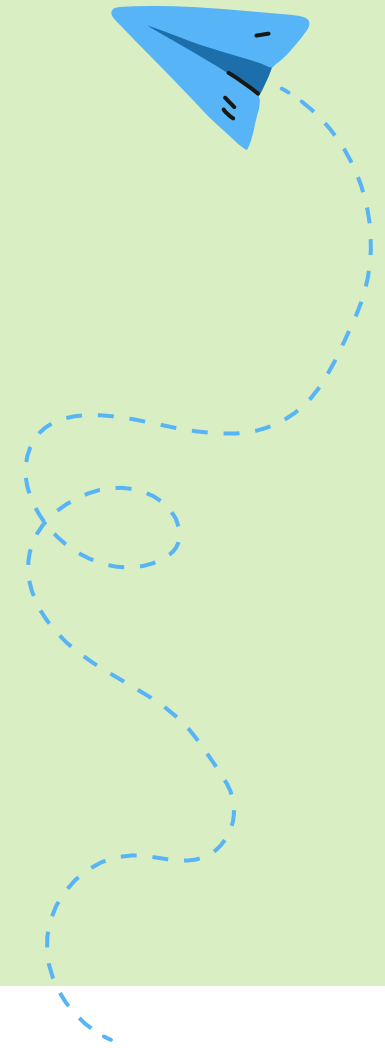


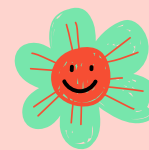
A pair of shoes

# Typical kindergarten dressing room



# WHAT TO EXPECT





**TIME FOR A SHORT  
BREAK...**

# INTERNATIONAL DAY NURSERY

**Camilla White**, Pedagogue and Manager

**Public international institution**

Opened: March 1, 2022

Capacity: 24 children

Currently enrolled: Full capacity

Everyday language: English

Location: Marselis Boulevard 50, Aarhus C



**Opening hours:**

**Tuesday-Thursday: 6:30-17:00**

**Monday & Friday: 6.30-16.30**

**Part-time: 25hrs per week or  
50hrs spilt over 2 weeks**

**Full-time: 51,5 hrs per week**

**Attendance fees:**

**Part-time: 3.601 kr.**

**Full-time: 4.897 kr.**



**Hola**  
SPANISH

**Zdravo**  
MACEDONIAN

**ÓLa**  
PORTUGUESE

**Hello**  
ENGLISH

**Hej**  
DANISH

**Hallo**  
GERMAN

**Czesc**  
POLISH

**Moi**  
FINISH

**नमस्ते**

**مرحبا**

Many cultures and countries

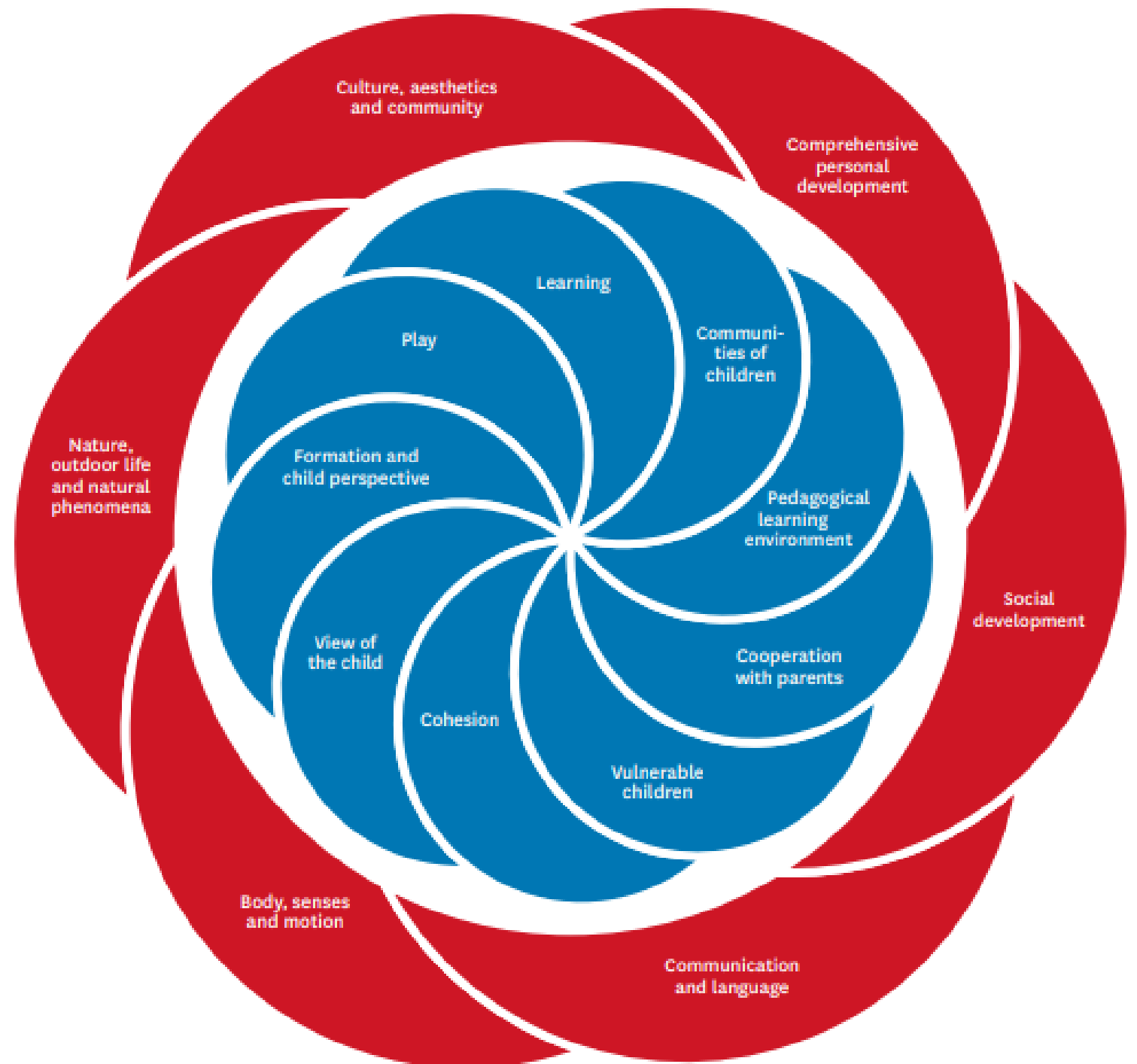
**Salut**

**Salam**  
PERSIAN

**Ciao**

# The strengthened pedagogical curriculum

Framework and content



# A day in the life

- 6:30-9:00 Children arrive & Free play
- 9:00-9:30 Morning Snack & Circle time
- 9:30-10:30 Planned Activities
- 10:00-11:00 Lunch time
- 11:00-12:00 Time to sleep
- 14:00-17:00 Snack & playground



# Field Trips



# Gymnastics room





**Art & Crafts**



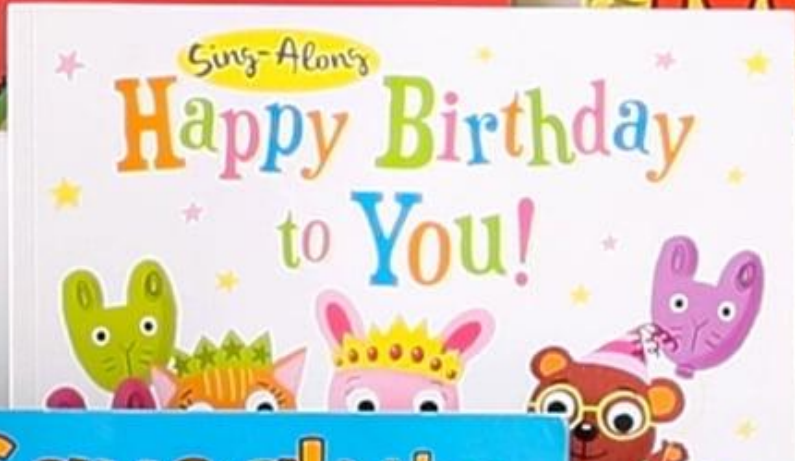


# On the Playground

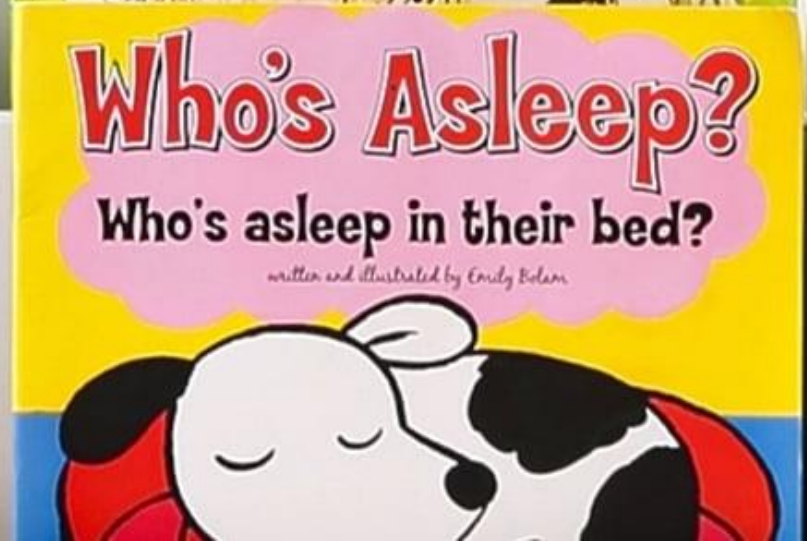


# Sensory Play





**We love Books & Reading**





# International Day Nursery Aarhus

**Open House: October 20th, 15.00-17.00**

The International Day Nursery in Aarhus offers a warm, inspiring and international environment for children aged 0-3. English is the primary language used in daily activities.

As the first and only public international daycare in Aarhus, we provide a unique setting where children grow and learn in a multicultural atmosphere.

We would like to welcome families to visit our facilities and experience everyday life at the nursery, as well as learn about the values that guide our care.

For more information and to enroll your child, visit:

[international.aarhus.dk/intdaynursery](https://international.aarhus.dk/intdaynursery)

Location: Marselis Boulevard 50, 8000 Aarhus

You are welcome to call us at +45 23 74 33 07

Email: [comiwbi@aarhus.dk](mailto:comiwbi@aarhus.dk)

Please call or write us  
anytime to book an  
unofficial visit

# PRIVATE INSTITUTION

**Kristina Nicholson**

Early Years (kindergarten) Leader

Aarhus International School, Early Years Campus

A young child is shown from the chest up, wearing a white polo shirt with blue and white horizontal stripes. The child is focused on playing with several colorful wooden blocks (red, yellow, blue, green) held in their hands. The background is softly blurred, showing what appears to be an indoor setting with warm lighting. The text 'Aarhus International School Early Years Programme' is overlaid in large white font across the center of the image.

# Aarhus International School Early Years Programme



AIS students come from many different countries – more than 40 across the whole school community





# AIS follows the IB Primary Years Programme & IB Middle Years Programme



# Children take play seriously – and so do we.

Play is more than fun – it is the key to unlocking a child's potential to learn and grow.

PYP Early Years (for children aged 3-6 years) frees your child to play and learn, so they can build the **curiosity, creativity, and confidence** they need to thrive today and in the future.



# Our Values:

Responsible

Caring

Respectful















# UPCOMING EVENTS

Little Friends – June 24

Finally Friday – August 14

Expat Reception – August 29

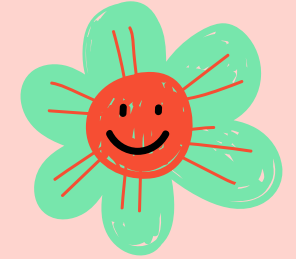
Newcomers' Info Webinar – September 3

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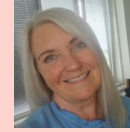
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# ASK YOUR QUESTIONS!



The Placement Service - Pia Godsk Romlund



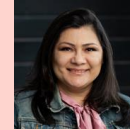
The International Day Nursery – Camilla White



Early Years (Kindergarten) AIS – Kristina Nicholson



Peer-to-peer – Maria Gomez Lander Madsen



## How to:

Click “**Rooms**” in the meeting toolbar and choose the room you would like to join.

You can **leave a room and join another at any time** by opening “**Rooms**” again and select a different room.

If you need help, please write in the **chat**.



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