

Childcare in Aarhus 0-6 years of age

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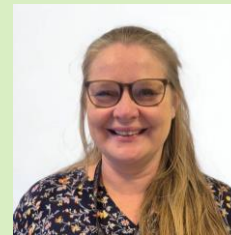
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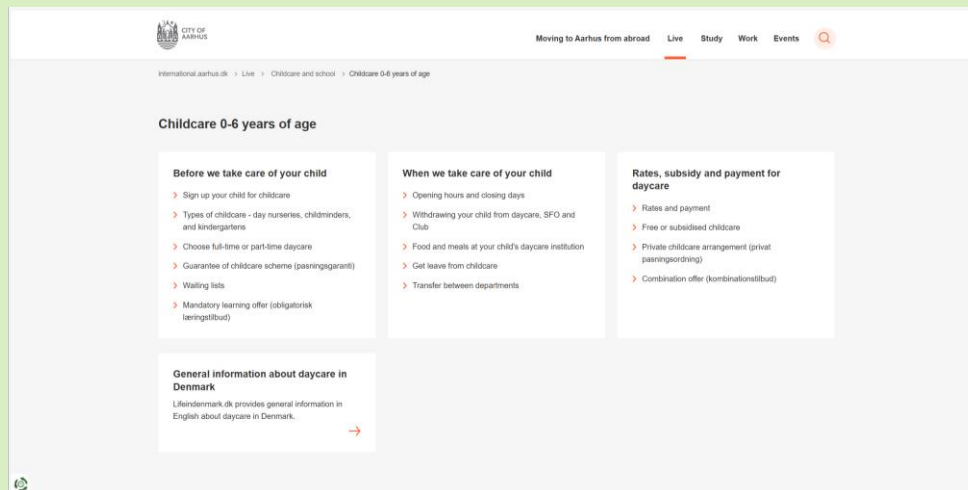


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GOOD TO KNOW

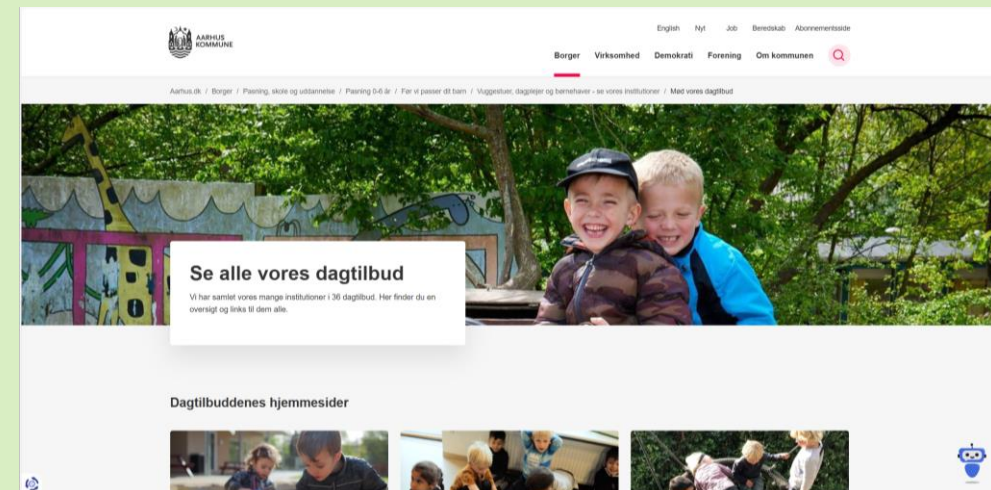


Information on Childcare in Aarhus 0- 6 years of age
international.aarhus.dk



Childcare 0-6
years of age

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



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 EU residence document / residence permit after birth).
- **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:** If your child has reached the minimum age of 26 weeks by your required start date and you have registered your child for childcare according to deadlines, you will be offered an age-appropriate childcare place starting on either the 1st or the 16th of a month. Also guarantee of after school care 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



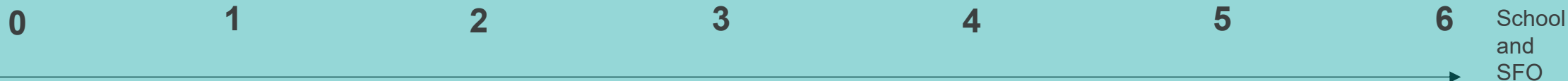
The Danish Daycare Act

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



Day Nursery (Vuggestue) 26 weeks -3 years

Childminder (Dagpleje) 26 weeks – up to 4 years

Kindergarten (Børnhave) 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 OFFERS:

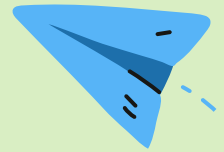
- Childminder, day nursery, kindergarten, combined institution
- Run by the municipality
- Sign-up via Digital Placement on international.aarhus.dk
- Rate: fixed by the municipality

INDEPENDENT DAYCARE INSTITUTIONS:

- Day nursery, kindergarten – have a board – agreement with and supervised by the municipality
- Same number of children per adult
- Sign-up via Digital Placement on 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 on international.aarhus.dk, 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



PRIVATE CHILDCARE ARRANGEMENT

PRIVAT PASNINGSORDNING



Two options:

- 1) Employ a private childminder. Your child is cared for in your own home. You must register as a company.
- 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

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

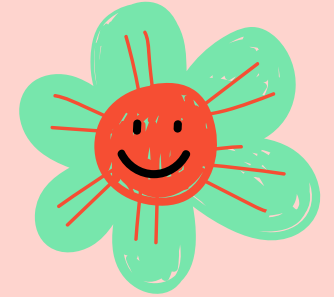


- **In the childminder's home** – same adult. Certain requirements
- **4 children** - maximum
- **Socialisation with others** – meet for playgroup (legestue) and outdoors with children from other local childminders.
- **Education:** educational background will vary. Courses in childminding are mandatory
- **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 (Børnehave) 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

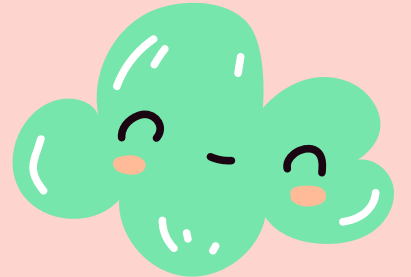
Gradual transition from the nursery to the kindergarten:

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

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

Want another kindergarten? Sign up for that kindergarten asap. You are not guaranteed a place in another kindergarten when your child attends a combined institution..

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



GOOD TO KNOW



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 - communication

INTRODUCTORY MEETING: with the pedagogical manager and childminder / contact pedagogue before start or soon after

- Interpreter if needed

EVERYDAY LANGUAGE: Danish – but English possible

LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT: between the age of 2,1 and 3,4 years of age. Not assessment of Danish but of language competences.

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.

SIGN-UP FOR PUBLIC CHILDCARE

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

DEADLINE FOR REPLYING TO AN OFFER: 4 weekdays - via the link in the letter you receive via Digital Post.

If you decline an offer that IS / IS NOT is one of your choices: you will get a new seniority date calculated as the date on which you respond to the offer + continuous month + 2 months.

If you only had one chosen ONE childcare place your seniority will be annulled. If you sign up your child again, it may tak up to 3 months before your child can be offered a place again.



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

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

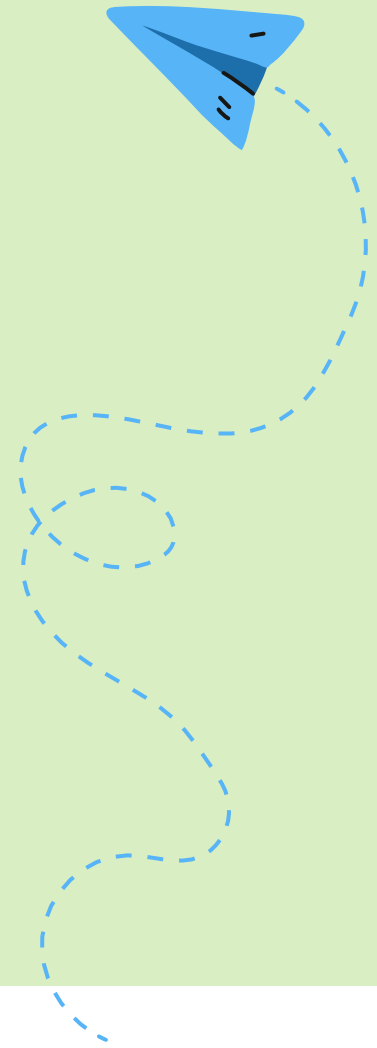


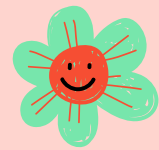
A pair of shoes

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.



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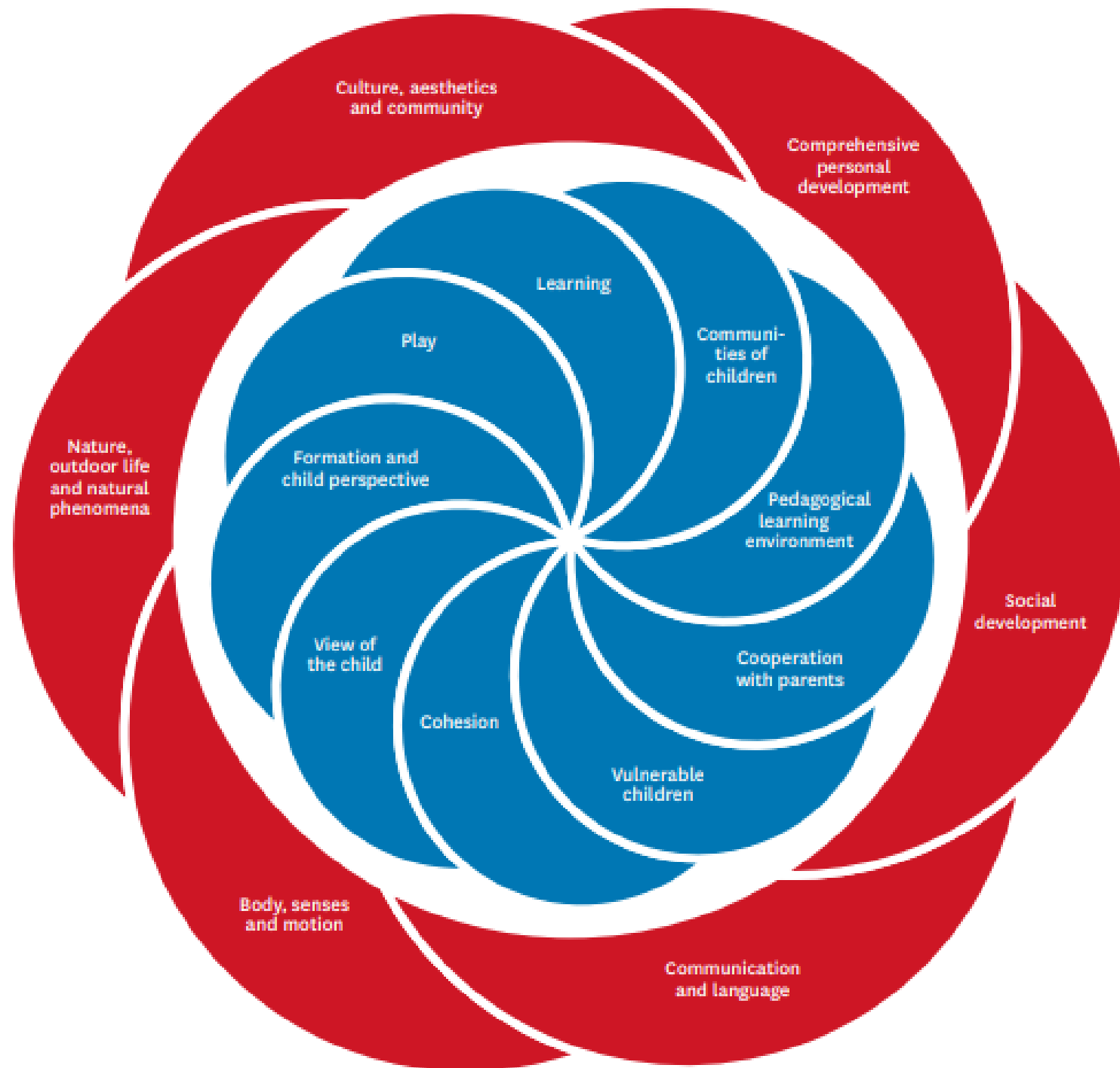
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The strengthened pedagogical curriculum

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





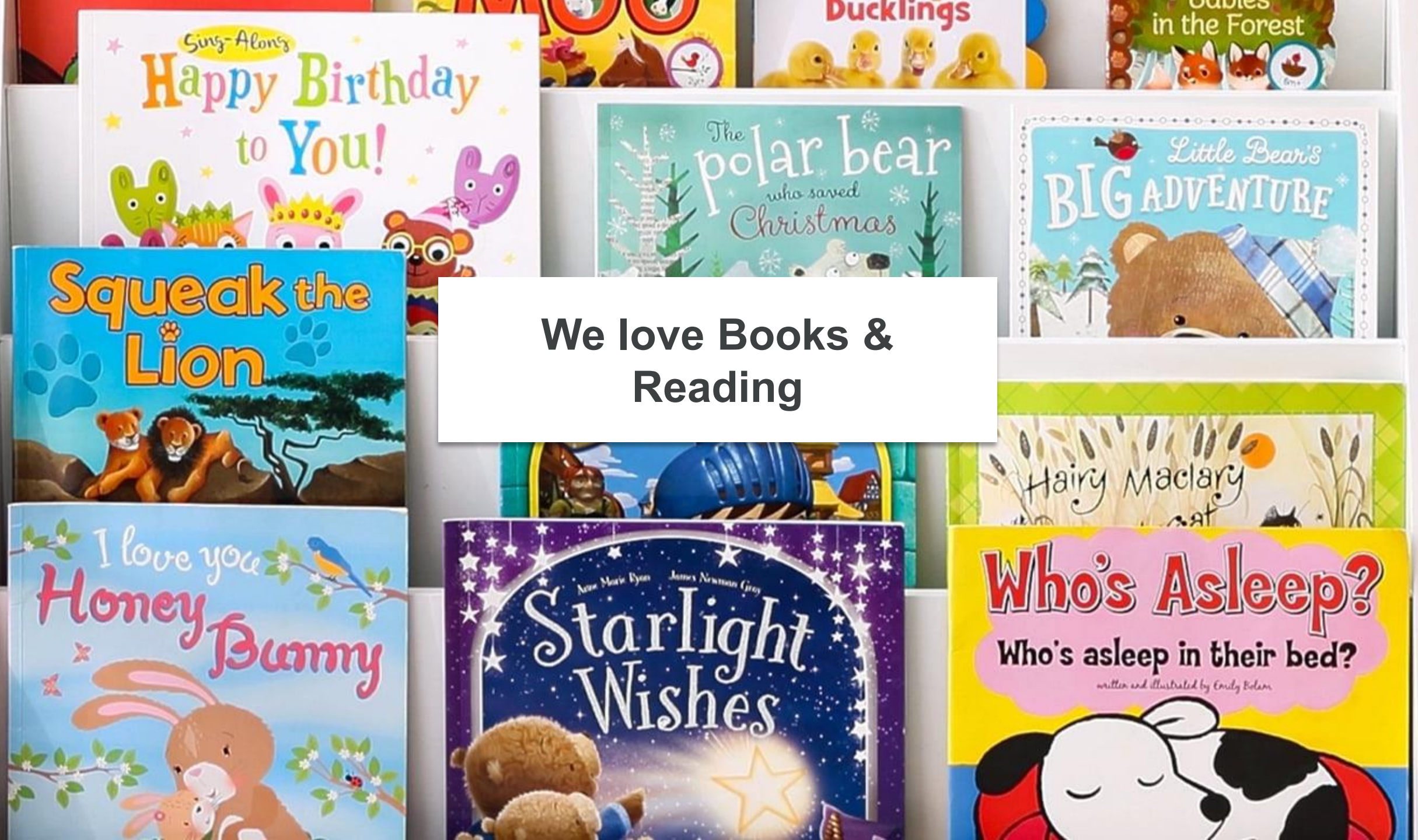
Play time

On the Playground



Sensory Play





**We love Books &
Reading**

PRIVATE INSTITUTION

Kristina Nicholson

Early Years (kindergarten) Leader

Aarhus International School, Early Years Campus



A young child, wearing a white and blue striped polo shirt, is focused on playing with colorful building blocks. The child's hands are visible, holding and stacking the blocks. The background is softly blurred, showing an indoor setting with warm lighting. A small, stylized logo consisting of three parallel diagonal lines in teal, yellow, and red, with a red semi-circle at the bottom, is positioned above the main text.

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



AIS VALUES

RESPONSIBLE

WE ARE SAFE.

WE DON'T GIVE UP.

WE ASK FOR HELP.

WE CAN SOLVE
PROBLEMS.



CARING

WE ARE KIND.

WE ARE HELPFUL.

WE THINK ABOUT
OTHERS.

WE ARE HONEST.



RESPECTFUL

WE ARE OPEN-
MINDED.

WE USE OUR WORDS.

WE LISTEN TO
OTHERS.

WE INCLUDE OTHERS.



THAT'S AIS

How we teach & learn at AIS EY

Unit of Inquiry

4 Transdisciplinary Units of Inquiry

Focus on social, communication, self-management and self-regulation skills



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.



A day at AIS EY

7.00: AIS EY opens – drop off & free play

8.00: Go to groups

8.30: Morning snack

9.00: Circle time

9.30: Learning block/phonics

10.00: Outside

11.30: Learning block

12.00: Lunch

12.30: Learning block/ free play/ sleep

14.00: Afternoon snack

14.30: Outside/free play

17.00: AIS EY closes



Practical Information

- Full time 7.00-17.00 & Part time 8.00-14.00
- Outside every day (twice a day if full time) no matter the weather (rain, snow, sun)
- Bring own morning & afternoon snack and lunch

Feedback:

Settling-in report (after 6-8 weeks)

Reports twice a year (January & June)

Childcare offered during school holidays.

We are closed on all Danish public holidays

As well as the 24th of December







UPCOMING EVENTS

Career Journey – October 23

Little Friends – October 28

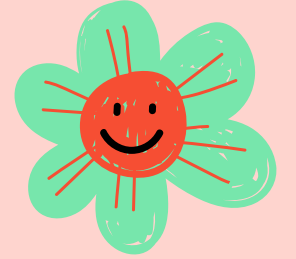
FUN DAY – Day of the Dead October 31

Newcomers' Info Evening – November 11

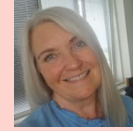
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ASK YOUR QUESTIONS!



The Placement Service - Pia Godsk Romlund



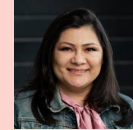
The International Day Nursery – Camilla White



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**.

The background is a vibrant, abstract composition of various colored paper cutouts. There are large, flowing shapes in shades of blue, purple, and pink. A hand is visible in the lower center, holding a white marker and painting a small pink shape. A silver paper clip is attached to a blue strip on the left side. The overall aesthetic is creative and artistic.

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