

Information
Basisschool Beneden Beekloop
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Foreword

Dear parents and guardians,

In this information booklet, you will find practical information about Beneden Beekloop Primary School. We describe how education is organized and the choices we have made in this regard.

If, after reading the information, you would like to visit our school, we are happy to invite you for a personal conversation and a tour. This can be done during school hours, so you can also get to know the daily routine alongside the personal discussion.

If you would like to schedule a tour, please contact the school by phone at 040-2863543 and ask for Mieke Thijssen or Harold van der Venne to arrange an appointment. You can also send an email to info@benedenbeekloop, indicating that you would like a tour of our school.

Kind regards,

Harold van der Venne

Principal of Beneden Beekloop Primary School

General Information

Beneden Beekloop Primary School

Beneden Beekloop Primary School is located in Geldrop. The school provides education to approximately 190 students and employs 20 team members. In addition to the kindergarten groups, the other groups follow the grade-based system of education.

Beneden Beekloop Primary School is one of the two primary schools in Geldrop that are part of the SILFO school group and falls under the Helmond-Peelland PO collaboration.

Our school works closely with the childcare organization Potje Knor to effectively shape education, care, and after-school services, creating a continuous line from ages 0 to 13.

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Vision

"Where talents come together"

At Beneden Beekloop Primary School, children, team members, and parents learn from and with each other in a respectful and safe environment, where creativity, individuality, and independence are prioritized, with the goal of developing talents.

Our core values are:

Involved - Creative - Expert - Innovative

Beneden Beekloop Primary School is a place where children from 0 to 13 years old, regardless of their background or beliefs, are welcome.

As teachers, we guide children to respect others and to understand different perspectives.

Our education focuses on acquiring knowledge, emotional and intellectual development, creativity, and social, cultural, and physical skills. We consider the individual educational needs of each child, adapting the curriculum when necessary. During lessons, we use cooperative learning methods to encourage active participation and collaboration.

We aim to provide our students with a sense of safety and adopt an educational approach that values mutual respect, self-confidence, and independence.

At Beneden Beekloop, we believe it is important for children to take more responsibility for their own learning process, be engaged with the material, and develop self-reflection.

We strive to ensure that when children leave Beneden Beekloop, they have a clear understanding of "This is what I can do," "This is what I still want to learn," and "This is what I need" in order to confidently step into the future.

What we are good at:

- We enjoy the children and take pleasure in our work. We strive for a perfect match between the learning environment on one hand and personal interests and abilities on the other.
- Everyone is welcome with the belief that: "We play, learn, and work together, each with their talent, every child is special!"
- Together with the children, we create a safe learning environment and foster a positive atmosphere where we can all learn from and with each other.
- We are creative! In addition to creative subjects like arts and crafts, drawing, music, and drama, each group performs a musical annually.
- We have an expert team. We participate in annual professional development to stay updated with educational developments.
- The results of our students are consistently above the national average.

School Hours and Holidays

At Beneden Beekloop Primary School, the school hours from Monday to Friday for groups 1 through 8 are from 08:30 to 14:00.

The children have a 15-minute break in the morning and a 30-minute lunch break.

The school holidays are listed annually on the school's website. They can also be found in the Social Schools calendar, the school's private application. Additionally, parents receive a yearly calendar at the start of the school year, which includes all holidays, days off, excursions, and other group activities.

Education at Beneden Beekloop Primary School

Our education:

Beneden Beekloop Primary School supports children in their overall development. We use the direct instruction model and incorporate cooperative learning methods into our teaching. The teacher observes, reviews the work, and tracks the progress of the students. Additionally, we monitor progress through both curriculum-based and independent assessments.

Based on these assessments and observations, we guide the children, aiming to meet them at their level. This approach gives us a clear picture of which children can work independently, which need instruction, and which still require additional support. The internal coordinator monitors these group processes and, based on this data and group observations, holds a number of group discussions with the teacher throughout the year to address what is happening in the class and what support is needed.

Differentiation

In a class with many different children, there are significant differences in levels. As a school, we believe it is important to provide children with the support they need. To achieve this, we apply differentiation, which can be in terms of learning time and the content provided. Differentiation in the class occurs at three levels. Generally, lessons start by recalling prior knowledge, after which the first group of children begins working. These are the children who have mastered the material and are given additional challenges. The rest of the class then receives basic instruction. After this, the next group of children starts working. Finally, extended instruction is provided, after which all children can work independently with the material.

When extra support is needed for a student, there are multiple options. In consultation with parents and the school, we aim to provide the best possible guidance.

Specialists

At our school, several teachers are specialized in specific areas. This allows us to have a wealth of knowledge within the school to provide quality education.

The various specialists at our school include:

- Math Coördinator
- Language Coordinator (language, reading, dyslexia)
- Coordinator for Gifted and Talented Students
- Behavioral Specialist
- Confidential Counselor
- Motor Skills Specialist
- ICT Specialist
- Anti-bullying Coordinator
- School Trainer

A positive atmosphere

At Beneden Beekloop Primary School, every child is encouraged to grow and shine with their talents. A pleasant and safe pedagogical climate within the school and in each class is our starting point. In all classes, age-appropriate attention is given to norms and values, social independence, and social skills. We use the "Fides" method for this, which incorporates symbols introduced in each class. This ensures that, school-wide, there is a structured focus on the social-emotional development of the children. The focus is on enhancing self-awareness, self-confidence, self-esteem, respect for others, respect for different opinions, and respect for others' property.

Gifted and Talented Students

To meet the educational needs of children with giftedness or high ability, these students are given extra challenging assignments. We assess which regular curriculum content can be compacted to allow more time for more advanced material. If this additional challenge is not sufficient for the student, a "Plusklas" (enrichment class) arrangement is available for students in grades 4 through 8.

In the Plusklas, various enrichment tasks are offered to help children develop executive functions such as planning, collaboration, concentration, and much more. The children, together with the teacher or in the Plusklas, choose a goal they wish to work on. Once a week, the children receive additional guidance to further develop in this area.

Creative Education and Musicals

Drawing, painting, and visual arts are covered in special lessons. We use the "Laat maar zien" method, which aligns with the ongoing development of children's creative skills. The beautiful final results are sent home or displayed on the walls at school.

Each class at our school performs one musical and one end-of-year performance per school year. In the weeks leading up to the event, the children rehearse together. They learn how to present themselves on stage and put together a varied program with singing, dancing, acting, and music.

Children's Council

We value the opinions of children highly! The children in the Children's Council are invited to provide input on various school matters. The Children's Council consists of enthusiastic representatives from groups 5, 6, 7, and 8, chosen by and from the students of the school. The Children's Council meets 5 to 6 times a year during school hours. The meetings are attended by the principal.

Reports and Results

Students in groups 1 through 8 receive a report twice a year. These reports are discussed individually with the student before they are sent home. For students in groups 3 through 8, we use digital reports linked to our student tracking system, Parnassys. For groups 1 and 2, a "This is me" report is created.

Parent Meetings

At the beginning of the school year, introductory meetings are held with all parents, called the "reverse parent meetings."

Parents and teachers exchange experiences and may make arrangements. The teacher is eager to hear how things are going at home with your child. In November, the parent meetings focus on the social-emotional development of the child.

In February/March, report meetings take place, where test results from IEP (Insight Into Own Profile) are discussed.

At the end of the school year, optional parent meetings are available upon request from the parent(s) or teacher.

Newsletters and the School Application Social Schools

Social Schools is a school application for Beneden Beekloop Primary School, where parents can receive messages and photos about their child's class.

Parent meetings are also scheduled through this application.

The newsletter from Beneden Beekloop Primary School is published monthly. It contains varied information about the school, including updates from the principal, internal support, and details about upcoming activities.

Parental Involvement

The Parent Council

The Parent Council (OR) at Beneden Beekloop is made up of an active group of parents. The main tasks of the OR are to promote parental involvement in the school and to organize/support activities such as St. Nicholas celebrations, the Christmas dinner, and the school trip.

To organize and fund these activities, a voluntary parental contribution of €45.00 is requested. Non-payment of this contribution does not result in the exclusion of students from participating in activities.

A teacher from the team is always present at the OR meetings. Additionally, the OR works closely with the parent representatives of the Works Council (MR).

The Works Council

The Works Council (MR) at Beneden Beekloop consists of six members, including both parents and staff. The MR is a legally required advisory body, playing a decision-making and advisory role in school management matters. This includes changes to the school plan, policy changes, and new construction projects. The MR meets seven to eight times per year. These meetings are open to the public, and you can attend by registering in advance. The MR of Beneden Beekloop is also represented in the joint Works Council (GMR) of Silfo. The GMR represents the interests of primary schools from an overarching perspective.

Finally

We hope you have gained a good understanding of Beneden Beekloop Primary School.

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