



# Preschool education

Information for parents  
and carers



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Before a child goes to primary school, it learns language. This way it starts primary school well prepared.

But this does not happen automatically. And some children need a little extra help. For example in the Dutch language. In Utrechtse Heuvelrug we offer extra support for children from 2,5 years at toddler care. This is called pre- and early school education.



### **What is Pre- and Early School Education (PEE)?**

At PEE, children from 2,5 to 7 years old learn a lot, but specifically more of the Dutch language. The children learn to know and speak enough Dutch words. PEE starts at the toddler care (preschool education), where children attend four times a week. And it continues in the first two groups of primary school (early school education).





## How does it work?

At the PEE toddler care, your child will receive extra help with his/her development, for example with games, reading aloud and books. The carers will also involve you with you how your child is doing. The goal is for your child to learn sufficient Dutch, so it can make a good start at school.

The Municipality of Utrechtse Heuvelrug feels this is so important that it pays for a large part of your child's toddler care. As parents, you are of course also very important for the development of your child. That is why we expect you to help your child with the language. This way we'll increase the educational opportunities of your child together.

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## What can you do at home?

- Read aloud at home. Reading aloud in your mother tongue helps your child too.
- Take your child to the library regularly.
- Talk with your child often (in your mother tongue).
- Encourage your child to play with others.

You will also receive additional tips and practice materials from the toddler care center.

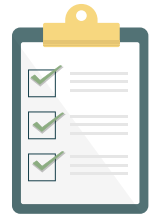


## What will it cost?

You do not have to pay for PPE toddler care all by yourself. The municipality pays for two half-days. You can apply for a childcare allowance for the other two half-days. Or you'll pay a parental contribution. How much depends on your income. Do you need help applying for a childcare allowance or filling in forms? Call the forms brigade of the Regional Social Service (RSD): 030 692 95 00.

## Is your child eligible?

The children's healthcare centre determines which children are eligible for PEE. If you have any questions about this you can contact them.



## How do you register your child?

If your child is allowed to participate in the program, you can choose a PEE toddler care and register your child there. From the age of 2,5 your child can go to toddler care. But you can register your child earlier.

The Dutch name is Voor- en vroegschoolse educatie (VVE).

