

## **Nursery Admission Policy**

### **Minimax**

Children are welcome to join Minimax when they turn 2 years old. In case there is a waiting list, your child will be placed according to the date of registration. Siblings of NISL/ Maximax and Dutch nationalities have priority for admission at Minimax. When your child starts at the NISL, parents will receive an enrolment form, and a liability form, which has to be filled completely and signed by both parents.

### **Maximax**

The transition from Minimax to Maximax is always in cooperation with the stream leader, and only possible if there is no waiting list for Maximax.

- We have the following admission policy:  
Children, who are going to follow the Dutch stream at NISL, are welcome as soon as they have had their third birthday.
- Children, who are going to the English stream at NISL, have to be three years old before the first of September to attend at the beginning of the school year.
- Children who are coming from outside of Minimax are always welcome if there is no waiting list.

### **Educational principles**

We understand the needs of a growing child. Minimax & Maximax offers children a fun and enjoyable way of learning, interacting and playing with their peers and teachers.

The first learning years are important for the future development of our children. At pre-school age it is very important to learn through play. One way of doing this is to stimulate them by giving them fascinating, challenging materials to explore and to experiment with. Through this, children learn about the world around them. We give children different opportunities to learn, by stimulating all developmental areas. One of our priorities in class is social / emotional development.

Learning to share materials, making your own choices, expressing yourself and enjoying being part of Maximax. Minimax & Maximax is based on the Montessori approach, which means we encourage learning through play, participating and involving in daily routines, including setting the table for snacks, tidying up and taking care of their own belongings.

Meanwhile, your child will also be learning a range of valuable new skills, such as:

- Potty training
- Sharing toys
- A respectful approach towards friends, teachers and assistants.
- Participating in storytelling, music and movement activities
- Experimenting with a wide assortment of arts and crafts
- Improving problem-solving abilities

- Learning independence and self-confidence / self-control
- Experiencing English in a natural environment

At Minimax & Maximax, we are also working with different themes or units, who change every 3 – 5 weeks, such as: All about me, the farm, the doctor, the Jungle, Fairy tales, beach.

The teachers strive to create an exciting learning program for your child. We always include Christmas and Easter, without putting focus on any religious content.

Children will get the opportunity to sing, dance and perform in front of a group of parents but since we always aim to focus on the personal development of each child, children are never forced to join an activity or performance.

### **Communication**

At this stage of life, it is very important that teachers and parents and caretakers communicate as much as possible. We prefer daily contact with parents or caretakers to share all necessary information about your child, at drop off or pick up. Small changes or events might have a huge impact on the behaviour of a child.

### **Health and safety**

It is the responsibility of the parents and teachers to keep all children safe and healthy. In case of illness, we ask parents to inform the teacher of any absence, and the type of illness. It is the responsibility of the teacher to inform other parents if a child is diagnosed with a contagious disease (e.g. chicken pox, diarrhoea). In case of fever: children are not allowed to join Minimax and, we advise parents to keep their children home for at least one extra day after having a fever.