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When your child turns 4 and goes to school, it is a special moment and a real milestone. Your child spends a big part of their life at school, in order to learn, to play and to develop socially. It is therefore important that you choose a school that is well-suited to your child. This guide is here to help you!
How do I choose a school?

Every child is different. When choosing a school, first think about the character of your child. What school would suit him or her? What is the atmosphere like at the school? What teaching style suits your child best? Furthermore, there are differences in a school’s principles. Is it important for you that the school is based on a certain belief or world view?

Or would you prefer an openbare (state-run) school? Practical issues also play a role.

Where is the school located? And what are the school hours?

In this guide and on the website www.leiden.nl/onderwijs you can read more about this.

Go and look yourself

With schools it is the same as with shoes: you only know if you like them if you have tried them. So after you have thought about what is important for you in a school, go and ‘try’ it.

Visit different schools in your neighbourhood. Sample the atmosphere, speak with the teachers and ask about everything you want to know.

This can be done at an open day or by making an appointment.

To make it easy, this guide includes a list that you can take with you on school visits, the ‘Kijkwijzer’ (‘Viewing Indicator’). On this list there are useful questions that you can ask and things to look out for when you go round the school. Using your experience of the schools you can then make a well-considered choice.

Good luck finding a suitable school!

Special needs (primary) education

Does your child need more than a mainstream primary school can provide? At the back of this guide you can find more information about special needs (primary) education in Leiden.
A school in your neighbourhood

There are many advantages of a school that is close to your house. Your child will be in the same school as friends from the neighbourhood, which makes it relaxed and familiar. If classmates want to have playdates after school, it is easier when they live close to each other. If the school is in your neighbourhood, you can also walk your child to school, and older children can make their own way to school at an earlier age. Therefore we have made this guide in such a way that you can quickly locate all the schools in your neighbourhood.

- Binnenstad-Noord
- Binnenstad-Zuid
- Stationsdistrict
- Leiden Noord
- Roodenburgerdistrict
- Bos- en Gasthuisdistrict
- Morsdistrict
- Boerhaavedistrict
- Merenwijk
- Stevenshof

Find the area you live in on the adjacent map and turn to the pages with the matching colour to find the schools in your neighbourhood.

N.B. There are no schools in the Stationsdistrict. Look at the surrounding districts to find a school close to you.
Openbaar or based on a particular faith?
Openbare (state-run) primary schools are not based on any religion or belief system. In Leiden, there are also Catholic and Protestant schools and one Islamic school. In most neighbourhoods there are openbare, Catholic and Protestant schools.

Types of education
Teaching to children can be done in many different ways. Aside from the frequently used traditional way of teaching, there are also schools that employ other teaching methods, such as Montessori, Jenaplan or Dalton education or the Steiner/Waldorf (Vrije) School. In this guide, you can see what teaching methods each school employs, and what this entails.
What does the Inspectorate of Education (Onderwijsinspectie) say?

All Dutch schools are inspected and evaluated by the Onderwijsinspectie (part of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science). On http://www.onderwijsinspectie.nl/english there are reports (in Dutch) where the results of these inspections are presented. In these reports you can read if the schools meet all the ministry’s quality requirements and what their strengths and weaknesses are.

www.leiden.nl/onderwijs
Do you want to know more about choosing a school? Looking for a school online? You can get help with your decision on www.leiden.nl/onderwijs
De Lucas van Leyden is an inner-city school that literally and figuratively stands in the middle of the community. De Lucas van Leyden is an openbare (state-run) primary school. The community where we are based is diverse and De Lucas van Leyden is proud that this school is a reflection of that society. The school offers unique opportunities. Not every child develops at the same speed, and every child manifests his or her talents in a different way. One child may have more difficulty with learning, while the other needs more challenges. This also varies for each developmental area. Together with the parents, the school supports every child in their own, broad development. There is a lot of focus on language acquisition, applied linguistics and arithmetic. World orientation, information processing, English and reading comprehension ensure that a child is equipped with vital knowledge and skills. Motor skills' development and creative development are also not ignored. There are great opportunities to be had in Leiden, and the school makes the most of these by visiting museums, organising sport clinics and taking part in nature and technical projects. De Lucas van Leyden provides a clear structure, but at the same time encourages children to be independent.

De Lucas van Leyden: a colourful palette for the future.
1. Haanstra Basisschool
Rapenburg 129-131
2311 GM Leiden
071 - 513 36 31
www.haanstraschool.nl

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<td>For information about registering children and availability it is best to call between 1.00pm and 2.00pm on Thursdays on 071 - 513 36 31. You can also email: <a href="mailto:info@haanstraschool.nl">info@haanstraschool.nl</a></td>
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De Haanstraschool dates back to the 19th century. The school is named after Wybrandus Haanstra, an education innovator who was particularly focused on the development of young children. In 1984 the school expanded from a kleuterschool (kindergarten) to a full primary school.

In de Haanstra’s current setting you can still find elements from its origins: the school tries to create a good balance between the development of the head (cognition), heart (feeling) and hands (creativity). Attention is paid to social education and development in every class, every day. Furthermore, there is a creative afternoon and an end-of-week session every week that involves the whole school. The annual school camp is another colourful school tradition.
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Brede (Community) school
Het Gebouw (‘The Building’)  

Three primary schools are located here: De Singel, De Springplank and De Viersprong. A playgroup, health clinic for babies and toddlers, library, after-school care and other institutions from Leiden Noord also have their own separate places under the roof of Het Gebouw (‘The Building’). The collaboration between schools and other bodies has big advantages for both parents and children.

For example, children can easily take part in various activities, go to childcare, or borrow a book from the library after school, whilst parents can follow courses and get help from social workers.

More information: www.hetgebouw.nl
1. De Singel
Bonaireplein 7
2315 HG Leiden
071 - 521 84 71
www.singelleiden.nl

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<td>Make an appointment with the headteacher, Annemieke Raad, on 071- 521 84 71. You can also email: <a href="mailto:a.raad@scoleiden.nl">a.raad@scoleiden.nl</a></td>
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‘De Singel’ is a Catholic primary school in ‘Het Gebouw’ in Leiden Noord. The school is characterised by three key values: PRIDE, WARMTH and TRUST. These words form the basis of our school. We want to create an educational climate where every child has the opportunity to develop to their full potential and where learning with and from each other is highly valued. We are more than happy to talk with you about the development of your child and to look for solutions to your child's educational needs. The school is also a so-called Brede (Community) School, with many provisions and activities for children and parents in ‘Het Gebouw’ (‘The Building’).

Particular features: English from group 1

2. De Springplank
Bonaireplein 4
2315 HG Leiden
071 - 522 11 10
www.springplank.pcs.nl

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<td>Between 8.00am and 4.00pm you can phone the headteacher, Harmanneke Ensing, on 071 - 522 11 10. You can also email: <a href="mailto:mail@springplank.pcs.nl">mail@springplank.pcs.nl</a></td>
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De Springplank places a lot of value in structure (order, regularity). Instruction is given at many levels and teachers walk round the class to help the pupils in a set order. Subjects such as history are taught in project form. The children choose what form their work takes: those who remember things well with music can make a song about the project’s theme, whilst others prefer to write a paper. The different end results of the theme are presented to the whole class. At De Springplank there is a lot of focus on personal responsibility and behaviour. Everyone who visits our school is received with open arms. The common thread of our education is the Christian faith. We expect all children at De Springplank to take part in daily prayer, sing hymns and celebrate Christian holidays.
**3. De Viersprong**

Bonaireplein 8  
2315 HG Leiden  
071 - 522 11 27  
www.obsviersprong.nl

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| School hours         | 8.45am to 11.45am/12.15pm  
(groups 5 to 8) 1.00pm to 3.00pm |
| Afternoon off        | Wednesday from 12.30pm |
| More information     | On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday you can phone the headteacher on 071 - 522 11 27.  
You can also email: info@obsviersprong.nl |

De Viersprong wants to teach children how to learn, has high expectations of its pupils and tries to get them to reach their full potential so they can go forward in an independent and confident way. De Viersprong is part of the Bredeschool Leiden Noord, where education, health, culture, young people and families come together under one roof.

Openbare (state-run) primary school De Viersprong is a school with over 200 pupils from various backgrounds and nationalities. De Viersprong’s slogan is “Together we speak one language”, which means that in every sense the same language is spoken to everyone. De Viersprong wants its pupils to develop into socially adept citizens. Therefore a lot of time is spent on social skills, rules and routines. In the social-emotional area, De Viersprong works with various special programmes, such as the ‘Positive Behavior Support’ (PBS) method, Triple-P (Positive Parenting Program) and Kanjertraining (lessons on creating and maintaining a good classroom atmosphere). Based on the core values, behavioural expectations and lessons, we work in all groups on building a positive environment. We have made the same agreements across the entire school. An Educative Partnership is part of our school’s vision. A ‘parent contact person’ from the school is in touch with all the parents and is involved with various activities with the parents.
**4. Vrije School Mareland**

Maresingel 19
2316 HA Leiden
071 - 521 90 15
www.vsmareland.nl

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| **School hours**     | Infants (groups 1 and 2) from 8.25am to 1.00pm  
                        Klas 1 (group 3) Tuesday to 2.45pm  
                        Klas 2 (group 4) Tuesday and Thursday to 2.45pm  
                        Klas 3 to 6 (groups 5 to 8) from 8.25am to 2.45pm, Wednesday to 1.00pm |
| **Afternoon off**    | Wednesday from 1.00pm                                                           |
| **More information** | From September, details of two information sessions will be posted on the school’s website, which you are welcome to attend to hear more about the school. We are also happy to make an appointment with you: (071 - 521 90 15) info@vsmareland.nl |

The school works together with parents to bring children up. The education that we offer pupils is intended to make children feel at home in our world and in the 21st century. In the Steiner/Waldorf school curriculum, there is focus on furthering pupils’ cognitive capacity, social-emotional skills and motor skills. During the lessons and throughout the school years, children are personally guided by their teachers to grow into independent, responsible and articulate citizens that can make a positive contribution to the democratic society that they are part of. The Steiner/Waldorf school education, the pedagogy and the didactics are set up so that the learning materials the children receive are not only knowledge-rich but also give support for personal development that is tailored to the individual. Building self-knowledge and self-confidence in order to treat yourself and others with respect are guiding and leading objectives for the school.
1. Bredeschool (Community school)
De Arcade
Octavialaan 61
2314 BN Leiden
071 - 522 83 16
www.basisschool-de- arcade.nl

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<td>Between 8.15am and 5.00pm you can call 071 - 522 83 16. You can also email: a.ciere@basisschool-de- arcade.nl</td>
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At De Arcade, what is most important is that the children feel at home, can be who they are, know that they belong and are valued. We have a positive approach to our pupils, coupled with clear agreements and rules. A child can only fully benefit from the possibilities to develop and thus learn if there is a safe environment. De Arcade is a school:
- where children can learn a lot;
- where learning inside and outside school go together;
- where children have loads of fun;
- that is safe and accessible;
- where children become socially adept and capable.

Lots of lesson time at De Arcade is spent learning facts, concepts and rules. This is essential to understand subjects such as language, arithmetic, biology and history. De Arcade is a Brede (Community) School, so there is a collaboration between education, childcare and welfare organisations who come together to offer joined-up provision for children and parents, such as before- and after-school care, lunchtime supervision, after-school activities, neighbourhood activities, playgroup/preschool, and sports, health and creative facilities. This means that De Arcade is an essential part of the community and offers children and parents continuity in education, daycare and healthcare.
2. Er-Risèlèh
Stadhouderslaan 1B
2313 AB Leiden
071 - 512 88 50
www.erriseleh.nl

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<td>You can get in touch with the headteacher on 071 - 512 88 50. You can also email <a href="mailto:info@erriseleh.nl">info@erriseleh.nl</a></td>
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De Er-Risèlèh stands for high-quality and responsible education. It is a school with order, regularity and space, which gives attention to every child. The school strives to be a learning community where children not only learn but also develop in terms of self-confidence, self-knowledge and positive behaviour. It works from the basis that all children can learn. The education at de Er-Risèlèh is not limited to school subjects, but attention is also paid to a child’s upbringing. Central to this is religious teaching. Islamic values and norms are taught, so the children can grow into personalities that allow them to fully participate in Dutch society on the basis of their identity. Children are taught in Dutch and the teaching complies with the legal requirements for primary schools.

3. Lorentzschool
Van Vollenhovenkade 17
2313 GG Leiden
071 - 514 17 77
www.lorentzschool.nl

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The Lorentzschool is ‘a village in the Professorenwijk’. It is a large school with around 900 pupils, but nevertheless a close-knit community and one that is experienced as small-scale and personal. We feel strongly about providing a safe yet challenging learning environment. Getting on with one another is a theme every year and there is attention given to every child. The Lorentzschool is a:
- safe school, with minimal bullying;
- warm school, with a lot of engagement amongst pupils, parents and staff;
- sound school, where pupils get a solid education in a calm environment. The level of education is high, as are the pupils’ results;
- caring school, with attention for both pupils who need extra support, and those who are above-average for their age group;
- school where there is a lot of collaboration between pupils, teachers and parents;
- modern school, where ICT plays a leading role;
- school that is aware of the world around it, with all kinds of projects, museum visits, enthusiastic celebration of festivals and an eye for a good cause;
- creative school, with a strong focus on music, art, theatre, exhibitions and film.
### Joppensz
Van Vollenhovenkade 15  
2313 GG Leiden  
071 - 513 09 58  
www.joppensz.pcsnl.nl

- **Type of school**: Protestant  
- **Type of education**: Mainstream primary education  
- **Continuous timetable (all children stay for lunch)**: Yes  
- **School hours**: 8:30am to 2:00pm (also on Wednesdays)  
- **More information**: Call 071 - 513 09 58 and ask for Beatrix van Maanen, basisschool@joppensz.pcsnl.nl

Joppensz primary school provides your child with a good education. We continually ask ourselves what your child’s goals are, and how we can reach those goals. In every class there are instructions given at different levels. Children that need it, including those who are high achievers, are given their own curriculum. For us it goes without saying that we must discuss your child’s development with you on a regular basis. Joppensz is a Christian primary school. Using Bible stories, we talk with the children about the responsibility we have for each other and for the world around us. Joppensz works together with nursery “de Kinderhaven” and playgroup/preschool “Kleine Urt”. We all have the same vision and approach with children. From 2:00pm, Joppensz gives your child the opportunity to take part in the “Joppensz Ateliers” (creative activities) or the “Joppensz Academie” (including chess, Spanish, and Reading Comprehension).

### St. Joseph
Oppenheimstraat 8  
2313 JE Leiden  
071 - 513 22 63  
www.josephschool.nl

- **Type of school**: Roman Catholic  
- **Type of education**: Mainstream primary education  
- **Continuous timetable (all children stay for lunch)**: No, but 99% of the pupils stay in school for lunch  
- **School hours**: 8.45am to 12.00pm  
12.45pm to 3.00pm  
**Afternoon off**: Wednesday from 12.30pm  
- **More information**: On weekdays you can call the headteacher between 9.00am and 3.00pm on 071 - 513 22 63. You can also email: joseph@scoleiden.nl

Our school’s motto is: ‘De Josephschool builds from the foundation’. With this motto we want to show that we want to give our pupils a good foundation for the future, in terms of knowledge, (social) skills, and creativity. We think it is important to learn and work together (collaborative learning). We create a climate where children can be themselves, learn positive behaviour, learn to get on with others and have respect for each other and other cultures. We do this through, amongst other things, kanjertraining (lessons on creating and maintaining a good classroom atmosphere), pupil mediation and projects about identity. Additionally, there is room for creative projects such as class theatre, themed projects and craft afternoons, which parents love and are heavily involved in themselves.

Particular features: English from group 1
1. Montessorischool Apollo
Strausspad 3
2324 BG Leiden
071 - 576 54 39
www.montessorischoolapollo.nl

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<td>Email us: <a href="mailto:info@montessorischoolapollo.nl">info@montessorischoolapollo.nl</a></td>
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The Montessorischool Apollo is a medium-sized, openbare (state-run) school and is accessible for all, regardless of cultural, social or ideological background. The school works according to the educative and development principles of Maria Montessori. The core of Montessori education is to create space for a child, so he or she can fully develop into a harmonious and socially conscious person. Building on the original inspiration from Maria Montessori, the Apolloschool and Montessori education in general are continually developing. The school has three aims for its pupils, which are that they:

- acquire the ability to function in daily, social and community life, and in further study;
- develop awareness, identity, self-respect and will (which together form their personality);
- learn to fulfil a personal, creative, independent and responsible role in the society of today and tomorrow.

Classes in Montessori schools are taught in three different age groups: 4 to 6, 6 to 9, and 9-12. One of the biggest advantages of the Montessorischool Apollo is the dynamics between the children of different ages, who all learn together and from each other.
2. Daltonschool Leiden
Boshuizerkade 119
2321 VG Leiden
071 - 572 21 41
www.daltonschoolleiden.pcsleiden.nl

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<td>Between 8.30am and 5.00pm you can call the location manager (locatieleider) on 071 - 572 21 41 or the headteacher on 06 - 37 24 16 64. You can also email: <a href="mailto:directeur@daltonschoolleiden.pcsleiden.nl">directeur@daltonschoolleiden.pcsleiden.nl</a></td>
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Dalton education? It’s logical! More and more parents and children are choosing Daltonschool Leiden. Dalton education is perfectly in tune with societal demands and expectations. The school offers an excellent preparation for the future! We have a clear vision of how we help children to develop into responsible citizens in a democratic society. The cornerstones of this vision are the following:

- Freedom of choice within a set structure
- Independence
- Cooperation
- Reflection

What does this mean in practice? The children learn to work independently on a task, to take personal responsibility for their work, and not to always ask the teacher everything, but instead find a good solution by themselves. The children also learn how they can work together with other children, and how they can plan their work well. The teacher still teaches, gives instructions, coaches and guides, but at the same time gives the children the space to find their own solutions.
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### 3. Telders
Telderskade 46-48  
2321 TE Leiden  
071 - 572 42 42  
www.teldersschool.nl

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| More information     | Between 9.00am and 5.00pm you can call the headteacher on  
                        | 071 - 572 42 42. You can also email:  
                        | post@teldersschool.nl |

Telders is a global school, with children from many countries: from Spain to Russia, from Sweden to America, and from Sierra Leone to Indonesia. Every day, the world enters the classroom through cultural diversity, current affairs and the media. Besides the regular classes, De Teldersschool has an international class. The education in this class has been designed to teach Dutch to children from abroad. Telders distinguishes itself by giving a lot of attention to developing children into global citizens, so that they are well prepared to learn, live and work in our internationally oriented society. Global citizenship is not a separate subject, but is integrated in all aspects of the education. It is important that the pupils gain knowledge in language and arithmetic and develop social skills so that they can discover and understand the world. Being a pupil at De Telders means sitting comfortably in your own skin, security, enjoyment, belonging, being allowed to make mistakes, accepting each other, forgiveness, and celebrating together. In collaboration with day care organisation Smallsteps, location Grote Beer, the school offers a Start Group (‘Startgroep’) for toddlers, where young children get introduced to the primary school in a playful way. De Telders believes that: ‘Everyone is unique, You are unique. Paint the world in your own colours!’

### 4. Sleutelbloem
Kennedylaan 1  
2324 ER Leiden  
071 - 576 33 14  
www.sleutelbloem.pcsn.nl

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                        | 071 - 576 33 14 or 06 - 37 24 16 64.  
                        | You can also email:  
                        | directeur@sleutelbloem.pcsn.nl |

The Sleutelbloem: ‘The school where every child can be’. The five cornerstones for the Sleutelbloem are as follows. Together: you are not alone; we do it together. Enjoyment and challenge: enjoy going to school and being challenged to learn new things. Don’t set your expectations too low and learn about your own capabilities. Responsibility: learn to be responsible for yourself and make your own choices. Involvement: it is our school; we have joint responsibility for it. Trust: in yourself and in each other. This fits in with the Kanjertraining (lessons on creating and maintaining a good classroom atmosphere) we give. Everyone is welcome, regardless of academic ability, background, skin colour or religion. Besides traditional classroom instruction, there is a lot of focus on the individual pupil, for example while they are processing the things they have learned.
1. De Morskring

Damlaan 1
2332 XG Leiden
071 - 576 08 52
www.morskring.nl

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De Morskring is an atmospheric openbare (state-run) primary school in de Lage Mors. We know that children develop best when they are in a familiar setting and feel comfortable. De Morskring uses the GIP model, which stands for: Group-focused Individual Pedagogic and didactic approach. Working independently, autonomy, self-planning and social development are the central tenets of this model. Aside from intellectual skills, the school focuses on imparting social skills. In answer to the question ‘what sort of people do we need in the future?’, the team from De Morskring believes that what is required is people who can think for themselves, be critical and can come up with solutions.

Furthermore, De Morskring wants people to feel happy, and value creativity and sports the same as for example language or maths. And it wants people to not only think about their career, but also show concern for others. In short, De Morskring aims to educate critical, social, creative, sporty and happy people. It tries to do this through a broad educational offering. Measured by the education level of the parents, the population of the school is very mixed.
### E.L.S.

P.C. Hooftlaan 12  
2332 AX Leiden  
071 - 576 52 66  
www.eersteleidseschool.nl

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| **Afternoon off**             | Wednesday from 12.15pm  
plus four free days for groups 1 & 2, always on a Friday. |
| **More information**          | Between 8.30am and 2.00pm you can call the admin staff on 071 - 576 52 66. You can also email: administratie@eersteleidseschool.nl |

E.L.S. is a small-scale school with an average class size of 25 pupils. For us, it is essential to have a good atmosphere between pupils and teachers. We believe that arithmetic, reading, writing and knowledge of other subjects are important, but we also have a strong focus on cultural education, sport and movement, and music, and have an extensive after-school activity programme. As we want to get the best out of all our pupils, we offer remedial teaching for those that need extra support and extra challenges to those that are more advanced in their learning. In this way all pupils get a customised education. Lots of nice things happen at the school, and parents and teachers are deeply involved with the children. Sometimes there are possibilities for children to join the school in groups 2 and above. Dates for the open mornings are on our website.

Particular features; school orchestra, school choir, music teacher, gymnastic teacher  
Workshops; French lessons, chess lessons, digital photography
3. Pacellischool
Damlaan 22
2332 XH Leiden
071 - 576 08 58
www.pacellischool.nl

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                       | 1.00pm to 3.00pm
| Afternoon off          | Wednesday from 12.15pm                   |
| More information       | Between 8.00am and 5.30pm you can call the headteacher on 071 - 576 08 58. You can also email: pacelli@scoleiden.nl |

De Pacellischool is a small and close-knit school in de Mors in Leiden. In the morning we work on the basic subjects, with a focus on reading and arithmetic. As we want to teach the children a large degree of independence, we give them daily and weekly tasks. For 3 afternoons a week we work on world orientation subjects. We take the vision of Multifaceted Intelligence as a guideline, using the 4KeerWijzer method. Everyone possesses eight different forms of intelligence. Different working methods require these eight forms, so the different intelligences can be further developed. Children learn to associate and to ask questions. We believe it is important that our children feel both safe and acknowledged at our school. We motivate parents to be involved, as this has a positive influence on the children's development. Moreover, we teach English to all groups, so that children learn the language early through play. We impart our Catholic faith through themes connected to Catholic holidays, and by interacting respectfully with each other. If you look at our website, you will get a good idea of our active school. Together we learn more! Welcome to de Pacellischool!

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1. De Leidse Houtschool
Adriaan Pauwstraat 1
2334 CG Leiden
071 - 519 08 08
www.leidsehout.pcs.nl

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De Leidse Houtschool is in a safe and relaxed neighbourhood on the outskirts of Leiden. It is a school with an open Christian character, which is open to children who have been brought up in different faiths. The school attaches a lot of value to a friendly and safe climate so children can learn in a relaxed manner. Besides acquiring skills and enlarging their knowledge, the children learn to develop their self-confidence, self-knowledge and positive behaviour towards others. All pupils are placed in classes with children of the same age. Where necessary, pupils follow their own programme for one or more subjects. De Leidse Houtschool combines traditional learning methods such as textbooks with computers and digital whiteboards.
2. Woutertje Pieterse
Houtlaan 60
2334 CL Leiden
071 - 515 49 03
www.woutertjepieterse.nl

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The Woutertje Pieterse stands out thanks to the quality of its education, its mentality and the atmosphere in the school. The main aim of the Woutertje Pieterse is to ensure that children enjoy coming, which is vital for them to reach their full potential. The school works hard to provide high-quality education, with a lot of importance placed on creating an atmosphere of safety, calmness and regularity. Together with parents, the Woutertje Pieterse wants to prepare children as well as possible for their future role as responsible, critical and active citizens in society. The vision of the school consists of five statements:
1. Every child is welcome at our school.
2. Our education is innovative and modern in terms of content, didactics and methods.
3. A child’s capabilities are the point of departure for the learning and development process.
4. Our staff are professionals who develop and maintain their expertise.
5. Parents and the school jointly do their best for a child’s development.

To see the educational vision of the Woutertje Pieterse on camera, please watch the following YouTube video (in Dutch): https://www.youtube.com/user/basisschoolWP
De Dukdalf works according to the principles of Jenaplan. At a Jenaplan school there is no lesson timetable, but a rhythmic week plan: a variation of four important pedagogic activities, namely discussion, work, play and celebration. Jenaplan works with mixed-age learner groups (stamgroepen): children of different ages are in the same group. The Jenaplan concept strives towards the total development of pupils’ personalities, following the maxim ‘You learn with your head, your hands and your heart’. The pupils work on challenging problems that fit with their development and do activities that you also come across in society. The learning process is guided and steered by the teacher. A warm and safe school environment comes first and foremost. The approach to the pupils is tailored to their individual capabilities as much as possible.

Ten convictions that are crucial for the thoughts and actions of De Dukdalf:

1. Through alternating the fundamental activities of discussion, play, work and celebration, children’s development is both faster and better.
2. Every child is unique and takes part.
3. Learning is about more than achievement alone.
4. By learning with and from each other you learn more than is prescribed by the curriculum.
5. Living together means sharing together.
6. World orientation is learning through experience and wonder.
7. Our children distinguish themselves in their self-awareness and self-knowledge.
8. Parents/guardians are our partners in realizing a challenging education and a good school life.
9. The teacher does not always know best.
10. We don’t have the right answer to many questions.
2. De Meerpaal
Broekplein 5
2318 TJ Leiden
071 - 522 02 43
www.de-meerpaal-leiden.nl

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De Meerpaal is a school where every child can feel happy and safe, and where is room and attention for everyone. It is also a school that attaches importance to order and regularity. De Meerpaal encourages an independent attitude towards learning and working and helps children to develop further.

Every child is stimulated to perform to the best of his or her own abilities. There is not only a focus on intellectual development, but also on social-emotional and creative development. If a child does not perform optimally in one of these three areas, the school looks at what help it can offer and how it can meet their individual needs.

De Meerpaal’s education aims to develop the creative minds of children and teachers, in a realistic, contemporary, inspiring and socially involved manner.

De Meerpaal... the journey of your life!

3. De Tweemaster
Broekplein 1
2318 TJ Leiden
071 - 522 02 39
www.tweemasterleiden.nl

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<td>Look at the website or make an appointment with Gertie Konings (headteacher) on 071 - 522 02 39 or 071 - 521 09 75. <a href="mailto:tweemaster@scoleiden.nl">tweemaster@scoleiden.nl</a></td>
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The core Catholic values of respect, responsibility and trust are the common thread in our education and in how we treat one another. To support this, we have made a school-wide agreement according to the PBS (Positive Behavior Support) method. Modern society requires a high degree of independence and personal responsibility. By working independently at three levels we can teach those skills. Differentiation means teachers are able to offer every child the instruction and guidance they need. The educational provision is diverse and is both broader and more in-depth. In 2014-2015 we are starting to teach English from group 1. We offer a challenging learning environment and do everything we can to get the best results!
4. De Zijlwijkschool
Schaduwpad 1
2317 VX Leiden
071 - 523 34 24
www.zijlwijk.pcs.nl

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<td>You can call the headteacher on 071 - 523 34 24. You can also email: <a href="mailto:j.westerbeek@zijlwijk.pcs.nl">j.westerbeek@zijlwijk.pcs.nl</a></td>
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Atmosphere, knowledge, skills, good care and being Christian are the five cornerstones upon which the learning and living environment of our school is built.

Within a structure with (weekly) tasks, pupils are challenged to go and look for answers themselves and to take responsibility for their own performance. The atmosphere in the school is characterised by attention and care for every pupil. The school provides the children with a pleasant learning environment. This means that besides the ‘normal’ school tasks, there is also focus on ‘out-of-school’ matters. The children have enough freedom to be able to develop: not unlimited freedom, but freedom within boundaries set by the school.

Particular features: English from group 1
5. Het Kompas
Broekplein 9 -11
2318 TJ Leiden
071 - 523 35 55
www.hetkompas.pcs.nl

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Our school slogan is: ‘Education with Direction and Balance!’.
We have two core objectives: strive to ensure that children are as happy as possible at school, and that they reach their full potential.

Children that have difficulty with the learning material get extra help from the teachers, whilst children that find it easy receive extra (challenging) learning material and/or go to a plusklas (extension class) once a week. There is a focus on learning to get on with each other, based on the values of Reliability, Involvement, Openness, Respect and Clarity.

This can all be summarised as:
- good relations;
- lots of reading, language and arithmetic, English from group 1;
- modern media;
- atmospheric and clear;
- diverse work forms;
- open form of Christianity.

There is collaboration with the playgroup ‘Ot en Sien’ (English from the toddlers’ group).

6. Bredeschool Merenwijk
Valkenpad 1
2317 AN Leiden
071 - 521 35 50
www.bredeschoolmerenwijk.nl

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Bredeschool Merenwijk is a multicultural school with children of 22 different nationalities.
And it is a true local school: all children live in the neighbourhood. The motto of Bredeschool Merenwijk is: ‘Learning is a journey to the future’. From group 1, a child begins to prepare for secondary school. De Merenwijk makes children responsible for their own learning by providing a challenging education. Calmness, space and rhythm are key concepts. De Merenwijk is a Brede (Community) School. Together with various partners, including Portaal, Libertas and the Stedelijk Gymnasium (Grammar School), we ensure that children can reach their full potential in both academic and sporting fields.

Some of this is done through after-school activities. De Merenwijk is also a Vreedzame (Peaceful) school, which means people taking responsibility for themselves, resolving conflicts themselves, taking account of each other and creating a spirit of togetherness. The school has an international class for children who come from abroad and do not speak Dutch.
The vision of de Anne Frankschool is: ‘Together you can do more, so work Together, play Together and learn Together!’ De Anne Frankschool is known for its well-structured and supportive education. We cater for all levels: not only children that have difficulties with learning, but also highly intelligent and highly gifted children. The school has three groups for gifted pupils to receive suitable education in the ‘Nova Department’ (‘Nova-afdeling’), and an ‘extension class’ (‘plussklas’) to give extra challenges to children of above-average intelligence.

Additionally, de Anne Frankschool has a clear protocol for looking after children with learning and/or behavioural problems. Children at the school often work independently. They can plan their days and weeks according to the daily or weekly tasks that they have. Aside from cognitive development, the school focuses a lot on every child’s social-emotional and creative development. De Anne Frankschool believes that a warm pedagogical climate is essential. The school does everything it can to ensure that children can be themselves, feel secure and respect each other, regardless of the differences between them. De Anne Frankschool also offers good childcare facilities, with several partners offering before- and after-school care, such as the organisation Wonderland. There is also good supervision for children that stay for lunch.
De Stevenshof is a relaxed and united school. The motto is: ‘A school which you enjoy going to, where you feel secure and can learn a lot. A school where you are respected for who you are.’ In order to put these fundamental concepts – relaxed atmosphere, respect for each other and a nice working environment – into practice, the school has put clear rules and agreements in place. The team from De Stevenshof try to offer the children a nice place where they feel safe to develop emotionally, socially and cognitively. To do so, they take into account the capabilities and talents of every child. De Stevenshof works with the GIP model, which stands for Group-focused Individual Pedagogic and didactic approach. Working independently, autonomy, and ‘deferred attention’ (work on something else whilst waiting for help) are the central tenets of this model. Education is not only limited to the subjects themselves, but the children are also taught to work together. The school wants to impart norms and values to the children and give them self-confidence in their own abilities. For many years, the school has had an ‘extension class’ (‘Plusklas’) to give challenges to the more talented pupils in groups 5-8. Children in groups 5-8 with a flair for language can also take Spanish lessons. Additionally, De Stevenshof pays extra attention to technology and science and works with all groups on an art theme every year.

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<td>Between 8.00am and 5.00pm you can call the headteacher on 071-5315109. You can also email: obsd’<a href="mailto:estevenshof@hetnet.nl">estevenshof@hetnet.nl</a></td>
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www.obsd’estevenshof.nl
3. De Zwaluw
Antoinette Kleynstraat 8
2331 DV Leiden
071 - 572 26 75
www.dezwaluw.pcsleiden.nl

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| School hours | 8.45am to 12.00 noon
1.15pm to 3.15pm |
| Afternoon off | Wednesday from 12.15pm |
| More information | You can call the headteacher Ruby-Ann Heijmans on 071 - 572 26 75. You can also email her: r.heijmans@dezwaluw.pcsl.nl |

Our mission is: “Learn to fly on their own wings”. At De Zwaluw, children get the tools they need to lead confident, independent and responsible lives. As a Kanjerschool (school that gives lessons on creating and maintaining a good classroom atmosphere) we teach children to be themselves and to interact with others on the basis of self-confidence and involvement.

We believe it is vital to have open and honest collaboration with parents. To allow children to reach their own potential, we offer arithmetic, language and reading education at various levels. For the most gifted pupils there is an ‘extension policy’ (‘plusbeleid’). Interesting extras at our school are for example, English lessons from group 1 and additional lessons after school.

De Zwaluw achieves all of this thanks to its enthusiastic, professional and energetic team.

Child care: TSO/BSO ‘t Kweklokaal in our school provides care before and after school, as well as daycare during teacher training days and school holidays.
4. ‘t Klankbord
Antoinette Kleynstraat 6
2331 DV Leiden
071 - 531 49 50
www.t-klankbord.nl

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The motto of ‘t Klankbord is: ‘A safe and comfortable place for your child now; a good foundation for your child in society later.’

We offer contemporary, meaningful education. ‘t Klankbord is a Catholic primary school. We celebrate Christmas and Easter together in church, and we give religious lessons around monthly themes. We believe it is important that children feel safe, and use our own Lifestyle (Leefstijl) and No Blame methods to work on skills to achieve this. ‘t Klankbord believes that learning is important, but also enjoys celebrating holidays and special occasions. Part of the reason we are a fantastic school is the extensive involvement of parents. Furthermore, the school strives to give every child the care that he or she needs and to guide him or her towards independence. The syllabus allows pupils to be taught at three levels. ‘t Klankbord also has an excellence policy for those children that need more of a challenge. From 2015 English will be taught from group 1.
Extra support at school?

Sometimes children need extra support or guidance. At a ‘regular’ primary school there are more possibilities than you might think. The objective of the education ministry and the Municipality of Leiden is to allow as many children as possible, even those needing special support, to go to a mainstream primary school. In some cases, however, a special needs school is the most appropriate place.

The Suitable Primary Education (Passend Primair Onderwijs, PPO) alliance
The PPO alliance is tasked with organising a suitable school place for every child in the region. The fundamental concept behind this is: What does the child and their family need? The primary school looks together with the parents at what form the support can take, offering extra support and supervision using a whole network of experts. Where necessary, this support involves the municipality’s young people and families’ team (jeugd- en gezinsteam), and a joint arrangement is made.

For more information about the options, you can call your child’s school, or phone the PPO alliance on 071-535 17 10. You can also find information on www.pporegioleiden.nl.

Special needs (primary) education
If the mainstream primary school is still not an option, there are special needs schools or special needs primary schools. In Leiden there is one school for special needs primary education: De Vlieger. There are other special needs schools. You can read about these later in this chapter.

Register for special needs (primary) education
For special needs education or special needs primary education, an ‘Admissions Declaration’ (‘Toelaatbaarheidsverklaring, TLV’) is needed. This is given by the PPO alliance (Leiden region). The school will prepare the application with the parents. The school where your child is registered applies for the Admissions Declaration.
For more information please read about the TLV procedure on the following website (in Dutch): www.pporegioleiden.nl

Choose a school that fits
**De Vlieger**
Boerhaavelaan 298
2334 EZ Leiden
071 - 517 46 64
www.sbodevlieger.nl

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<td>For questions you can phone the headteacher directly: Ms Talea van der Wal, 071 - 517 46 64. You can also email: <a href="mailto:info@sbodevlieger.nl">info@sbodevlieger.nl</a></td>
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In order to meet the educational needs of the pupils we offer:
- Structure;
- Various pedagogic and didactic approaches;
- Systematic action-focused diagnostic;
- Suitable instruction (basic, lengthened and shortened instructions);
- Various learning styles (e.g. multiple intelligences);
- Behavioural regulation;
- A challenging learning environment;
- Specialised supervision/guidance.

Besides this it is possible that pupils:
- can return to mainstream education after having received extra support;
- can move on to Special Needs Education more easily;
- are observed, e.g. about a development problem that needs further investigation;
- need social skills’ training;
- need play therapy;
- need dyslexia treatment;
- need dyscalculia treatment;
- etc.

Our new SBO (special needs primary school) provision offers education that closely matches these schooling requirements. It has both homogeneous groups, where children of similar needs are placed together, and heterogeneous groups, where children of varying needs are in the same group.

SBO de Vlieger emerged from the fusion of three SBO (special needs primary) schools in Leiden: De Marke, De Wissel and de Vuurvogel. One part of the school is located on het Ballonpad in Leiden.

*Our slogan is: Growing in STRENGTH*

Our core values are:
- Safety
- Enjoyment
- Involvement
- Enabling yourself and others to reach your full potential.
### De Thermiek

- **Address:** Blauwe Vogelweg 1, 2333 VK Leiden
- **Phone:** 071 - 519 54 90
- **Website:** www.dethermiek.nl

**Special needs**
- School for children with a physical or multiple disabilities and long-term illnesses (cluster 3)

**Type of school**
- Special (bijzonder), they have their own board; neutral in terms of religion

**Type of education**
- Special needs education

**Continuous timetable (all children stay for lunch)**
- Yes

**School hours**
- 8.30am to 3.00pm

**Afternoon off**
- Wednesday from 12.15pm

**More information**
- You can call 071 - 519 54 90.
- You can also email: mytylschool@dethermiek.nl

The aim of education at De Thermiek is to prepare pupils with a physical or multiple disabilities to take a place in society and to function in this society as independently as possible. Education is offered in five learning routes, from those with severe learning disabilities to an above-average level. In its approach to pupils, the school likes to assume that a pupil is capable and utilises these capabilities to the full. To do so we believe it is important to have a safe pedagogic climate and a didactic learning environment that fits the individual child. A child must feel challenged in order to learn. The school cooperates closely with the Rijnlands Rehabilitation Centre (Revalidatiecentrum) and with parents to provide a school care arrangement for each pupil.

### De Brug

- **Address:** Wassenaarseweg 499, 2333 AL Leiden
- **Phone:** 071 - 515 72 22
- **Website:** www.pidebrug.nl

**Special needs**
- School for children with serious behavioural problems aged 7-14

**Type of school**
- Openbaar (state-run)

**Type of education**
- Special needs education

**Continuous timetable (all children stay for lunch)**
- Yes

**School hours**
- 8.30am to 2.45pm

**Afternoon off**
- Wednesday and Friday from 12.15pm

**More information**
- You can call 071 - 515 72 22.
- You can also email: debrug@pidebrug.nl

Pedagogical Institute (Pedologisch Instituut, PI) De Brug offers children aged 7-14 a structured educational set-up where the emphasis is on the child’s behaviour, emotions and cognition. The education is designed for children who really need structure, clarity and a secure environment. The specialised groups here are also a good learning environment for children on the autistic spectrum. Where required, De Brug cooperates with the Pedagogical Institute (PI) and other bodies. Children are invited to take responsibility to find answers and to develop. There is an emphasis on the strengths of the child and finding solutions instead of problems. A child’s qualities are developed step by step. The school sees parents as partners in the education and guidance process, and prioritises the demands of parents and their child. For De Brug, the key words are presence, attention and acceptance.

De Brug wants to offer children a foundation for/though Space, Challenge and Growth!
Auris De Weerklank
Robijnstraat 100
2332 KV Leiden
071 - 576 51 49
www.deweerklank.nl

Special needs  school for Pupils with speech and language disorders and hearing impairments
Type of school  Christian
Type of education  Special needs education (cluster 2)
Continuous timetable (all children stay for lunch)  Yes
School hours  8.40am to 2.55pm
Afternoon off  Wednesday from 12.25pm
More information  You can call 071 - 576 51 49.
                    You can also email: administratie@deweerklank.nl

Korte Vlietschool
Schubertlaan 131
2324 CR Leiden
071 - 576 75 32
www.kortevlietschool.nl

Special needs  school for Children with profound learning disabilities
Type of school  They have their own board; neutral in terms of religion
Type of education  Special needs education
Continuous timetable (all children stay for lunch)  Yes
School hours  8.30am to 3.00pm
Afternoon off  Wednesday from 12.30pm
More information  Between 8.00am and 4.30pm you can call 071 - 576 75 32.
                    You can also email: info@kortevlietschool.nl

Auris De Weerklank is part of the Koninklijke Auris group, a specialist in hearing, speech and language (www.auris.nl). Auris De Weerklank provides special needs education for pupils aged 3-13 with communication problems. Pupils can only attend De Weerklank when they have received an intensive schooling arrangement (intensief onderwijsarrangement). An application for this can be done with the Aanmeldpunt (cluster 2) for Haarlem-Leiden and surrounding areas (with locations in Haarlem and Leiden).

Pupils at De Weerklank have serious communication difficulties that threaten speech and language development and frequently their social-emotional development too. Their learning process is seriously hindered by these language problems. De Weerklank has lots of in-house expertise in the field of (children with) serious speech or language problems and children with a hearing impairment, and this knowledge and ability is continually developed. De Weerklank works together with the parents on an intensive level. The slogan of De Weerklank is: ‘The school where pupils find sound again’. Auris De Weerklank is an Christian school with an open character. Given this identity, equality and respect are fundamental and are practised throughout the school. Every pupil with serious speech or language difficulties or with a hearing impairment is very welcome here.

Pupils at the Korte Vliet have special educational requirements as a result of their profound learning disabilities. Consequently, the teachers of the Korte Vlietschool prepare the pupils for the future in a systematic manner. Our ideal vision? A pupil who, when he or she leaves school, approaches life with confidence, can exist independently as much as possible, also in contact with others, and can take his or her own decisions. In order to achieve this, we foster a learning climate with a good balance between safety and challenge, and where pupils are accepted and respected. Through clarity, confidence and protection, pupils can develop to their full potential in both didactic and social-emotional terms.
**Well-prepared for primary school**

**Play together, learn together**

**Why to a playgroup or nursery?**
At a playgroup or nursery children can happily play and learn together. They sing songs, listen to stories, and do enjoyable craft activities. The children learn to share with each other, to tidy up and to have circle time. Children often think it’s really nice to play with other children on fixed days and have their own activity outside of home.

**Well-prepared for school**
Starting primary school is easier for a child if he or she has already gone to a preschool/playgroup or a nursery.
A number of preschools/playgroups and nurseries in Leiden have an extra programme that offers structure and is suitable for every child: for children that could use extra support, and also those who need more of a challenge. This extra programme is also called pre- and early-school education (voor- en vroegschoolse educatie, VVE).
Pre- and early-school education uses fixed methods. The activities are connected to themes that children like, such as family and animals. There is also a lot of group work, and focus on language, arithmetic, social development and movement.

**What are the differences?**
Children can go to nursery from 10 weeks old until they go to primary school. The children can go there the whole year round, for one day a week or more. The preschool/playgroup is meant for children from age 2 until they go to primary school.
Your child can go to the preschool/playgroup for one or more half-days.

It is easy to combine the preschool/playgroup with other forms of childcare. There are experienced leaders in both the nurseries and preschools/playgroups to look after your children.
Other possibilities
In addition to the programmes offered by the preschools/playgroups and nurseries, it is also possible to provide extra (language) development at home, for example with projects such as ‘Step’/‘Opstapje’ (where parents learn how they can guide their children’s development) and ‘I Read For You’ / ‘Ik Lees Voor Jou’, (where a volunteer comes round once a week on a fixed day and time, for 6 months, to read to children aged 2-10). These projects are run by JES Rijnland.

More information?
See: www.leiden.nl/onderwijs
How do I choose a school?

Go and look yourself

A school in the neighbourhood

Openbaar (state-run) or based on a certain faith/belief?

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