

Amsterdam, September 4, 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

After a wonderful summer holiday, our team started full of energy last week with preparations for the coming school year. But what is Kindercampus Mokum without the children and their parents and guardians? That's why we are happy to see you again from tomorrow and to be able to start with a beautiful and good year. In any case, we are really looking forward to it!

The year starts with the Golden Mokum Weeks. When you enter the building tomorrow, the gold will already shine towards you. In this first parent letter from 2023 - 2024 we will explain these weeks.

We would also like to extend a special welcome to all new children and their parents to our campus. We also have 2 new colleagues whom we will briefly introduce in this letter.

We are proud that all parents and carers use Parro. Would you like more information about Kindercampus Mokum or do you know people who are interested in our school? Then go to our website and/or social media:

website: <https://www.kindercampusmokum.nl>

facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/KindercampusMokum/>

instagram: https://www.instagram.com/kindercampus_mokum/

We hope you enjoy reading this parent letter. It contains fun, interesting and important things for you as parents and guardians.

Sincerely,

Mirjam Bremer & Peter Snijders
management Kindercampus Mokum



Register new children

Three times a year, a registration round of the municipality takes place for new children who turn 4 years old. Nevertheless, it often happens that brothers and sisters of children who are already at Kindercampus Mokum are not registered in this way. Because we notice that there are more and more four-year-old children, we ask you to inform Anita of this as soon as possible. You can do this when your child is 3 years old. Around that time you will also receive the registration form from the municipality.

Register your child on time to avoid disappointment! For us it is important because we have to adjust our formation to this.

Vakanties en studiedagen 2023 - 2024

Hereby again an overview of the holidays, days off and study days. These days off for the children can also be found in Parro's agenda.

holidays and days off (everyone free)

Autumn holiday	October 23, 2023 to October 27, 2023
Christmas holiday	December 23, 2023 to January 05, 2024
Spring break	February 19, 2024 to February 23, 2024
Good Friday	March 29, 2024
Easter Monday	April 01, 2024
May holiday	April 29, 2024 to May 10, 2024
Ascension falls during the May holiday	
Whit Monday	May 20, 2024
Summer holiday	July 22, 2024 to August 30, 2024



study days (children free - team works)

Study day 1	Monday, September 4, 2023
Study day EXTRA	Wednesday, September 27, 2023 *)
Study day 2	Monday, October 2, 2023
Study day 3	Tuesday, December 5, 2023 (half day)
Study day 4	Wednesday, December 6, 2023
Study day 5	Friday, December 22, 2023 (half day)
Study day 6	Thursday, February 1, 2024
Study day 7	Thursday, March 28, 2024
Study day 8	Tuesday, May 21, 2024
Study day 9	Friday, July 5, 2024

*) only the children in unit 2 and 3 are free

Agenda



Monday September 4

study day 1: all children free

Tuesday September 5

first day of school year 2023-2024

Monday 11 to Friday 22 September

Introductory talks → see later in this parent letter

Friday 15 September (8.30am - 9.30am)

Parent Room → see later in this parent letter

Thursday September 21 (9am - 10am)

Information meeting for new parents of children who are not yet 4 years old

Wednesday September 27

study day EXTRA: children in units 2 and 3 are free → the teachers of these units have a study day "The Young Child"

Wednesday October 4 (8.30am - 9.30am)

Parent Room

Mobile phones on our campus

Even before the summer, the use of mobile phones by children at school has been in the news because of all kinds of problems that this can entail. We have also had to deal with this a few times and recognize the problem. In addition, there is increasing evidence that mobile phones are harmful in class and that the (social) safety of children is regularly endangered because unauthorized recordings are made. Children can concentrate less and their performance suffers. From 1 January 2024, the national government will therefore no longer allow the use of mobile devices (telephones, smartwatches, etc.) in the classroom in secondary education. We want to join this.

From now on we no longer allow mobile phones for children in our building.

We believe that it is not necessary for children to bring a telephone to school. As Kindercampus Mokum, we are easily accessible in emergencies (tel. 020 - 225 00 34). If, for certain reasons, children still have to bring a telephone, it can be handed in to Anita (administration) before the start of class and picked up again after class at 2 p.m. Although we are not responsible for these devices, Anita will keep the phones safe during class time.

Phones that we nevertheless see during school hours will be confiscated and can then be collected by the parents from the management.

As a school, it is of course our job to teach children how to use these mobile devices. That is why we also pay attention to, for example, media literacy in our teaching package. Therefore, it may occasionally happen that a telephone is used in class. This concerns support for the lesson and this will mainly occur in unit 5. As a parent/guardian, you will then be notified in advance via Parro.

We assume that attention is also paid to this at home. It would be nice if you discuss this appointment with your child.



Parent contribution and Parent committee

Since last year we have had a very active parent committee at Kindercampus Mokum. This group of involved parents supports the team in organizing various activities and, for example, organized the Summer Party on the last day in July. What a successful afternoon that was! We are very happy with these kinds of initiatives.

These activities are possible thanks to the voluntary parental contribution of €55.00. The excursions and extra activities around the themes of GO! (Integrated Education) are partly made possible by this. As a campus, we cannot do without your contribution.

In order to plan the various activities well and in time, we kindly ask you to transfer this voluntary parental contribution of **€55.00** to:

Kindercampus Mokum - InNoord

IBAN: NL 82 TRIO 0788 7952 87

stating name (first and last name) of child and grade (1 to 8)

If you are unable to pay the parental contribution due to circumstances, we request that you make an appointment with the management.

Fortunately, a number of parents and children can use a city pass. This (if all goes well) was recently sent by the municipality and received by you.

IF YOU HAVE A CITY PASS (STADSPAS) FOR YOUR CHILDREN YOU CAN HAVE IT SCANNED AT ANITA EVERY DAY. WITH THESE SCAN DATA WE CAN DECLAIM €55.00 FOR YOU FROM THE MUNICIPALITY AND YOU THEREFORE DO NOT HAVE TO PAY ANYTHING. YOU CAN ALSO DO THIS BEFORE OR AFTER THE INTRODUCTORY TALKS TO AND WITH YOUR CHILD.

MORE INFO: CONTACT ANITA (ADMINISTRATION) OR VIEW AT:

[HTTPS://WWW.AMSTERDAM.NL/PAKJEKANS](https://www.amsterdam.nl/pakjekans)

Parent Room

We have also scheduled a number of Parent Rooms for the coming period. Sometimes with a theme or subject and sometimes "just" to enjoy a cup of coffee or glass of tea together. More information about this in our agenda.

Last year these Parent Rooms were on different days. This turned out to be quite unclear. That's why we will keep **every first Wednesday of the month from October**.

For September we already had another date where we invited guests. Therefore **extra attention for this first Parent Room on Friday 15 September at 8.30 am**. You are most welcome on the first floor in the BSO area.

On this Friday, Josefine from NurLimonade Media Filmeducation will introduce herself. Last school year she gave film lessons to various units and groups as our culture coach and will do so again next year. Some wonderful results from last year can be found on our social media.

Especially for parents and guardians of children in year groups 7 and 8, Heleen from the IMC Weekend School also visits to provide information about what they offer.

Are you coming as well?

School fruit, lunch and treats

We are pleased that in the coming period we will be able to offer all children school fruit and a weekly lunch again. This was a great success last campus year. In the MR and in our team, we evaluated this on June 14 and jointly decided to continue with this.

Starting tomorrow, all children will receive fruit every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during the small morning break.

Starting next week, Timothy will come every Tuesday again and he will make a vegan lunch for all children with children from unit 5.



On the other days you are requested to bring your child fruit and lunch to campus. For this we would like to refer to our [kwaliteitskaart "gezond beleid en traktatie"](#) which you can also find on our [website](#) alongside various other documents. We especially ask you to take into account our treat policy... we hand out only one thing!



Absences: report sick in Parro

As you know, we use Parro to share information with you in an easy and fast way. In this parent app, however, it is also possible to report children absent; this is possible, for example, if your child is ill or needs to see a doctor. We have activated this function in the app and it may work well right away. However, we can only check this if we know what this looks like for parents and how it works.

You should see a button in the app that allows you to report absences. This report will then be sent centrally to our administration. Tomorrow we will see if this is indeed the case. We will give you more information about this later this week.

If it still does not work properly or if you find it too difficult, you can also report an absence for your child by telephone to Anita. We urge you to do this between 8:00 AM and 8:30 AM. If your child is late, this cannot be done via the app and you always have to call. Arriving late is an unauthorized absence and this is controlled by compulsory education.

We kindly ask you to use one of these two ways.

Introductory talks

The new school year starts tomorrow and we always kick this off with the introductory talks in the second and third week.

The introductory meeting is intended to make a good start with the child and parent.

Working together on the development of a child requires a strong relationship of trust between the teacher and the parent and therefore an individual start with each parent. The intention is that a parent can tell something about the child, clear agreements can be made with each other and expectations can be expressed to each other.

You will shortly be invited (verbally or via Parro) for an introductory meeting. It is important that your child is also present at the meeting.

Lice control

Now that we have an active parent committee again, we will start lice control again this year. In the first week after each holiday, all children are checked for lice. Results are NOT discussed with the children.

If there are lice or nits, you will be contacted.

Each teacher prepares the group for the controls. It is important that the teacher makes it clear that every child can have head lice and that this has nothing to do with whether or not you are clean on yourself. It's just as important to discuss this at home as well.

More information can be found on the [website of the RIVM \(in Dutch\)](#).



Golden Mokum Weeks

At Kindercampus Mokum, we will only start with a first GO! theme after the autumn break. We do this deliberately because the first weeks of a new school year are the so-called Golden Mokum Weeks. These weeks are ideally suited to lay down a foundation for good group formation and a pleasant atmosphere. These first weeks are decisive for creating a pleasant atmosphere in the group. Children explore each other, the teacher and the rules. During this period, the norms and values of a group are determined. The teacher plays an important role in this phase. How do you make a good start to the school year with children? And how do you stimulate positive group formation that you can enjoy for a year?



You will also recognize in our building that the Golden Mokum Weeks have started; golden flags, letters and other decorations shine towards you!

May we introduce you...?

At the start of this campus year, we are very happy that we have completed our formation. Unfortunately, this is sometimes different at other schools. This school year we can welcome two new colleagues.



Kim Hooijberg

Kim is a teacher with several years of experience, especially in the upper classes. Although born and raised in Amsterdam-Noord, she has enjoyed working in education on Bonaire in recent years. After this adventure, she returns to her roots and comes to work full-time at Kindercampus Mokum in unit 4. Welcome Kim!

Liv Petterson

Liv will complete her third-year internship Pabo in unit 2b with Naomie until the end of this calendar year and hopefully continue her LiO (Teacher in Training) internship with us from 2024. From that moment on she will work independently in unit 2b for 2 days with Naomie as a mentor.

Liv also comes from Amsterdam-Noord. As Kindercampus Mokum, we are happy to be able to mean something in training new colleagues and we also wish Liv good luck and fun with us!

