

**English language
groups available
at Drivhuset
and
Vandpytten
day-care
centres**



*Play,
learning
and
language
development*



We focus on helping children develop their English skills at age-appropriate levels in a playful and inspiring atmosphere



For international families in the Lyngby-Taarbæk area, the English language groups at Drivhuset and Vandpytten day-care centres bring Danish culture together with English language skills. The two groups are designed for children who are expected to continue their schooling in English, either in Denmark or abroad. We focus on helping children develop their English skills at age-appropriate levels in a playful and inspiring atmosphere.

In the English language group at Drivhuset, we have room for 10 children between the ages of 3 and 6. The English language group at Vandpytten starts in spring 2014 and will eventually have room for 10 children. The common lan-

guage used in the groups is English. Some of the children in the groups will have English as their native language, while others learn it as a second language. A kindergarten teacher with a high level of fluency in English leads the groups and stimulates language development through play and learning - with a focus on the language development of each individual child.

The English language groups are an integrated part of both of the otherwise Danish day-care centres. In practical terms, this means that there is English language group time during morning hours. For the remainder of the days, the children are in age-related groups where the primary language is Danish.



INTERNATIONAL DAY-CARE CENTRES

Drivhuset and Vandpytten are international day-care centres for children up to 6 years old. Both Drivhuset and Vandpytten have children from many different nationalities and cultures. Daily life in both day-care centres regularly draws on

the traditions the children bring with them from around the world.

We consider this diversity to be a strength, and a source of continuous inspiration.



TEACHING AND LEARNING

In both Drivhuset and Vandpytten, we strive to create coherence and quality in childrens' lives. That is why it is important that the children feel seen, heard, and recognised each day, as an active and valuable part of our community.

We have a learning environment in which children are encouraged and supported to develop to their full potential. We work to strengthen their motor and social skills as well as cultural forms of expression. Furthermore, we emphasise the following learning goals:

- Language
- Nature

Learning goal: Language

Language learning is a significant part of educational practice at Drivhuset and Vandpytten day-care centres. We are continually developing initiatives and new learning methods. For example, we currently focus on early reading and written language development. In the English language group, we focus on English language development. The early development of English reading and writing skills increases the child's readiness to be able to start at an English-speaking school.

Learning goal: Nature

We emphasise the importance of learning about nature in order to strengthen the child's knowledge of nature through interactions with its natural surroundings. We take the children on outings to experience nature and to learn about the seasons.

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OPEN COMMUNICATION

We believe that ongoing cooperation with parents is of great importance for a child's well-being and development. We welcome parents to share information about their child so we can better understand his or her individual needs. In

addition to the informal daily conversations about the day's events when children are dropped off and picked up, we hold individual meetings with each family to discuss their child's well-being and development.



APPLICATION PROCESS

Citizens from all municipalities are eligible to enrol their children in the English language groups at Drivhuset and Vandpytten day-care centres. Children will be accepted as openings become available in the English groups.

Placement in the English language groups is in high demand, and we would therefore encourage parents to apply in advance. It is possible to apply before moving to Denmark. If a place is not available at the time of your application, you will be placed on a waiting list and notified when a space becomes available.

To apply for the English language group at Drivhuset or Vandpytten, please send an email to the day-care office at Lyngby-Taarbæk Municipality pladsanvisning@ltk.dk stating:

- Your request for enrolment in the English language group at Drivhuset or Vandpytten day-care centres
- The date you would like your child to start
- Name and birth date of the child and parents
- Future address in Denmark or current address, if unknown
- Email address and contact telephone numbers

The current price for a day-care place in Lyngby-Taarbæk municipality can be obtained by emailing: pladsanvisning@ltk.dk.

Families from other municipalities should contact the municipality where they live for the price, as prices may vary depending on the municipality of your residence.



INTERNATIONAL CITY OF KNOWLEDGE AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Lyngby-Taarbæk City of Knowledge and Urban Development (Vidensbyen) is an initiative developed locally in 2011. The vision includes attracting and retaining knowledge-based businesses, developing Lyngby-Taarbæk into a university town, creating urban life, forming networks, furthering welfare innovation and internationalisation, inspiring entrepreneurship, and broadening municipal services to businesses and citizens in Lyngby-Taarbæk.

Lyngby-Taarbæk strives to be an attractive location for international companies, employees and students. The English language groups at Drivhuset and Vandpytten day-care centres is an initiative designed to support this.

Find out more about Lyngby-Taarbæk municipality, the City of Knowledge and Urban Development and international activities at: www.ltk.dk/english and www.vidensby.dk/english



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Drivhuset and Vandpytten are run by committed and professional kindergarten teachers, nursery teachers and assistants

In Denmark, training to become a nursery teacher or kindergarten teacher takes 3.5 years and results in a professional bachelor's degree.

Drivhuset is a day-care center with capacity for 50 kindergarten children aged 3-6, and 25 nursery children (up to age 3). Vandpytten is a day-care center with capacity for 40 kindergarten children aged 3-6 and 12 nursery children (up to age 3).

The foremost task of a Danish day-care is to work with parents to provide childcare and support the individual child's development and self-esteem. Furthermore, day-care contributes to promoting learning and skill development through experiences, play and educational activities that allow children to focus, explore and learn.

You are very welcome to visit Drivhuset and Vandpytten before you enrol your child. Please email or telephone us to arrange a time for a visit.



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