# Subscribe your child to kindergarten or to a primary school in Lokeren



# First sign in, then subscribe!

You have a child **born in 2019**? Or you want to choose another school in Lokeren for your child? In that case, this is important information for you.

In Lokeren all primary schools and kindergartens use het same system: first you have **to sign in**. Signing in means that you choose possible schools for your child on the website.

## How can you sign in?

#### 1. Visit schools and make several school choices

- Trough visiting an individual school
  - Do you want to visit an individual school? Make an appointment! They gladly will explain the school project to you
- Trough the Project "School in zicht"
  - Participating schools: Bengel, Duizendvoet, Onze Lieve Vrouwecollege, Madelief, Springplank, De Tovertuin en Veertjesplein

On January 26<sup>th</sup> and February 5<sup>th</sup> you can visit different schools in the center of Lokeren (**registration is required** - 03 270 38 05 or <a href="www.schoolinzicht.be">www.schoolinzicht.be</a>). Previously on January 12<sup>th</sup> "School in zicht" organizes an information session. Subjects like: "What are the goals, the method of the project "School in zicht?" and "How can I sign in for my child?" will be explained. You also meet the participating schools for the first time. Location: Sport-en jeugdcomplex, Sportlaan 2. Information only in Dutch. **Adjustments due to corona are possible, check the school website or the School in zicht website.** 

2. Sign in for you child between March 1<sup>st</sup> (10 a.m.) and March 26<sup>th</sup> (4. p.m.) on the website www.naarschoolinlokeren.be

**Make several school choices: which school do you prefer**, and if that school is already full, which is your second or third choice? The best thing to do is to choose different schools. Your preference will be respected as much as possible.

After your child has been signed in, you will immediately get a confirmation. If not, you have to get in contact with the number below right away. The exact moment of signing in between the limited dates is not important. Those who sign in the last day have exactly the same chances as those who signed in the first day.

### 3. Result

On April 20<sup>th</sup>, you will receive a mail/letter with the result. It will mention the name of the school where you can subscribe your child. This will have to take place between **April 26<sup>th</sup>** and **May 21<sup>th</sup>** only.

**Order:** If there are enough places at the school of your choice, all the children can be admitted.

If more children have signed in than the available places? Then the children are ranged:

- Children who **have a brother or a sister already registered at the school**, or children of school staff have priority. You will have the possibility to indicate that on the website.
- All schools respect **the social mix.** Therefor every school has room for 40% of 'indicator-pupils'. Indicator-pupils are children whose family comply to at least one of these indicators: the family received a school allowance or the mother has no secondary school certificate (recognized by the Flemish government if it's a foreign certificate).
- If there are not enough places, also **the distance** between the child's **home address** or **the working address** of one of the parents and the school address will be taken into consideration.

Why is it better to sign in? Parents who do not sign in for their child, can only subscribe at the school of their choice from June 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 only. Almost all the children from Lokeren will have signed in by that time and will be subscribed already, so it might not be possible to find a place at a school nearby or at the school of your choice. Mind you!! Also children born in 2019 but at the end of the year and who will not be able to attend school in 2021-2022 have to be signed in and subscribed already. If not they might not have a school. However they will only attend school for the first time in September 2022.

**Do you need more information or assistance for signing in ?** You can get more information at the schools themselves, or at the Lokeren Town Hall (Joëlle Mahy: Sport-en Jeugdcomplex – Sportlaan 2 – 9160 Lokeren; tel 09 340 96 02) or at the LOP (Ministerie van Onderwijs en Vorming – Evy D'hollander 04912 15 90 54 of <a href="mailto:evy.d.hollander@ond.vlaanderen.be">evy.d.hollander@ond.vlaanderen.be</a>) More information on: <a href="mailto:www.naarschoolinlokeren.be">www.naarschoolinlokeren.be</a>)

If your child stays at its present school, you don't have to do anything. Once your child has been subscribed, it stays subscribed.