



# Primary Education in Ninove

Discover our nursery  
& primary schools!



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het Kind



In Ninove, you can choose from 15 primary schools. Every school in Ninove has your child's best interests at heart and is committed to working with parents. This brochure will help you make the best choice. It will also give you tips on how to follow up, motivate and support your child.

It also contains a list of services that can help answer all of your questions.

We wish you and your child a great start!

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# What schools are there in Ninove?

## CITY'S PRIMARY SCHOOLS



All of the city's primary schools are part of the GeNi (Gemeentescholen Ninove) comprehensive school

<b>1 De Oogappel</b>	Appelterre-dorp 48 9400 Appelterre-Eichem Tel. 054 32 15 89	<b>4 De Hazelaar</b>	Geraardsbergsesteenweg 184 9400 Nederhasselt Tel. 054 32 20 16
<a href="http://www.sbsdeogappel.be">www.sbsdeogappel.be</a>	<a href="mailto:appelterre@sbsninove.be">appelterre@sbsninove.be</a>	<a href="http://www.sbsdehazelaar.be">www.sbsdehazelaar.be</a>	<a href="mailto:dehazelaar@sbsninove.be">dehazelaar@sbsninove.be</a>
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<b>2 Windekind</b>	Edingssesteenweg 344 9400 Denderwindeke Tel. 054 33 51 97	<b>5 Ikke</b>	Parklaan 11 9400 Ninove Tel. 054 33 22 36
<a href="http://www.sbswindekind.be">www.sbswindekind.be</a>	<a href="mailto:slsdenderwindeke@Telenet.be">slsdenderwindeke@Telenet.be</a>	<a href="http://www.sksikke.be">www.sksikke.be</a>	<a href="mailto:ikke@sbsninove.be">ikke@sbsninove.be</a>
Mo/Tue/Thu/Fr 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM Wed 7:00 AM - 12:25 PM	 	Mo/Tue/Thu/Fr 7:00 AM - 5:30 PM Wed 7:00 AM - 12:20 PM	 
<b>3 De Flapuit</b>	Geraardsbergsesteenweg 609 9400 Voorde Tel. 054 50 03 84	<b>6 De Lettertuint</b>	Seringenstraat 22 9400 Ninove Tel. 054 33 61 66
<a href="http://www.sbsdeflapuit.be">www.sbsdeflapuit.be</a>	<a href="mailto:voorde@sbsninove.be">voorde@sbsninove.be</a>	<a href="http://www.delettertuinninove.be">www.delettertuinninove.be</a>	<a href="mailto:lettertuin@sbsninove.be">lettertuin@sbsninove.be</a>
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Due to construction works, this school is temporarily located at: Kaatsweg 3, Ninove

## GO! GEMEENSCHAPSONDERWIJS

(Education of the Flemish Community)

<b>7 De Wonderwijzer</b>	Kapellestraat 2, 9402 Meerbeke Tel. 054 33 42 99	<b>8 De Kameleon</b>	Dreefstraat 33, 9400 Ninove Tel. 054 33 32 32
<a href="http://www.bsmeerbeke.be">www.bsmeerbeke.be</a>	<a href="mailto:directie@bsmeerbeke.be">directie@bsmeerbeke.be</a>	<a href="http://www.basisschooldekameleon.be">www.basisschooldekameleon.be</a>	<a href="mailto:secretariaat@basisschooldekameleon.be">secretariaat@basisschooldekameleon.be</a>
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## CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS

All Catholic primary schools are part of Hartencollege Ninove

<b>9 Hartencollege Okegem</b>	Okegem-dorp 2, 9400 Okegem Tel. 054 32 60 65	<b>12 Hartencollege Aspelare</b>	Plekkeersstraat 4, 9404 Aspelare Tel. 054 32 27 54
<a href="http://bok.hartencollege.be">bok.hartencollege.be</a>	<a href="mailto:info.bok@hartencollege.be">info.bok@hartencollege.be</a>	<a href="http://bas.hartencollege.be">bas.hartencollege.be</a>	<a href="mailto:info.bas@hartencollege.be">info.bas@hartencollege.be</a>
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<b>10 Hartencollege Onderwijslaan</b>	Onderwijslaan 8, 9400 Ninove Tel. 054 31 06 65	<b>13 Hartencollege Meerbeke</b>	Nieuwstraat 2 Tel. 054 33 20 49
<a href="http://bon.hartencollege.be">bon.hartencollege.be</a>	<a href="mailto:info.bon@hartencollege.be">info.bon@hartencollege.be</a>	<a href="http://bme.hartencollege.be">bme.hartencollege.be</a>	Donkerstraat 45 Tel. 054 33 37 45
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<b>11 Hartencollege Weggevoerdenstr.</b>	Weggevoerdenstraat 55, 9400 Ninove Tel. 054 31 74 95	<b>14 Hartencollege BuLO</b>	Sint-Jorisstraat 45, 9400 Ninove Tel. 054 33 70 26
<a href="http://bwe.hartencollege.be">bwe.hartencollege.be</a>	<a href="mailto:info.bwe@hartencollege.be">info.bwe@hartencollege.be</a>	<a href="http://bulo.hartencollege.be">bulo.hartencollege.be</a>	<a href="mailto:info.bulo@hartencollege.be">info.bulo@hartencollege.be</a>
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# What schools are there in Ninove?

## FOPEM

Alternative education

### 15 BuitenWijs

Pastorijstraat 1, 9403 Neigem  
Tel. 054 25 77 07

[www.buitenwijs.be](http://www.buitenwijs.be)

info@buitenwijs.be

Mo/Tue/Thu/Fr 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Wed 7:00 AM - 12:30 PM

## City's primary schools

- 1 **De Oogappel**  
Appelterre-dorp 48  
9400 Appelterre-Eichem
- 2 **Windekind**  
Edingssesteenweg 344  
9400 Denderwindeke
- 3 **De Flapuit**  
Geraardsbergsesteenweg 609  
9400 Voorde
- 4 **De Hazelaar**  
Geraardsbergsesteenweg 184  
9400 Nederhasselt
- 5 **Ikke (kleuterschool)**  
Parklaan 11  
9400 Ninove
- 6 **De Lettertuint**  
Seringestraat 22  
9400 Ninove

## GO!

### Education of the Flemish Community

- 7 **De Wonderwijzer**  
Kappellestraat 2  
9402 Meerbeke
- 8 **De Kameleon**  
Dreefstraat 33  
9400 Ninove

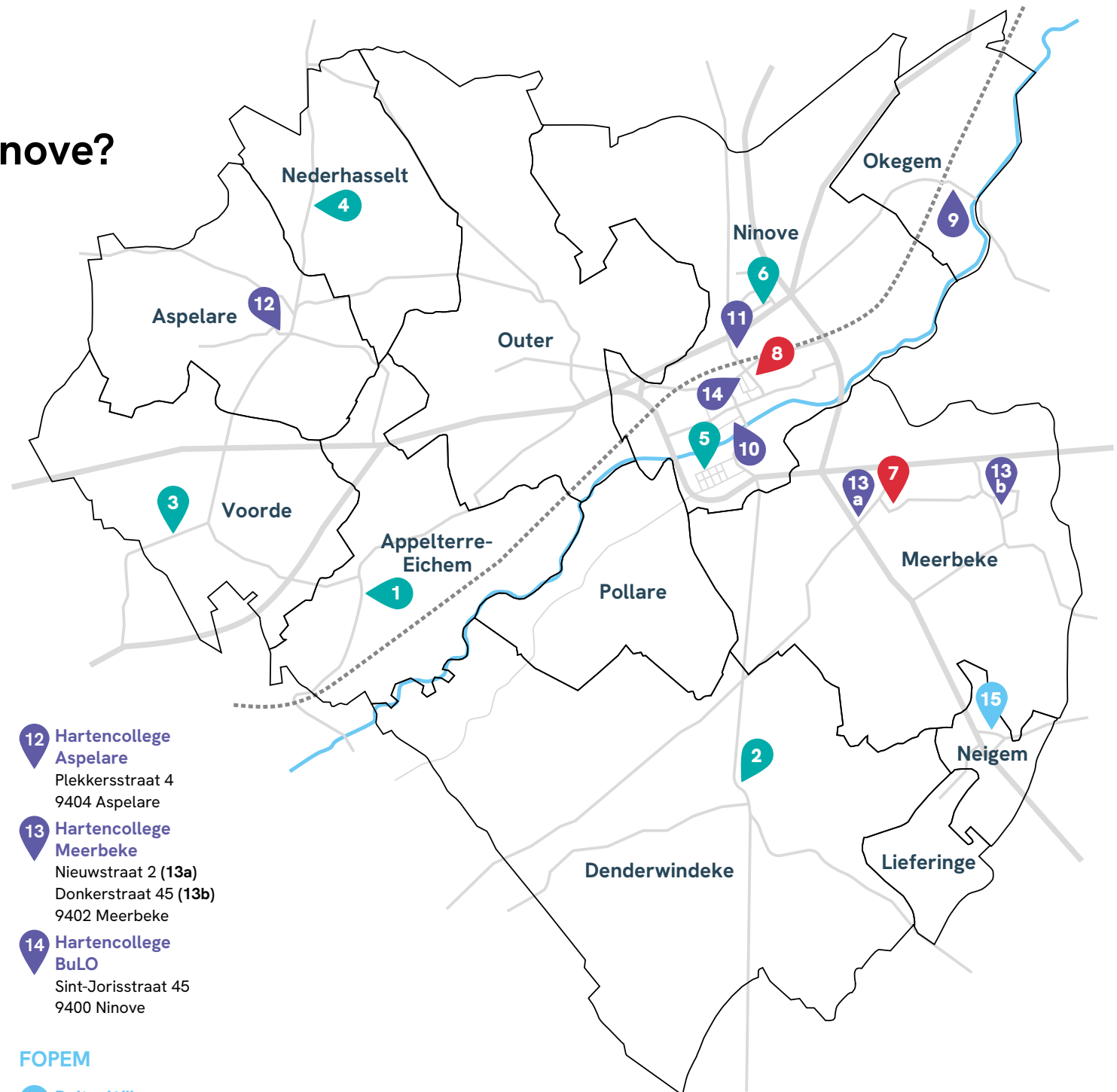
## Catholic primary schools

- 9 **Hartencollege Okegem**  
Okegem-dorp 2  
9400 Okegem
- 10 **Hartencollege Onderwijslaan**  
Onderwijslaan 8  
9400 Ninove
- 11 **Hartencollege Weggevoerdenstraat**  
Weggevoerdenstraat 55  
9400 Ninove

- 12 **Hartencollege Aspelare**  
Plekkersstraat 4  
9404 Aspelare
- 13 **Hartencollege Meerbeke**  
Nieuwstraat 2 (13a)  
Donkerstraat 45 (13b)  
9402 Meerbeke
- 14 **Hartencollege BuLO**  
Sint-Jorisstraat 45  
9400 Ninove

## FOPEM

- 15 **BuitenWijs**  
Pastorijstraat 1  
9403 Neigem





## As of what age is your child able to school?

Check the website <https://onderwijs.vlaanderen.be/nl/bereken-de-instapdatum-voor-je-kleuter> to see when your child is able to attend school (or scan the QR code).



### Pre-schoolers age 2.5 and up

If your child is **2.5 years old**, they can go to nursery school.

Your child can start on the **1st school day after every school holiday**:

- ▶ After the summer holidays.
- ▶ After the autumn mid-term break.
- ▶ After the Christmas holidays.
- ▶ After the spring mid-term break.
- ▶ After the Easter holidays.

Your child can also start on:

- ▶ 1 February.
- ▶ After Ascension day.

### Going to nursery school is important!

Nursery school is an ideal foundation for primary school. In nursery school, your child will learn:

- ▶ Language: talking, listening, asking and answering.
- ▶ To follow a regular daily routine.
- ▶ New things like singing, dancing, walking, jumping, climbing, and rolling.
- ▶ Being social: playing together and learning from and with other children.

- ▶ Potty training: Schools cannot refuse your child because they are not yet potty trained. But the school should expect you to work on your child's potty training ahead of time. Ideally, your child should be potty trained before attending school. This is in your child's best interest. It allows the school to focus on its core mission: teaching.

If you have any questions about potty training, please contact:

**Kind en Gezin (Child and Family):**  
**078 15 01 00**  
**cb.ninove@opgroeien.be**  
**mijn.kindengezin.be**

### Pre-schoolers age 5 and up

From the age of 5, children **have to be** in school at least **290 half days**.

Does your child attend school less than 290 half days?

- ▶ Then the class council may decide that your child **cannot** start its 1st grade.
- ▶ You **may** lose your school allowance. The school allowance is an annual allowance paid to families with school-age children and low income. The school allowance is paid automatically. Do you want more information? You can find it here: <https://www.groepakket.be/tegemoetkomingen/schooltoeslag>



## How do you enrol your child in school?



### Need help enrolling?

You can get help from:

- ▶ the schools.
- ▶ the city's Education Department, tel. 054 50 50 83.
- ▶ the Sociaal Huis (Social House): from Huis van het Kind (House of the Child) or Digipunt tel. 054 50 50 50.
- ▶ the Kind en Gezin counselling office, tel. 078 15 01 00.



## What does the school expect from parents?

The school works with you on your child's school career. This will make sure your child feels good at school and as a parent you will know how your child is doing.

- ▶ **Every day** your child will learn something new at school, so it is important for your child to come to school every day. This is also the best way for your child to settle in.
- ▶ In the morning, when welcoming the children to class, the teacher will tell them what they will be doing that day. Make sure your child shows up **on time**, otherwise they will miss this important information.
- ▶ Make sure your child does **their homework every day**. This way, your child will practice the things they learned in class during that day. You should not have to help them with their homework. Is the homework too difficult? Then inform the teacher, and your child will receive additional instruction in class.
- ▶ **Parent teacher meeting:** the school will invite occasionally to talk to the teacher. You should attend these meetings. Your child's teacher will tell you how your child is doing in school. You can also tell the teacher about certain things or ask questions about your child.
- ▶ The school also organizes **information evenings and activities**. All parents are welcome! You will not only get additional information, but it is also a lot of fun to get to know your child's school better.
- ▶ Check your child's diary **every day**.
- ▶ Read **online communications** (Smartschool, Facebook, website, etc.) **every day**. The school posts important information there. Having trouble with the online applications? Feel free to ask for help in the school, they will be happy to help you.
- ▶ Provide **lunch and a water bottle every day**. Unless your child eats hot meals at school.
- ▶ Provide a **snack and piece of fruit every day**.
- ▶ **Talk to your child** about their day at school.
- ▶ The **principal, remedial teacher** and your **child's teacher** are important people in the school. They are there to help your child the best they can. Do you have questions? Are you worried? Definitely speak to them, they will be very happy to help you.



## What language do we speak at school?

Ninove is a city located in the province of East Flanders. In our schools, we speak **Dutch**.



### Note:

The school is happy to talk to you about your child. Are you not able to speak Dutch fluently? Check with the school on how best to communicate with them.



## How much does the school cost? Are you entitled to benefits?

All lessons and school supplies are **free of charge**.

The school applies a "**maximum amount**" for the school bill.

The school **will notify** you of the **expected cost** at the time of enrolment or the start of the school year. The school is not allowed to charge more than this maximum amount. The maximum amount is regularly indexed.

The standard price for the 2024-2025 school year for pre-schoolers is EUR 55, for primary education it is EUR 105 **per school year**.

The exact amount of the maximum amount for the school bill, and the list of free school supplies can be found here:

<https://onderwijs.vlaanderen.be/nl/ouders/kosten-en-schooltoelagen/wat-kost-naar-school-gaan/in-het-kleuter-en-lager-onderwijs/schoolkosten-maximumfactuur-en-bijdrageregeling-in-het-kleuter-en-lager-onderwijs>



### Do you struggle to pay the bill?

#### School allowance

Do you have a low income? The Groeipakket (child benefits) payment automatically includes your school allowance. You can find the contact details of Fons, which pays out the Flemish government's Groeipakket, on page 15 of this brochure.

#### UiTPAS with discounted rates

Do you have a low income? Or are you entitled to increased benefits from the mutual insurance company? The UiTPAS with discounted rates gives you a discount for:

- ▶ Leisure activities.
- ▶ Mandatory school activities.

Are you entitled to an UiTPAS with discounted rates? Then you can also request an allowance for school bills, among other things, in the Sociaal Huis.

Where do you apply for a UiTPAS?

- ▶ Via the **Sociaal Huis**, if you have an open case file there.  
Burchtstraat 46, 9400 Ninove  
Tel. 054 50 50 50
- ▶ Via **vzw De Knoop**, if you do not have an open case file at the Sociaal Huis.  
Oude kaai 13, 9400 Ninove  
Tel. 054 32 24 54  
kansen@vzwdeknoop.be

If you do not have an increased allowance, you must have the UiTPAS with discounted rates renewed annually.



## Do you have any other questions?



### 1 Huis van het Kind

Burchtstraat 46, 9400 Ninove  
Tel. 054 50 50 50

[www.sociaalhuisninode.be/huis-van-het-kind](http://www.sociaalhuisninode.be/huis-van-het-kind)

[huisvanhetkind@ninode.be](mailto:huisvanhetkind@ninode.be)

Huis van het Kind is open to (future) parents and children for all questions they may have about parenting and growing up. This is what Huis van het Kind offers:

- ▶ Toy library: You can come here and borrow toys for free.
- ▶ An exchange system for clothing up to size 128 and shoes up to size 31 and school supplies.
- ▶ Information on social rights and referral to social services.
- ▶ Practical support e.g. to register for playgrounds or other leisure activities.
- ▶ Loket kinderopvang (Child Care Desk): all questions related to childcare.
- ▶ Practicing Dutch with your child: do fun activities in Dutch with your primary school child (1st grade to 6th grade). Check with the Huis van het Kind for class dates.
- ▶ De Katrol: a student comes to your home to provide study and family counselling to children from the third year of kindergarten through the second year of secondary school.
- ▶ Home-Start: preventive family support at home by volunteers, for families from pregnancy to the age of 12.
- ▶ The Huis van het Kind regularly organizes workshops, information evenings and activities for parents and/or children. Follow their Facebook page and stay up to date: [www.facebook.com/huisvanhetkindninode](http://www.facebook.com/huisvanhetkindninode).

### 2 Childcare outside of school hours

**A Kadeeken – Childcare outside of school hours**  
Parklaan 13a, 9400 Ninove - Tel. 054 50 51 50

They provide childcare services for children aged 2.5 to 12 years before and after school, on Wednesday afternoons, during school holidays and on school-free days. If interested, please contact 't Kadeeken in advance.

[www.sociaalhuisninode.be/buitenschoolse-opvang](http://www.sociaalhuisninode.be/buitenschoolse-opvang)

[kadeeken@ninode.be](mailto:kadeeken@ninode.be)

**B Daycare during holidays, playgrounds, sports and theme camps during school holidays**

You can find all the information about these topics in the vacation brochure.



[www.ninode.be/vakantieaanbod-kinderen](http://www.ninode.be/vakantieaanbod-kinderen)



### 3 Centrum voor Leerlingenbegeleiding (CLB, Student Guidance Centre)

CLB for the City's schools and Hartencollege  
Kluisweg 13, 9400 Ninove  
Tel. 054 33 90 19

[www.clbninove.be](http://www.clbninove.be)

[ninove@vrijclbninove.be](mailto:ninove@vrijclbninove.be)

CLB GO! Education of the Flemish Community  
Zonnestraat 25, 9300 Aalst  
Tel. 053 46 95 00

[www.clbaalst.be](http://www.clbaalst.be)

[directie@clbaalst.be](mailto:directie@clbaalst.be)

Here you can ask questions about:

- ▶ Learning and education.
- ▶ Study choices and fields of study.
- ▶ Psychological and social functioning.
- ▶ Preventive health care.

### 4 De Knoop

Oude kaai 13, 9400 Ninove  
Tel. 054 32 24 54

[www.vzwdeknoop.be](http://www.vzwdeknoop.be)

[info@vzwdeknoop.be](mailto:info@vzwdeknoop.be)

At De Knoop, you can find:

- ▶ Drop-in support.
- ▶ Group support activities.
- ▶ Groceries at low prices.
- ▶ Social kitchen garden.
- ▶ UiTPAS with discounted rates.



### 5 Groeipakket (Growth Package)

Burchtstraat 46, 9400 Ninove  
Tel. 078 79 00 07

[www.fons.be](http://www.fons.be)

The Groeipakket (Growth Package) is the new name for child allowances. If you have a low income, you may also be entitled to a school allowance. Do you have questions? Then you can contact Fons, the Flemish government agency that pays out the Groeipakket. Even if you receive the Groeipakket from another payment agency, you can come here during this open day:

- ▶ Every 2nd Thursday of the month from 9 am to noon. Make an appointment by calling 054 50 50 50 or sending an e-mail to [huisvanhetkind@ninove.be](mailto:huisvanhetkind@ninove.be).



### 6 Learning Dutch

Do you want to learn Dutch?

Make an appointment with the Agentschap voor Integratie en Inburgering (Agency for civic and social Integration).

Sociaal Huis  
Burchtstraat 46, 9400 Ninove  
Tel. 02 701 75 00

<https://integratie-inburgering.be/nl/contactpunt-ninove>

Do you want to practice Dutch?

- ▶ Enrol your child in a sports club, youth movement, in the academy or in the playground with language support.
- ▶ The library has a Taalpunt Nederlands (Dutch Language Point) containing textbooks and books in simple language.
- ▶ Come to practice Dutch with your child: do fun activities in Dutch with your primary school child (1st grade to 6th grade). Check with the **Huis van het Kind** for class dates. 054 50 50 50 - [huisvanhetkind@ninove.be](mailto:huisvanhetkind@ninove.be).
- ▶ Go to Babelonië. In Babelonië, Dutch speakers and non-Dutch speakers meet up. You can talk about everyday things in groups. Want to know more about Babelonië? Go to [www.babelonië.be](http://www.babelonië.be) or follow **Babelonië** Ninove on Facebook for more information on sessions, locations and times. Every Friday from 9 am to 11 am, in the library, Graanmarkt 12, 9400 Ninove. Also during the months of July and August, but not during school vacations. **While the library is undergoing renovations, Babelonië is held in the Sociaal Huis, Burchtstraat 46, Ninove.**

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<https://www.ninove.be/brochure-onderwijs-in-ninove>  
(or scan the QR code).

