

Tom Pouce Main Language Code of Conduct

Main language

The main language at Tom Pouce is French, because of the specific population of the French school. All the children at school are from French speaking families. We therefore only speak French with the children and among colleagues.

Quality of French language

All the employees of Tom Pouce are Fluent French speakers.

We adjust our language to the level of the children. We make sure that a child feels safe and is able to communicate with us and the other children. If necessary we help them progress in their French proficiency. We communicate every day with parents or child carers to ensure that we understand what every child's needs are during the day.

Development of language for children

We find it very important that children are able to effectively communicate with us and with each other. When a child starts at Tom Pouce and isn't able yet, to effectively communicate in the French language, we speak in their other language if they happen to be stronger in it.

Extra and special teaching is possible at Tom Pouce in order to improve proficiency in French, ease and accelerate integration into Tom Pouce's environment. As a last resort, all Educators are able to communicate in English, and the vast majority are fluent Dutch speakers.

Other languages

If necessary, when a child, parent or other person doesn't speak French, we have an employee who is asked to translate. There is always an English-speaking employee available, and several staff members speak German, Spanish, or Italian.

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