

The countryside, preschool sports, language development and healthy eating.

Welome to Børnecentret Trekanten

The countryside, preschool sports, language development and healthy eating inform life at our independent combined crèche and kindergarten, "Børnecentret Trekanten", or BC Trekanten for short.

Our activities emphasise life in the open air: BC Trekanten owns two coaches and its own dedicated adventure playground, Grunden. We also make full use of the surrounding countryside. Our children spend time outdoors every single day. BC Trekanten is also a certified sports kindergarten, and one of the few in the country to enjoy its own gym with lots of exciting facilities.

Our fees cover a morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack, ensuring that our children all eat healthily.

Our staff are all trained early childhood educationalists. Most of them have diplomas or degrees in working with the age groups for which they are responsible, and BC Trekanten adheres to a systematic teaching approach.

Crèche (6 to 34 months)

In our nursery we divide the children into 3 groups of 12. We have 3 educated adults on each group.

We are working this way to secure the best social development between the children, between the children and staff and in this way we can develop a longterm cooperation with the parents.

In this way, we also minimum the number of changes, where the child should meet new adults during there stay in our nursery.

During the day we have activities between 9 am to 12 am.

Some of our activities could be small games that´s develops the childs motorskills, there social behavior (working together or experiences itself in the group) and the mental behavior in terms of cognition (understands a message) and psychological state (self-esteem)

We work with enhancing our children´s social competencies.

We do this by dividing our children into small groups; making sure they fully understand what we expect of them; expressing everything we do verbally together with our bodylanguage.

We work with teaching our children to show respect for the nature, by teaching them how to enjoy the countryside no matter the weather. We do this by: giving them, good outdoor experiences in the adventure playground, our allotment and the surrounding countryside; taking each group out to explore the countryside.

Ones a year, we have a parents meeting without our children, and we do have personal interviews as well.

Interested in more information please call us for an appointment.

Kindergarten (34 months to 6 years)

Kindergarten children at BC Trekanten are divided into three groups. This allows us to focus our teaching methods as well as minimum the changes for the child during it's stay in our nursery.

For you as a parent you will also have the same staff during your stay at our nursery.

We ensure that the transfer from one group to the next is a gentle process; one way of doing this is by having regular days during which our children get to know the adults from the next group up, for example. This will take place around the aged og 2,7 years until the child shall move to the kindergarten group.

We work on: talking and listening. We do this by: having assemblies.

We work on: teaching our children to respect each other and to be part of a social grouping. We do this by: making sure our children are nice to each other; playing games with rules; doing preschool sports with a learning agenda.

Parent meetings

Each kindergarten group have one parent meeting a year without our children.

There are annual sessions for the lead teacher and parents with particular emphasis on how the individual child is progressing.

New groups and new organization will take place from 1 of march.

Kontrabassen [Double Bass]

Kontrabassen is the group for the youngest kindergarten children. The group gradually becomes familiar with the adventure playground and one or two days a week in the wild with backpacks, water bottles and all kinds of weather

We work on: making sure children and adults from different groups get to know each other well, and giving our children the opportunity to build up close relationships and thereby make new friends. We do this by: organising outdoor projects together designed for the age group concerned.

We work on: teaching our children the rules and routines for when we go off by coach. We do this by: ensuring that the adults and "forest children" act as role models for the next generation of forest children; by practicing the routines we use in the adventure playground or locations away from "home".

We work on: teaching our children to be resourceful and to treat their possessions and themselves responsibly. We do this by: dressing according to the weather, packing backpacks and paying attention to what is going on.

Skovbassen [Wood Beetle]

As their fourth birthdays approach, our children continue in Skovbassen, where the adventure playground and other trips away from "home" play more and more of a role.

We work on: developing our children's resourcefulness still further. We do this by: insisting that they pack their own backpacks when we go off on our trips; that they look after their own possessions; that they help with practical tasks.

We work on: providing our children with challenges to build their coordination, balance and confidence. We do this by: presenting them with familiar and new locations offering a range of opportunities for play and physical activity.

We work on: allowing our children to immerse themselves in what they are doing and encouraging their awareness and interest in nature. We do this by: giving them time and space to immerse themselves in their own play and in different experiences according to the season and nature's own materials.

Springbassen [Skipjacks]

Our children spend the year before they move on to spring SFO [pre- and after-school club] and start school in Springbassen. The number of coach trips is reduced. The thrust of our teaching changes to topics such as urban culture, road safety, and longer walks, but also to sedentary learning activities in order to equip them for club and school. At this age many children develop an interest in book-learning. In Springbassen they are given the opportunity to cultivate this interest.

We still venture outdoors every day.

We work on: enabling the children to experiment and engage. We do this by: collecting materials to study and work on in our nature workshop and by initiating projects in which we examine things from a number of different angles.

We work on: continuing to develop our children's resourcefulness. We do this by: having them look after their own possessions; ensuring that they help with practical tasks; ensuring that they learn about personal hygiene.

We work on: road safety. We do this by: practicing the highway code when we are out for walks.

We work on: introducing our children to our culture. We do this by: reading aloud to them, rhyming, drawing, painting, singing, dancing and playing children's games; by enjoying the cultural activities the town has to offer.

We work on: introducing our children to numbers and writing. We do this by: using written language and counting with them whenever this is natural.

The great outdoors

A few years ago BC Trekanten drew up a nature profile, and this characterize our everyday teaching activities. In crèche the children spend time outdoors every day of the week as a matter of principle. They may stay in our own delightful playground, visit the kitchen garden, or go for walks in the vicinity.

The same principle applies to the kindergarten: our children are outdoors much of the time. Trips away from “home” grow longer as the children get older. Kindergarten children take the coach to our adventure playground or other countryside locations in Fynen rich in nature, depending on the weather.

In practical terms, what does our emphasis on nature mean?

- That our children develop understanding and respect for nature and experience it for themselves by spending time in the countryside every day.
- That our parents can appreciate that we use nature and its materials in our teaching activities; that our staff use nature as a teaching tool to aid each child’s development
- That our facilities are designed to promote coordination, balance and confidence, that our coaches transport us to our base, Grunden, and on outings elsewhere in Fynen.

To underpin our adherence to our nature profile we have enhanced staff nature skills and competencies. These include:

- Engagement
- Fingertip knowledge
- Respect
- Senses
- Motor skills
- Campfires/meals

Practical information

Opening hours:

BC Trekanten is open for longer than the municipal day care provisions in Odense.

Monday: 6:30 - 17:00

Tuesday: 6:30 - 17:00

Wednesday: 6:30 - 17:00

Thursday: 6:30 - 17:00

Friday: 6:30 - 16:30

When are we closed?

BC Trekanten remains closed on official public holidays (Easter, the fourth Friday after Easter, Ascension Day, Whit Monday, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New year's Day). In 2017 we also remain closed on the following days:

26 May (i.e. the Friday after Ascension Day)

Weeks 29 and 30 (i.e. from 17 to 28 July inclusive). In weeks 28 and 31 there will be a skeleton staff only.

23 December 2016 to 1 January 2017 inclusive.

Apart from public holidays, if BC Trekanten is closed we can find you alternative child care provision.

Fees 2017

Creche DKK 3,900 a month, to include 3 meals a day and diapers/nappies.

Kindergarten DKK 2,750 a month, to include 3 meals a day

There are reduced fees for siblings. The reduction applies to the elder child (or the eldest if there are more than two) from the same household.

Fees cover the morning and afternoon snacks and lunch.

Fees are payable eleven months of the year; July is free of charge.

How many children?

From 6 to 34 months 36

From 34 months to six years 83

Physical activity

To improve and strengthen our ability to help our children's physical development we have become an official sports kindergarten. This means:

- That in order to improve their motor skills we give our children physical challenges that are fun to perform and which increase their desire to develop still further
- That our parents appreciate that our children are physically active indoors and out and that this means clothing that gets dirty and worn
- That our staff use pre-school sports and games to improve our children physically, emotionally, and intellectually, which also rubs off on the social life of the group
- That the way we organize BC Trekanten and our outings actively builds our children's coordination, balance and confidence.

Food

We aim to provide healthy, varied snacks and meals largely prepared using organic produce.

Our cook continually updates her knowledge via specialist literature, attending courses, and by talking to other organizations with specialist knowledge of the subject. Meals and snacks are prepared in BC Trekanten's own kitchen, located at the very heart of the centre, meaning that our children can see how their food is made. We also talk about what we are eating and where it comes from.

We can take allergies into account (parents must provide a detailed doctor's certificate). If your children is not allowed to eat pork we also respect this.

Meals are extremely important socially, so we ensure that they are pleasant occasions where we can enjoy our food and each other's company. We divide our children into small groups and keep noise levels low so that they can talk to and listen to each other. We also insist on good manners; our children don't get down until most of us have finished eating. Mealtimes are great learning opportunities. They help our children to become more resourceful, and teach them how to lay the table and to clear it again afterwards.

Enrolment

We recommend that you contact us to sign your child up at our waitinglist at BC Trekanten immediately after birth, as the crèche and the kindergarten both have waiting lists. Our signings fee is DKK 100. The fee only cover administrative costs and does not entitle your child to a place at the desired time, as we always have a number of children on the waitinglist.

Please phone our principal for further details or if you wish to sign your child up on our waitinglist.

Please note that your child also need to be on the Odense Municipality day-care list: BorgerServiceCenter, Pladsanvisningen, Skulkenborg 1, 5000 Odense C, tel. 65 51 80 00

Web: www.odense.dk

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You may like to contact Zivile Petronyte at Newcomer Service: International Community Odense: zipet@odense.dk or on phone +45 2910 6276 for further assistance.