



# AFTER SCHOOL CENTERS

For children ages 6-9 (year 1-4)

## After School Center Activities

- After school centers offer a variety of programs that include organized games as well as free play. They strive to offer children interesting subjects that satisfy their need for creativity as well as play.
- After school center operations—programs, subjects and partnerships—depend upon the resources of each establishment. Many after school centers cooperate with other district organizations—such as sports clubs—to offer a more diverse field of activity.
- Your child will learn to speak Icelandic by playing and working with children their own age.
- Your child will get to know other children of the same age.
- Your child will take part in and get to know Icelandic child culture.
- Parents must inform the after school center of at what time their child is done for the day and whether the child will be picked up or is allowed to walk home on their own. You can also inform the after school center if your child is going directly to other after school activities—such as sports, music lessons or band practice. In some cases, a bus is made available to transport the children to local sport clubs that they attend.



## About After School Centers

- Daily operations are weekdays starting when the school day ends and until 5pm.
- During holidays, Christmas and Easter breaks—as well as days when school is suspended due to teachers' workdays or parent-teacher activities—after school centers are open for service for all registered children but attendance is subject to a daily fee for each day outside of normal operating hours.
- Applications for services outside normal operating hours must be submitted to relevant after school center.
- After school centers are closed during elementary school winter breaks.
- After school centers also offer their services in summer.



## How to Apply for After School Centers

- Registration for the coming school year begins in February. Please apply using Rafræn Reykjavík ([www.rafraen.reykjavik.is](http://www.rafraen.reykjavik.is)). Parents will receive registration confirmations in August. All changes in registration must be reported to the after school center's director.
- If parents are unable to register electronically they can seek assistance with their registration at their district's after school center. Children cannot be registered for an after school center by phone.
- The application is valid for one school year at a time (August-June). If the service is cancelled or a change of services is required, such requests must be received before the 15th of each month. The cancellation goes into action on the first of the next month. Services can be cancelled through Rafræn Reykjavík or by a written request submitted to the after school center's director.



## After School Center Fees

- Rates for after school centers can be found here: <http://reykjavik.is/gjaldskrar/fristundaheimili-gjaldskra>
- After school center fees are subject to the number of days a child attends.
- Additional services are charged separately.
- If two or more siblings attend an after school center, there is a 75% discount in fees for the attendance of the second child and a 100% discount in fees for the attendance of a third or fourth child. The siblings must, however, share an address and a family registration code. Parents still pay full meal fees for all children.
- A 50% sibling discount is available for children with siblings attending preschools or day care.
- Children aged 6-18 with a registered address in Reykjavík receive a yearly stipend—the so-called Leisure Card. Parents can use this stipend as a down payment for after school center fees and/or other after school activities. More information here: <http://reykjavik.is/thjonusta/fristundakortid>.

### Our Goals

That each individual be allowed to flourish and develop within a safe, friendly and respectful environment.

To develop social skills through work and play.

To educate and train after school center employees.

