

# Liepāja municipal pre-school educational institution "Kāpēcītis" (Liepāja, Latvia)

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Our pre-school welcome children aged 1.5 to 7 year olds, Latvian and Russian. We work with children, who have food allergies and diabetes. Our children are from friendly and well-to-do families. Our institution's mission is to make children and parents feel at home here and may they have desire to come back here! We highly value positive cooperation with parents, other pre-school educational institutions and the city. Successful preparation of children for school is of great importance for us.

Our preschool is very creative and open to new and innovative ideas. We try our best to work and please ourselves, teachers, children and parents. We introduce the latest technology in the learning process, provide equipment for outdoor exercise areas – in order children have physical activities. Daily training and educational process is tended towards promotion of Latvian lifestyle for children and parents. We offer parents the opportunity to visit the singing, folk dance club and the English training club.

Parents are involved in teaching and educational process, engaging in various thematic events, as well as in the planning and organization. Parents support teachers' ideas on educational tours and walks. Parents bring natural materials, copy worksheets and offer a variety of materials for children to play and work. Our strengths is the involvement of parents in the learning process "Open week", when the parents come and work with the children on the topics connected with their professional work and hobbies. "Father's Day" has become a tradition, which is very welcome. Parents are welcome in afternoons and they also help to organize tours to their jobs.

We can offer "Open Doors for parents", when parents plan and lead the learning process, or thematic afternoons for parents - with parents performing in the drama performance "Turnip" or "Santa's glove".

We would like to learn from others new ideas that could improve our work with families. Our institution has 14 teachers, administration and technical staff. We speak

Latvian, Russian languages. We will have an interpreter who will help us to communicate. We can take in his two persons. For lodging we will seek opportunities.