

About the kindergarten

Heilsuleikskólinn Krókur was opened at 5th of February 2001 and is an independent school run by Skólar ehf. with a service agreement with Grindavíkurbær. In the preschool the same rules about main aspects apply as in others kindergartens in Grindavík for example rules about admissions and payment tariffs. There are 5 departments in the preschool, general room with a dining room, gym and playground, three changing rooms, personnel facilities, a kitchen and storage rooms. The total space of a school is 734 m² and the play area is 467 m². The school's lot is 3740 m².

The preschool can accommodate about 110 children from 18 months to 6 years old and the age groups are divided so that children 18 months to 3/4 years old are in one department and children 3/4 to 6 years old are in another department. It is offered 4-8 hours of a child's care but it is possible to buy a so-called *opening and closing*, which is 15 minutes before and after the agreed care time.

The school's work is mainly based on the ideology of characteristics, that emphasize different abilities and interests of children, care, positive communication and well-being. The preschool's main focus areas are health promotion, environmental education, positive and constructive communication and free play in the spirit of democracy.

Emphasis has been placed on shaping school work that is characterized by respect for play and freedom of the children to choose subjects for themselves based on their development and interests as well as caring for a well-being and welfare of everyone in the preschool society. At the same time big emphasis is placed on a positive school atmosphere and learning culture with strong career development as a way to continuous improvement.

Guiding light from the very beginning was „Heilbrigð sál í hraustum líkama – healthy soul in a healthy body“ which refers to mental, social and physical well-being with a purposeful health promotion in the whole school community. Emphasis is placed on building the ability of staff and students to choose a healthy lifestyle, positive and constructive communication and to be responsible for nature's conservation, equality and democracy.

Our vision for a future is to build a learning community where everyone feels good and happy. This way both, children and staff will be better equipped to take on current tasks and use the experience constructively in the present and in the future.