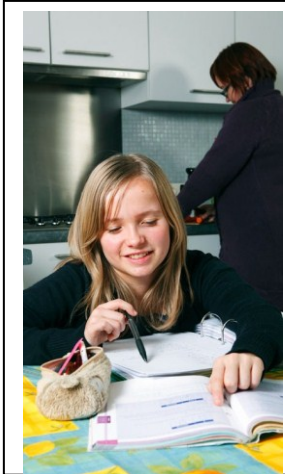


Temporary schooling at home for sick children



What is it?

If your child is ill or has had an accident and can't go to school as a result, then the teacher can go to your house or to the hospital when your child is staying.

If you meet all of the conditions, your child's school will appoint a teacher. He or she will give 4 hours of lessons per week, either at home or in hospital.

The lesson only covers the important subjects for the child. The school will decide which ones these are. The teacher takes your child's health into consideration.

The lessons are free of charge.

Conditions

1. Your child is at least 5 years old and is enrolled in a school (in primary or secondary school).
2. Your child is ill for a long time, or chronically so.
3. The parents apply. Your family doctor or a specialist agrees that the child receives tuition at home.
4. You live close to the school, i.e. less than 10 km away.
If you live further away, talk it over with the head teacher. An exception may be made.
5. With special schools, you can live up to 20 km away from the school.
If you live further away, talk it over with the head teacher. An exception may be made.

Ill for a long time =

Your child is absent for more than 21 days because of an illness or an accident (weekends and holidays are included). You prove this with a medical certificate from a family doctor or specialist.

Chronically ill =

your child, because of an illness, can't go to school sometimes. He or she is receiving treatment spread over more than 6 months. He or she is out of school for a whole day or several days at a time. You prove this with a medical certificate from a specialist.

How to apply?

Applying in primary school:

1. As a parent, you yourself apply for temporary teaching at home with a special form. The head teacher or the secretariat can give you one. You can also download it at www.ond.vlaanderen.be/toah.
2. Fill out the first part of the form yourself. The head teacher can help you.
3. The doctor will fill out the second part of the form.
 - For a long-lasting illness, the family doctor or a specialist will fill the form.
 - For a chronic disease, the specialist will take care of this.
4. Give the form to the head teacher. He or she will fill out the third section and send the form to the Ministry.

Applying in secondary school:

1. Ask the doctor for a medical certificate. In it, he or she will state that your child can't go to school but *can* receive tuition.
 - For a long-lasting illness, ask your family doctor or the specialist.
 - For a chronic disease, ask the specialist.
2. Give the certificate to the head teacher or the secretariat and ask for temporary teaching at home.

Home teaching starts

- for a long-lasting illness, as soon as the child has been off school 21 days in a row (including holidays and weekends);
- for a chronic disease, as soon as the child has missed 9 half-days of school.

Would you like more information or help with the application?

- Go and see the head teacher of your child's school.
- Look at the school's regulations.
- Call the freephone number: 1700 (in Dutch)
- Or visit www.ond.vlaanderen.be/toah.

Would you like to learn Dutch? Look for a school for adults in your area on www.huizenvanhetnederlands.be or ask about this at your child's school.
