



# Helstad barnehage



Learning how to be a good friend and get some new experiences each day is our goal !

Helstad barnehage is a municipal kindergarten located in beautiful Strandadalen.

It is very close to the local industrial area, Norsk Sjømat AS, Orkla Foods AS, Langlo AS, Rent Nordvest AS, Norsk Scania AS and Stålvarer AS.

We are open from monday to friday 06.45-16.15



Helstad barnehage was built in 1994. The summer of 2012 the school was closed. As a result, we got the whole area for ourselves. So now we have a lot of space inside and outside. The kindergarten has 46 places divided from 10 months to 6 years. We divide them into groups small children called Raudrevane and big children is called Blårevane. In the morning and when we are outside we are all together, also on different events. Outside we have a football bing, we also have a big yard that the children can use bikes and tractors to cycle on, and inside we have gymnasium. We are lucky to have so much space inside with different activities like, car room, doll room, drawing room and painting and much more.....

(look us up on YouTube, where you can see many of our rooms).

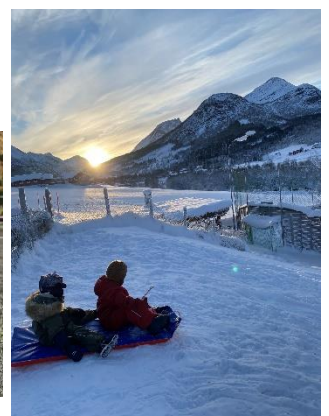


# What does Helstad have to offer?

## OUR STAFF:

We have educators with further education in languages. One with a master's degree in kindergarten and society as a special field. We have an educator who is a trained teacher from Lithuania. We also have bilingual assistant from Lithuania. We have skilled workers and assistants with long experience.

- We have user satisfaction of 4.8 out of 5 possible (which are some of the highest scores in the country).
- We have a very good working environment satisfaction 6 out of 6 on the previous survey and the adults thrive at work.
- You can apply for a kindergarten place all year long
- We don't have required Dugnad (required work for the kindergarten)
- We are very lucky and proud of our in and outdoor area which is the largest here at Stranda
- We have our own gymnasium
- We have excursion every week, some of the excursions we visit the goats and horses which is our closest neighbor
- We also have a wonderful area called «Lempen», it's not far from Helstad so we can walk. The whole area is fenced in. We have, shelter, benches, and table so we can sit and eat. We also have a big play area, with lots of trees to climb.



## Our focus area is language and social competence:

In order to strengthen the competence of the employees, we will participate in a development work that will last through the entire kindergarten year 2022-2024. The development work is based on Language **Development and Language Difficulties**. The aim is to help our kindergarten to develop our pedagogical practices through kindergarten-based competence development, as well as strengthening staff's language skills. With this as a starting point, we at Helstad have chosen to emphasize:

### How can we improve the language environment in our kindergarten?

Language and social competence include knowledge and skills that are developed through social interaction and is an important prerequisite for functioning in the company of others. Through our new development work, we will be even better at supporting the children through dialogue and interaction. We want to contribute to developing the language, curiosity, and awareness, at the same time as the children master the balance between taking care of each other and others' needs. In order to achieve this, it is important that the children are given plenty of space and time to play. Playing is the best arena for the development of language and social competence. By playing, all children will receive good language stimulation throughout the day, they will participate on various activities and topics that promote communication and language development. Which in turn will help to teach the children their language skills. To help us in everyday life we use ASC.

#### **ASC:**

Communicating in ways other than through spoken language called alternative and supplementary communication (ASC, in Norwegian ASK). Throughout the day, we use ASK as a support for the language for all the children in the kindergarten. The child is presented with the word visually by having a user and symbol available throughout the kindergarten day, and the adults conveys words verbally. The child is given the opportunity to convey by means of pointing at the ticket /symbol, this can contribute to less frustration in the everyday life.







Do you want to know more about our Kindergarten?

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