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The No Blame Approach in the Netherlands

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No Blame Netherlands has started in 2002. After a slow start Niels Overzee and Saskia Borstlap, therapist residing in The Hague, have recently (January 2007) given their 20th training at location to an enthusiastic primary school team.

At first Niels and Saskia have spent quite some time translating the materials and adapting them for the Dutch situation, which is somewhat different to the English one.

At first many schools were hesitant to embrace the No Blame approach, as there were no results known outside of England. Fortunately some directors and teachers had the courage to try it out. On the Dutch No Blame website some teachers state enthusiastic about the training and the method and this proves to be helpful for others. (In Dutch, so that will be a problem for foreigners).

Several organisations in healthcare and parent support publish articles about and links to the No Blame approach on their websites and this year Niels and Saskia hope to convince the Dutch government to start an active campaign to encourage schools to embrace the No Blame approach.

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