

WELCOME KIT

Agrupamento de Escolas de Albufeira Poente



WE WANT YOU TO FEEL WELCOME

This Welcome Kit was created to help you access easily some key information about how education works in Portugal, as well as other services that may support students and parents during this new adventure!



PARENTS AND LEGAL GUARDIANS

This Welcome Kit is designed to give assistance to the reception and integration of all migrant pupils and families. You'll find information about public services and institutions that play a direct role in assisting migrants.



EDUCATION

Portuguese legislation guarantees the right to education for everyone, regardless of nationality, economic situation, or lack of documentation.



What is my migrant child entitled to?



Enrolment in the Education System and Free Renewal.
Socio-educational Support

HOW DOES THE EDUCATION SYSTEM WORK?

Nursery School

Pre-school education is attended by children aged between 3 and 6 years old. During the year the child turns 6 years old (if the birthday is on or before the 15th September), they begin the first stage of primary education.

First Stage of Primary Education

This stage consists of four years of schooling:
Year 1, 2, 3 and 4.

HOW DOES THE EDUCATION SYSTEM WORK?

Second Stage

This stage consists of 2 years of schooling (Years 5 and 6).

Third Stage

This stage consists of 3 years of schooling (Years 7, 8 and 9).

Secondary Education

This stage consists of 3 years of schooling (Years 10, 11 and 12).

It is compulsory for all students from 6 to 18 years of age to attend school.

ALBUFEIRA POENTE LIST OF SCHOOLS

- Jardim de Infância da Guia
- Escola Básica da Guia
- Jardim de Infância Vale Parra
- Escola Básica de Vale Parra
- Jardim de Infância N.º1 Albufeira
- Escola Básica N.º1 de Albufeira
- Escola Básica D. Martim Fernandes
- Escola Básica de Sesmarias
- Escola Secundária de Albufeira



SCHOOL SOCIAL SUPPORT

(ASE-Ação Social Escolar)

School Social Support within the schools of Albufeira Poente is provided by the Ministry of Education. Parents or legal guardians must submit proof of their Family Allowance Benefit to the school. Once the allowance is assigned, pupils are entitled to various forms of support, including meals and school supplies.

There are deadlines for submitting the application

SCHOOL SOCIAL SUPPORT

How to apply and which documents are required?

The application form must be completed, signed, and returned either by email to sase@alpoente.org or in person at the ASE services, located at Albufeira Secondary School.

You can find the form here: <https://www.alpoente.gov.pt/servicos/administracao-escolar/ase/form-candidatura-subsidio-escolar>

You must attach a statement confirming your Family Allowance Benefit, issued by the Social Security. This document can be accessed online via Segurança Social Direta or requested at a local branch — **take your identification and NISS (Social Security Identification Number).**

Segurança Social Direta: <https://www.seg-social.pt/ptss/pssd/home?dswid=-9114>

MIGRANT STUDENT PROVIDER

The schools at Albufeira Poente offer this service with the main aim of promoting the proper integration of foreign students.

It consists of the Migrant Student Provider (Mrs Joana Silva) and **the Linguistic and Cultural Mediation team.**



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LINGUISTIC AND CULTURAL MEDIATION

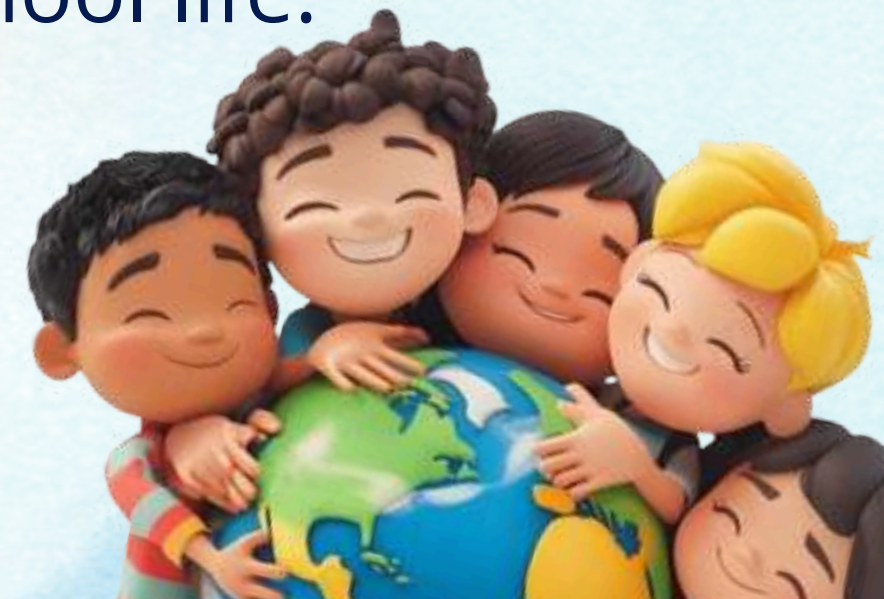
The mission of the **Linguistic and cultural mediator** is to promote the full integration of children and young people of foreign nationality who come from outside the Community of Portuguese Language Countries into the school environment.

You and your family can receive support from the linguistic and cultural mediation team to:

- Facilitate your integration at school;
- Accelerate your acquisition of the Portuguese language to support your academic success;
- Seek help through the mediation of cultural conflicts;
- Encourage your family's participation and involvement in your school life.



Email : mediacao@alpoente.org



PORTUGUESE AS A NON-NATIVE LANGUAGE (PLNM)



This subject is designed for students whose mother tongue is not Portuguese or who have not had Portuguese as their school language. Each student is required to take a language proficiency test. The results of the test will determine their level of language knowledge, which may range from **beginner (A1/A2)**, **intermediate (B1)**, or **advanced (B2/C1)**.

ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

In Portugal, pupils attending public schools receive their school textbooks free of charge.

1. Parents access the **MEGA** website (<https://manuaiscolares.pt>)
2. On this platform, vouchers are issued for each book.
3. They can then go to a participating stationery shop and/or the school to collect the books free of charge.

Parents only need to purchase the activity books (exercise books).

At the end of the school year, the textbooks are returned so they can be reused by other pupils



SOCIAL SECURITY

(SEGURANÇA SOCIAL)

It is a system designed to guarantee citizens' basic rights and equal opportunities, while also aiming to promote social cohesion among both Portuguese nationals and foreign residents or workers in Portugal.



Rua da Palmeira Bloco C, Piso 0, Loja DD, 8200-001 Albufeira

9am - 1pm | 2pm - 4pm (Mondays to Fridays)

289 510 250

<https://www.seg-social.pt/>

SOCIAL SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE SERVICE

(SAAS- SERVIÇO DE ATENDIMENTO E ACOMPANHAMENTO SOCIAL)

SAAS includes a range of support services and responses aimed at helping individuals and families through assistance, guidance, counselling, and referral in various situations of vulnerability.

 Rua do MFA n° 82, 8200-091 Albufeira

 Mondays to Fridays (9am - 5pm)

 saas@cm-albufeira.pt

 289 599 509

HEALTH CENTRE

(CENTRO DE SAÚDE)

The health centre location depends on the area of residence and all family members must register. You should contact the health centre directly to obtain all the necessary information.

-  Urbanização dos Calços - Centro de Saúde, 8200-004 Albufeira
-  8am - 8pm (Mondays to Fridays)
-  289 598 400
-  ucsp-albufeira@ulsalg.min-saude.pt

LOCAL SUPPORT CENTRE FOR MIGRANT INTEGRATION

(CLAIM - CENTRO LOCAL DE APOIO À INTEGRAÇÃO DE MIGRANTES)

The CLAIM is a service provided by the Social Action Division of the City Hall of Albufeira.

- Its mission is to support the integration of the resident migrant community.
- It ensures reception, information, and support for migrant citizens in various areas, including: employment, health, education, family reunification, nationality, voluntary return and legalisation.



geral@cm-albufeira.pt
289 599 500

EMPLOYMENT AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

(IEFP - INSTITUTO DE EMPREGO E FORMAÇÃO PROFISSIONAL)

The IEFP is the national public employment service. Its mission is to promote job creation and quality employment, and to combat unemployment through the implementation of active employment policies, particularly professional training.

-  Rua das Quintas 2 3, 8200-127 Albufeira
-  9am - 1pm | 2pm - 4pm (Mondays to Fridays)
-  289 152 739
-  ucsp-albufeira@ulsalg.min-saude.pt

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

112 is the emergency number to access all emergency services - police, fire fighters and medical emergency.

The nearest hospital is in Faro.

POLICE (GNR)

 Rua Leão Penedo, 8000-386 Faro

 24h00

 289 891 100

 Estrada de Vale de Pedras, 8201-861 Albufeira

 24h00

 289 590 790



PARTNER INSTITUTIONS SUPPORTING THE INTEGRATION OF MIGRANT STUDENTS





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