

From its first birthday until school entry, every child has the right to attend a kindergarten or be looked after by a childminder.

Why is daycare good for my child?

Children who do not yet speak German at all or only little German early learn the German language. In common play with other children, they acquire important abilities such as showing consideration for others and resolving conflicts. These skills represent a helpful preparation for primary school. While your child is in good hands, you as parents can take your time, e. g. to study, go to work or take care of your household.

Every family is welcome!

You get to know other parents and children in the kindergarten. Everyone is welcome. If you have any wishes or concerns, do not hesitate to seek dialogue with the educational personnel.

Opening hours of a kindergarten?

The daycare times may differ in every facility, they also depend on the available places. There are all-day child-care places and those for the morning or the afternoon.

Does my child get to eat in the kindergarten?

Usually, there are fixed hours for breakfast and lunch. Make sure if you should bring your own food for your child's breakfast or if this is provided in the facility. Dietary requirements and habits can be discussed with the educators.

How do the parents get involved?

Parents play an active part in the everyday life, e. g. by organizing festivities in the kindergarten. Periodic interviews give you the opportunity to talk about your child with its educators.

What should I do at the beginning of the kindergarten time?

In the initial phase, you accompany your child and remain in the group until your child feels familiar. Together with the educators, you can identify the appropriate time to leave your child alone.

How do I find a kindergarten and how do I register my child?

Look for a suitable kindergarten nearby your home, go there and inquiry about the registration procedure. Your local Youth Welfare Office also provides information on the different kindergartens.

What does the kindergarten day care cost?

The costs for daycare and meals vary. There are subsidies for parents with little money. In some regions, daycare is even free of charge.

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Contact information



Englisch

Information on Child daycare

Arriving,
Welcome



Play,
Movement



Playing
outdoors



Midday naps



Celebrations

Common meals



Doing handicrafts,
Reading



Admission interview
with parents



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What is the everyday life in a child daycare facility like?

Playing, having meals, midday napping, exploring, doing gymnastics, reading, drawing, learning, laughing, singing, doing handicrafts, going on excursions, finding friends, celebrating...

Where else can my child be looked after?

Besides kindergarten, you also have the option to take your child to a childminder. This is a family-like kind of care with small groups and particularly made use of for children under 3 years. For further information please see www.bvktp.de

(Federal Association for Child Day Care)