

# Afternoon activities for school children

School children can attend a day care center in the afternoon.

#### **Competent Department**

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#### **Basic information**

Parents who require an afternoon program for their schoolchild should give priority to registering their child at an all-day school. If they do not get a place there, the child can attend a daycare center (Hort) from Monday to Friday after the reliable elementary school. There, they take part in lunch.

For older school children, for example, the youth recreational facilities offer gap projects.

Parents must pay a contribution for after-school care based on their earnings, family size and hours per week. No contributions are charged for all-day schools.

#### Requirements

Parents who wish their child to attend after-school care or other services for school-age children should demonstrate that they are working, in training, seeking employment, or qualifying for employment. A special family situation may also be an important reason for attending an after-school program.

School children can also attend after-school care during the vacations. However, afterschool programs and other services for school children are closed 4 weeks a year. During this time, another facility in the district is open and can be visited if necessary.

Not every district has enough places available for school children. If a facility has more applications than available places, children are given priority for admission if the parents are working, in training, looking for a job or qualifying for a job. A special situation in the family is also a reason for preferential admission of a school child. Younger school children have priority over older ones.

Parents who need care in addition to after-school hours or who have not been offered an after-school or all-day school place can contact PiB-Pflegekinder in Bremen. They will check whether a place is available with a childminder.

## Procedure

Parents of school children have received a Kita-Pass and / or an ID number for their child. The Kita-Pass is important - parents must take it with them and keep it when their child leaves the kindergarten. It will be needed again for registration at the after-school care center. The Kita-Pass must be handed in at registration, because a registration is only complete if the Kita-Pass is enclosed.

Every year in January, parents can register their schoolchild in all after-school care centers and other care programs for schoolchildren if they want to (continue) enrollment as of August 1 of that year.

Parents who have not received a Kita-Pass (e.g. because they have moved) present a registration certificate or birth certificate at the facility. The facility will then take care of getting the child's ID number, which is important for registration. This procedure also applies if parents have lost the Kita-Pass.

## Legal bases

- <u>§§22 ff Sozialgesetzbuch Achtes Buch (SGB VIII)</u>
- <u>Bremisches Gesetz zur Förderung von Kindern in Tageseinrichtungen und in</u> <u>Tagespflege-Bremisches Tageseinrichtungs- und Kindertagespflegegesetz - BremKTG</u>
- <u>Richtlinien zur Förderung und Betreuung von Kindern durch</u> <u>Kindertagespflegepersonen im Land Bremen - KindertagespflegeRL - KiTaPflRL</u>
- <u>Richtlinien Betrieb von Tageseinrichtungen für Kinder RiBTK</u>
- Ortsgesetz über die Beiträge für die Kindergärten und Horte der Stadtgemeinde Bremen
- Ortsgesetz zur Aufnahme von Kindern in Tageseinrichtungen und in Kindertagespflege der Stadtgemeinde Bremen (Aufnahmeortsgesetz – BremAOG)

## More information

The quality of the school children's programs is monitored by the Bremen State Youth Welfare Office (operating license for day care centers). Regular further training of the specialists takes place.

## What deadlines must be paid attention to?

The registration period for free places in the next kindergarten/after-school year is in January and will be announced publicly.

## How long does it take to process

Commitments for school children enrolled in January of a year for the new kindergarten year will be granted from March onwards, most parents will then have security. Some move up because other parents do not accept the place offered.

#### What are the costs?

Parental fees are charged for attending an offer for school children, for example a day care centre. These fees are based on the fee schedule for kindergartens and after-school care centres of the municipality of Bremen. The amount depends on the family's income and the number of persons in the household. No additional contribution is charged for attending an offer during the holidays. The parental contribution is an annual contribution for the entire kindergarten/after-school care year, which is paid in 12 monthly instalments.

The parents' contribution includes an amount of Euro 25 for lunch. Parents with a blue card, i.e. with entitlement to benefits for education and participation, do not have to pay a contribution for lunch. They can also receive subsidies for excursions.