

# Afternoon activities for school children

Schoolchildren can attend various childcare services in the afternoon.

### **Competent Department**

- <u>Die Senatorin für Kinder und Bildung | Referat 33 Kindertagesbetreuung in der</u> Stadtgemeinde Bremen
- <u>Die Senatorin für Kinder und Bildung | Referat 25 Zusammenarbeit Schule Jugendhilfe</u>

### **Basic information**

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

For older schoolchildren, for example, the youth leisure facilities offer Lücke projects.

No fees are charged for care at all-day schools, but lunch and early, late and vacation care are subject to a charge.

Other forms of after-school care (e.g. after-school care) are subject to a fee. The amount of the costs depends on the parents' income, the size of the family and the amount of care provided each week.

## Requirements

- The open and tied all-day elementary school in the municipality of Bremen offer early, late and vacation care for a fee. This takes place from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. and only if there are a sufficient number of registrations. It is run by non-teaching educational staff. Registration for early and late care is voluntary. By registering, parents/guardians commit to their child's attendance for at least one school year. Registration must be submitted to the school by January 31 of the school year.
- Vacation care in all-day schools takes place at selected locations during the Easter vacations, 3 weeks during the summer vacations, during the fall vacations and during the Christmas vacations after New Year (from a care period of 3 days). There is no vacation care during the half-year vacations or on bridge days, during the Whitsun vacations, during 3 weeks of the summer vacations and between Christmas and New Year. Registration for vacation care is voluntary. By registering for a calendar year, parents/guardians commit to their children's binding participation. In order to be able

- to plan requirements, children must be registered at the school by January 31 for the entire calendar year.
- For early, late and vacation care in all-day schools, only all-day school children of the
  respective all-day school can be registered whose single parent or both parents/
  guardians are employed during the respective vacations or during the respective
  school year or are in training or retraining and are therefore regularly absent during
  the care period.
- Parents who wish their child to attend after-school care or another after-school program for school children should prove that they are working, in training, looking for work or qualifying for work. A special situation in the family can also be an important reason for attending after-school care.
- Schoolchildren can also attend after-school care during the vacations. However, afterschool care centers and other facilities for school children are closed for 4 weeks a year. During this time, another facility in the district is open and can be attended if necessary.
- Not every district has enough places available for school childcare in the afternoon. If
  a facility has more registrations than free places, children are given priority if their
  parents are working, training, looking for work or qualifying for work. A special situation
  in the family is also a reason for preferential admission of a school child, for example
  single parents. Younger schoolchildren have priority over older children.
- Parents who need additional care during after-school hours or have not been offered an after-school or all-day school place can contact PiB-Pflegekinder in Bremen. They will check whether a place with a childminder is available.

### **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**

- §§22 ff Sozialgesetzbuch Achtes Buch (SGB VIII)
- <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>

- Richtlinien Betrieb von Tageseinrichtungen für Kinder RiBTK
- 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)
- Verordnung zur Regelung der Ganztagsschule
- Richtlinie zur Regelung der Ferienbetreuung, Früh- und Spätbetreuung für Schülerinnen und Schüler an Ganztagsgrundschulen vom 15.09.08 (Neufassung)

#### 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.