

Die Senatorin für Kinder und Bildung, Rembertiring 8-12, 28195 Bremen

To the guardians of

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Bremen, 25.03.2019

Dear Parents,

It's done! The care of children from the age of three will be free of charge. The Bremische Bürgerschaft approved the necessary amendment of the Bremen Kindergarten Act on February 27, 2019.

From the 01.08.2019 parents do not longer pay Kita contributions for children after the completion of the third year of life until school entry. Your child is still too young, so you will not benefit from the legal change in the upcoming kindergarten year 2019/2020.

However, another important change has been initiated that could affect you as early as next year's Kindergarten.

So far, the daycare facilities have calculated the contributions for care and lunch in accordance with the Bremen contribution regulations and collected directly from the parents. From this administrative burden, a large part of the day care centers will be relieved in the kindergarten year 2019/2020. From the coming kindergarten year, the contributions for children in institutions of KiTa Bremen as well as in most institutions of free institutions will be fixed by the Kita-Beitragservice and collected by the Landeshauptkasse. In general, you already have been informed by your day care center. If you are unsure, you can assure yourself with your facility management.

Important: Parents who have their children cared for by parents' associations or by a day care worker will also be exempted from contributions until their child reaches the age of three until they enter school. The billing of lunch and possibly the contribution collection for children under three years or for Hortkinder takes place as it was before.

How does central setting work?

The determination of the Hort contribution continues to be income-dependent. The basis of the calculation for the future is a self-report with which you give information about the income situation of your family.

The colleagues of the Kita contribution service will send you all the necessary documents in the next few days.

The following still applies: Recipients of social benefits or holders of a Bremen Pass do not pay any contributions and are not charged for the cost of lunches. Nevertheless, they also receive mail from the Kita contribution service. **It is important that notifications and, in particular, the Bremen Pass are submitted.** Only then can the Hort contribution as well as the lunch contribution be waived.

Why?

By providing care in a day care center, your child will be encouraged and supported in the (further) development of many skills. With the abolition of the Kita contributions, Bremen plays an important part in relieving the burden on your family and making it easier for you to reconcile work and family life.

The central setting of the contributions enables the day care centers to focus even more on their core tasks, namely the care and support of your child. With this we take another step on the way to improving the quality of daycare.

With this in mind, I wish you a good start into the new kindergarten year 2019/2020.

Yours sincerely

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