

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

To the guardians of

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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.

### **What does non-contributory mean?**

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. For children who turn three after the 1st of August, the contributions will be canceled from the month of the third birthday.

### **How many hours are non-contributory?**

Children over the age of three have a legal entitlement to day care in Bremen of up to six hours a day. These six hours are in any case non-contributory. Whether you, as a parent, can have your child provided with non-contributory care is checked as part of the determination of needs. This determines how high your need for care actually is.

In principle, up to eight hours of daily care can be provided free of charge.

### **For what do you continue to pay contributions for?**

This alone covers the contributions for the care of your child up to eight hours daily. The costs for lunch will continue to be paid by parents in the future.

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.

### **To whom do parents pay future contributions?**

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-Beitragsservice 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 Kita 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.

Holders of the Bremen Pass will also receive mail from the Kita contribution service. It is important that notifications and in particular the Bremen Pass are submitted. Only this way both the day care contribution and the lunch contribution will 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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