

Child Care Provision

Enrol your child in a nursery or children's day care centre



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If your child is at least one year old they are legally entitled to early years education and care. Younger children may also be entitled if parents cannot look after their child themselves, for example if they are both working. The individual elements of early years provision are education, development and care. The places for early years provision for children under 3 years are nurseries and day care centres.

Child care compass

All the providers in Bremen at a glance: the child care compass contains a street map with all of the nurseries and children's day care centres. Additionally, there is further information such as available places and educational profiles.

 www.kinderbetreuungskompass.de



This sign indicates the location of small day nurseries with up to five places.



This sign indicates day nurseries and day care centres with up to ten places.

Nurseries

At a nursery, your child will be looked after by a childminder. This care is usually provided at the childminder's or the child's home. One childminder looks after up to five children at any one time. The care may also be provided in external child-friendly rooms. In this case, two childminders jointly look after up to ten children. The work is organised together, similarly to a day care centre.

In Bremen, childminders are arranged by PiB – Pflegekinder in Bremen [Bremen children in care]. PiB ensures that all childminders are trained and supervises their work. All of them have an official licence to provide care.

Children's Day Care Centres

In Bremen, a total of 277 public day care centres provide places for children under 3 years' old. These may be crèches, toddler groups, mixed-age groups, socio-educational play groups or company facilities. In most groups, up to ten children are looked after at any one time; in the mixed-age groups up to ten pre-school children between

3 and 6 years old and five children under 3. The children's day care centres in Bremen are either run by the municipal undertaking, KiTa Bremen, or by church communities, charities, parents' associations, or other independent providers. All children's day care centres, with the exception of a few privately run commercial facilities, receive financial support from the City of Bremen. In all facilities, trained educational and educational/care workers are responsible for the early years education and care.

Parental contribution

The amount of the parental contribution depends on your family income and the length of daily care. The contribution is always based on the Bremen contribution table. This is available from the facilities and on the internet at www.bildung.bremen.de.

The parental contribution is an annual amount, which is paid in monthly instalments.

There is no parental contribution for care in socio-educational play groups.

Day care Hours

Every child under 3 years is entitled to four hours' care a day. The individual entitlement may be more, for example when both parents work.

Childminders offer a flexible form of day care which can be arranged according to individual families' time requirements. The care may be provided for up to 60 hours a week.

Day care centres with more than one group usually offer places with up to 8 hours' care a day plus early and late care. In single-group facilities, all places have the same length of care. Child day care centres are usually open Mondays to Fridays according to the longest attendance time of children. In socio-educational play groups, children are cared for on two to three days a week for 3 to 4 hours each time.

Apart from a total closed time of four weeks a year, children can always attend their day care centre or nursery, so they can also attend during school holidays. The day care centres coordinate their closed times within the city district so that at least one centre remains open to be able to care for children from neighbouring day care centres too.



Enrolment

For a place at a day care centre, you enrol your child directly with the facility. To attend a nursery (childminder) enrolment is done through PiB – Pflegekinder in Bremen. You must always submit your “day care pass” with the application. Therefore, you can only apply to one place for your child. To do this, you should use the registration period in January and state your preferred start date on the registration form. The main starting date is 1 August every year when the new kindergarten year begins. Most new places are offered simultaneously at this time. You can also register your child for a different date, for example if you move home. Then you should do this at least three months before the requested start date.

Allocation of Places

Each centre and nursery has a limited number of places. For this reason, it may be that your child cannot be accepted at the place you have applied for. When enrolling your child, you also decide whether the arrangement of an alternative place in a neighbouring nursery or day care centre is an option for you. The day care centre managers and expert services at PiB coordinate among themselves so that as many children as possible get a place near to where they live. If this regional placement service is unsuccessful, the next step is to apply to the employees of the authorities to look for a place in all parts of the city. If you are set on one particular facility your child will be accepted there as soon as a place becomes free.

Please note that in both cases you may have to wait before a place can be arranged.

Who to contact

City of Bremen:

Public service telephone Bremen

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The Senator for Children and Education

Use our hotline for children’s day care if you have any questions or wish to make an appointment for a meeting:

☎ 0421 361-92000

🕒 Hotline times:

Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00 to 11:00 hrs

Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 13:30 to 15:30 hrs

You are also welcome to email us:

✉ tagesbetreuung@kinder.bremen.de

Advice centre with city-wide arrangement of nursery places:

PiB – Pflegekinder in Bremen gemeinnützige GmbH

☎ 0421 958820777

✉ info@pib-bremen.de

🌐 www.pib-bremen.de

Advice centre for children’s day care centres run by parents’ associations:

Beratungsstelle bei der Paritätischen Gesellschaft für soziale Dienste

☎ 0421 79199-38

✉ kitaberatung@paritaet-bremen.de

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