



Welcome to kindergarten



Dear parent /parents,

You will find important information in this folder about what it is like to have a child in a kindergarten in Denmark.

Among other things, you will find contact information on the kindergarten and useful information about starting times, daily life in the kindergarten and much more.

At the back of the folder you will find a phrase book. This could help you when you need to speak with the pedagogic staff at the kindergarten.

You are also very welcome to contact the staff directly when you drop off or collect your child. They are always happy to answer any questions about your child's well-being and development.

Welcome to kindergarten:



Contact information

Pedagogic Leader

Kindergarten group

Kindergarten telephone number

Staff

Integration employee



Why do children go to kindergarten?

In Denmark most children go to a kindergarten. They do so because, often, both parents work in the daytime and because the child develops through play and activities with other children.

The staff in the kindergarten are pedagogically trained. They take good care of your child and are aware of your child's development and well-being.

When you allow your child to go to kindergarten, you give him or her the best conditions to manage well when he or she has to go to school.







When your child starts kindergarten

You will have a meeting with the staff before your child begins kindergarten. At the meeting, you arrange when your child will begin. The staff want to get to know your child well. Therefore, it is a great help, if you tell them about your child's needs and habits.

The kindergarten will ensure that there will be an interpreter at the meeting, if necessary.

It is important that you set aside time so that your child has a good and secure start in the kindergarten. You must be available for the starting period so your child can begin with short days. This means that your child will feel secure.





Dropping off and collecting your child

You must ensure that you drop off and collect your child from the kindergarten. You can:



cycle



take the bus



walk



go by car

It is important that you accompany your child all the way into the kindergarten and greet the staff so they know that your child has arrived and is checked-in.

When you collect your child, it is important to say goodbye to the staff and to check-out your child.

Everyday life in the kindergarten

The daily routines offer a number of various activities. Here are a few examples:


- We play outdoors
- We do shared activities
- We go on excursions
- We read aloud together

The daily routines in the kindergarten follow a set rhythm. This gives security and familiarity for the children. It is important that you drop your child off before 9.00 am so he or she does not miss out on the day's activities.

Other activities: 

Opening hours:


Monday - Thursday

Opens at _____ am 

Closes at _____ am 

Friday

Opens at _____ am 

Closes at _____ am 





Fish



Vegetables



Bread

Food and eating times



Egg



Fruit

It is important that your child has healthy food with him or her in the kindergarten. There must be enough food so your child is not hungry during the day. A good, varied packed lunch could be:

- Vegetables
- Meat
- Fish
- Fruit

In some kindergartens, food schemes are offered which you choose to make use of or not.

The food schemes cost a fixed monthly amount.

If you choose a food scheme for your child, consideration will be taken of any allergies and other preferences. Just make these preferences known when you register your child for the food scheme.







Wardrobe and change of clothes

When your child begins in the kindergarten, he or she will be given a wardrobe. You must ensure that the following clothing is always in the wardrobe:

- A change of clothes
- A set of underwear
- A pair of socks

It is a good idea to mark your child's clothes and shoes with his or her name, so it does not get lost. You must wash the clothes when they have become dirty.

Dress your child according to the weather

In Denmark, the weather changes a great deal depending on the season. Always make sure that your child is dressed according to the weather. The child must have outdoor clothing so he or she can play outdoors.

Here are some tips for the wardrobe.



A set of underwear



A change of clothes



A pair of socks

Worth knowing
You can save money by buying clothes
in the secondhand shops.





Winter, spring and autumn



A waterproof suit
A pair of rubber boots



A snowsuit
A pair of boots



Cap and gloves



A pair of shoes

JANUARY / FEBRUARY / MARCH / APRIL / SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER / NOVEMBER / DECEMBER





Summer



A waterproof suit
A pair of rubber boots



A thin fleece sweater



A sun hat or cap



A pair of sandals or shoes

**Sunscreen
must be applied
at home**

MAY / JUNE / JULY / AUGUST



A close parent /kindergarten cooperation

The staff in the kindergarten want a close dialogue with you as a parent. Your child thrives and learns best if there is a connection between being at home and in the kindergarten.

You can always speak with the staff if you have questions or important information about your child's well-being.

How is your child today?

The staff in the kindergarten are aware of your child's needs. It would be a great help if you tell the staff how your child is feeling so they can take the necessary considerations during the day .



You can point at the mood icons in this folder when you need to explain what mood your child is in.



If your child becomes sick

If your child has become sick, he or she must not go to the kindergarten before he or she is well again. In this way, your child does not infect the other children.

You have the possibility to ask for time off from work or school, if your child is sick.







Help your child to develop his or her language skills

To help your child develop his or her language, it is important that you talk a lot together at home. You can say small rhymes, sing songs together or read aloud.

The more words your child hears, the more words he or she learns. Therefore, it is a good idea to speak with your child about what you see and do, for example, while cooking. Speak with your child in the language you speak best and support your child in being curious about the Danish language.

Language assessment in kindergarten

All children, who either attend a nursery or kindergarten, will have their language skills assessed. Your child will have his or her Danish language skills assessed when he or she is three-years old and before he or she starts in school. If your child's Danish language skills are not age appropriate, he or she will be given language support.

Mini phrase book

Danish

Hav en god dag.

Jeg vil gerne tale med dig om mit barn.

Mit barn er syg.

Mit barn skal til tandlæge.

Mit barn skal til læge.

Jeg kommer ikke i dag

Mit barn er ked af det i dag

Mit barn har en dårlig dag.

Mit barn sov dårligt i nat.

Mit barn bliver hentet af _____ i dag.

Tak for i dag.

Vi ses i morgen.

English

Have a good day.

I would like to speak with you about my child.

My child is sick.

My child has to go to the dentist.

My child has to go to the doctor.

I will not be coming today.

My child is upset today.

My child is having a bad day.

My child did not sleep well last night.

My child will be picked up by _____ today.

Thank you for today.

See you tomorrow.