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A good start in life for infants and preschoolers

Are you planning to apply for a place at kindergarten for your child? Read on to find out what happens at a kindergarten.





Learning through play

Play is a crucial part of every child's life. Children learn when they play with others. During play, they develop their language skills, make friends and learn to respect one another. Through trial and error, exploration, repetition and shared activities, children learn how the world works. At kindergarten, we encourage and facilitate play that is good for children's development from their earliest days.

Kindergarten is a good place to learn Norwegian before children start school

It takes many years to become fluent in a language, and children can easily learn several languages at the same time. By being together, playing, talking and singing, children make themselves understood and learn to express themselves to other children and to adults. An early start at kindergarten improves children's chances of doing well when they start school.





Kindergarten gives children a good start in life

It is important for us that your child feels secure and thrives at kindergarten. Kindergarten staff take good care of every child, and we do our best to understand each one as an individual – irrespective of age or language. Together with you, the parents, we will find out what is best for your child.

Room for everyone

At kindergarten, there is room for everyone, no matter where you come from or what language you speak. We make sure that children learn about different cultures at an early age. By getting to know each other's cultures, we foster mutual respect and acceptance. Kindergarten staff are keen to establish good relations with all parents.





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Lower fees

If your family's income is below a certain level, you can apply for a reduced monthly fee. To apply for a lower fee, your child must already be attending kindergarten or you must have accepted the offer of a place.

Deadlines for applying for a kindergarten place

Places at kindergarten are normally allocated twice a year, with the deadline for applications on 1 March and 15 August, respectively. However, you can apply for a place at any time during the year because some kindergartens have vacancies and accept new children outside of the normal process.

Do you have any questions about kindergartens?

Speak to someone at the administration office in the borough where you live.

Apply for a kindergarten place –
read more at oslo.kommune.no/barnehage/