TØNSBERG KOMMUNE

KINDERGARTEN, A GOOD START! ENGLISH



WHAT CAN KINDERGARTEN OFFER?

• In kindergarten your child can play, learn and make friends

• Kindergarten recognises different languages, and Norwegian is learned by spending time together. Children can learn several languages at the same time, and the mother tongue should be able to develop in parallel. We encourage parents to speak their mother tongue with their child, as this creates a good foundation for later learning. The mother tongue is also important for the development of identity.

• Your child gets to know Norwegian culture and has the opportunity to share their own culture. Getting to know each other's cultures helps us understand each other more easily.

• Kindergarten is an educational institution, which means that children in kindergarten are supported in various ways through play and activities so they can experience and learn.

• Kindergarten is the start of a child's education and provides a good foundation for starting school

• While your child is in kindergarten, you can for example learn Norwegian, go to school or work.

IS MY CHILD SAFE IN KINDERGARTEN?

The children are well looked after by caring and qualified adults.

Kindergartens follow many laws and regulations designed to keep them safe.

HOW CAN I KNOW IF MY CHILD IS HAPPY IN KINDERGARTEN?

Parents and staff share information about the child. In the morning you can tell the staff whether your child has slept well, eaten enough or if anything special has happened, so they can help make the day in kindergarten as good as possible. When you pick up your child, the staff will talk with you about what your child has experienced, eaten or played that day, and together you can ask your child to show or tell you. Ask for a meeting with an interpreter if you are worried or have important questions.

HOW CAN MY CHILD GET A PLACE IN KINDERGARTEN?

On Tønsberg municipality's website you can go to «*Barnehage*» *(Kindergarten)* and look for «*Her kan du søke om barnehageplass*» *(Apply for a kindergarten place)*.

If you would like help applying for a kindergarten place, you can come to the Open Kindergarten (Åpen barnehage, open Monday and Wednesday from 09.00–15.00) at Familiehuset (the Family House) near the train station. Address: Halfdan Wilhelmsens alle 2, 3116 Tønsberg

WHAT DOES IT COST?

• If you have a low income, you may be entitled to pay less for the kindergarten place.

• If you have several children in kindergarten, you are entitled to pay less.