INFORMATION

Private family kindergartens

A family kindergarten is available for the youngest children, in private homes.

Open kindergartens

Open kindergarten is free of charge and a shortterm offer where parents or other care persons participate together with the child.

Opening hours

Most kindergartens are open from 07:30 to 17:00 five days a week.

The kindergartens are closed during public holidays and planning days (five days a year). Many of the kindergartens are also closed for a period during the general summer holiday.





What is a kindergarten?

The kindergarten shall, in collaboration and close understanding with the home, safeguard the children's need for care and play, and promote learning as a basis for all-round development.

Why do children need to attend the kindergarten?

- companionship with other children and adults
- learning through play and other activities
- to become familiar with different cultures in Norway
- to learn Norwegian
- to make friends with children of the same age

Mother tongue

It is important to use the mother tongue at home, as this is the basis for good skills in other languages. Spend time talking and conversing with your child daily, sing songs, read nursery rhymes, fairy tales and books together to strengthen the mother tongue.

What the kindergarten includes

In the kindergarten, children will become familiar with:

- communication and language
- body, movement and health
- art, culture and creativity
- nature and the environment
- ethics, religion and philosophy
- the local area and society
- numbers, space and shape

Start-up phase

One of the parents needs to be present during the first 2-3 days to ensure the child feels secure while becoming accustomed.

A day at the kindergarten

At the kindergarten, children have breakfast, lunch and an afternoon meal. Some of the meals consist of a home-made packed meal, while others are served by the kindergarten.

During the day children participate in activities both indoors and outside. In order to enjoy the activities outside, the children require the right clothes dependant on the time of year, so they don't get cold or feel too hot.

The youngest children sleep at the kindergarten, often outside in their pushchairs.



Practical information

You may apply for a place at the kindergarten any time of the year. To be given a place from August, you must apply before the 1st of March.

If you need assistance in applying, you may contact Veiledningstorget in the "Kommunegården" in Sandvika, the actual kindergarten or the local health centre.

The maximum fees is the same at all kindergartens. You may apply for a reduction for siblings or a reduction for financial reasons. Additional payment for food at the kindergarten may be required.

More information about kindergartens in Bærum and electronic application forms are available at: https://www.baerum.kommune.no/barnehager

If you have any queries regarding admission or parental payment you may contact Veiledningstorget on telephone 67 50 40 50.

Local authority and private kindergartens

The municipality of Bærum has both local authority and private kindergartens. These have different rules for admission. You will find information regarding this in the kindergarten's general rules.