



GOOD TO KNOW

In order to attend kindergarten, your child must be well. You will be contacted if your child falls ill in kindergarten. In case your child has a contagious illness, please inform the kindergarten immediately.

Your child will be spending time outside, please pack its bag with appropriate clothes.

Comfortable clothes, which your child is able to put on and off on its own, are beneficial for supporting your child's autonomy.

We have celebrations in kindergarten such as children's birthdays.

Some celebrations will be held together with parents during or outside kindergarten time. You will receive further information from the kindergarten in time.

On some days, we will go on excursions with the kindergarten group. You will be informed or invited in time.

If you do not pick up your child yourself, the teacher must be informed in time. The teachers need to make sure that the assigned person is "suitable". Please refer to the teachers for further information.



FURTHER INFORMATION

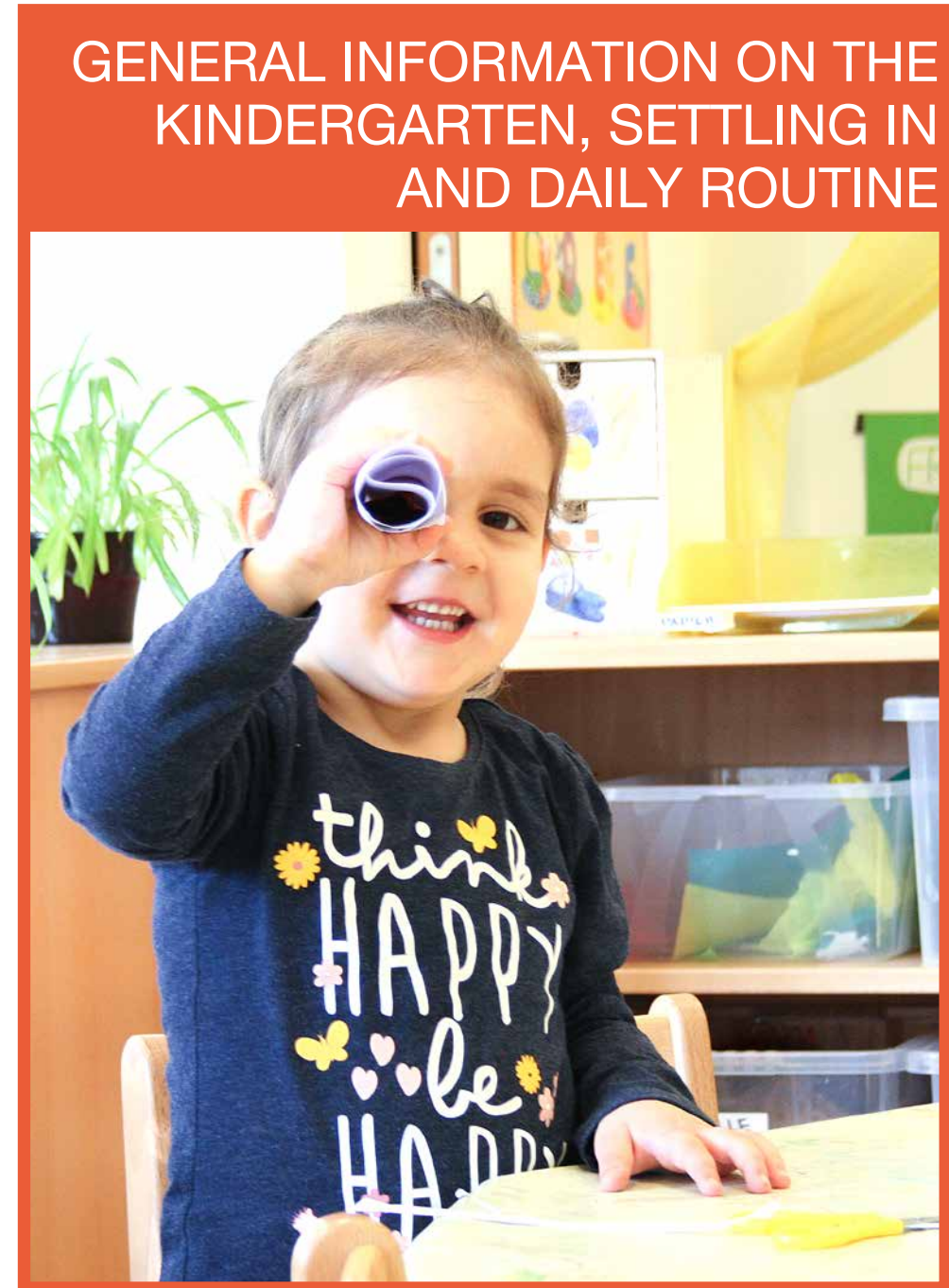
The "childrens'hub" („Kinderdrehscheibe“) on www.kinderdrehscheibe.net informs you in several languages about child care and education institutions all over Styria as well as holiday care and free-time activities.

We are looking forward to our time together with your child and your family.

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GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE KINDERGARTEN, SETTLING IN AND DAILY ROUTINE



Welcome to Kindergarten!



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THE KINDERGARTEN - A PLACE OF EDUCATION

We welcome your child and your family here in our kindergarten. On the following pages we describe what happens in kindergarten, how the start at kindergarten is organized, and what we wish our collaboration, with you and your family, to look like.

In Styria, girls and boy can go to kindergarten starting at the age of three up until they start school. The kindergarten is a safe place, where your child can play and thus learn.

Professional teachers and educators accompany your child in its development and thereby become trusted persons of reference to your child.

Educational work in kindergarten is based on the Supra-regional Framework on Education (Bundesländerübergreifender Bildungsrahmenplan); for more information on educational and administrative issues refer to the documents available in the institution.

Kindergartens have the task to support each child's social, emotional, cognitive and motoric development on an individual level. They need to fulfil integration tasks for children with special education needs or intercultural aspects thus contributing to a basic religious and ethical education. Thereby, kindergartens prepare children for school entry in a comprehensive way.

In order to get to know your child well, it is important for us to work with the parents. Please talk to teachers about your wishes, fears and doubts.

The kindergarten teachers observe and document each child's development. In a development discussion, to which you will be invited in the course of the year, we will be talking about how your child is doing in the institution and what your child's interests are. However, you may talk to us briefly about important incidents at any time.



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STARTING KINDERGARTEN

You and your child need time to settle in. This can be very exciting for your child. Together we will slowly experience new people, rooms, games, routines, rules, etc. with you and your child. The teacher informs you on how to best manage the settling in process.)

Take time to accompany your child in the first days. At first, your child will stay in kindergarten for a shorter time. In agreement with the kindergarten teachers the time spent there will extend.

Slowly the teachers and educators will become trusted persons of reference to your child who make it feel safe.

Once your child feels safe enough, the first goodbye between you and your child takes place. You wait in another room and come back after a few minutes. Eventually, your child will stay longer and longer in the group room without you. During this time, the teachers and educators will remain in close contact with your child to establish a good relationship. Eventually your child will stay in kindergarten without you. If your child cries when you leave, please come back to console it.

Settling in may take several weeks. A good cooperation between you and the teachers and educators is very important in this time.



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DAILY ROUTINE IN KINDERGARTEN

In the morning, you come to kindergarten with your child and greet the teachers together. This is when the educators' and teachers' obligatory supervision begins. You say goodbye to your child.

During the day, your child will play alone or with friends, try new things and learn a lot in the process. There are activities such as morning circles (Morgenkreis), moving together, playing music, looking at picture books. Your child will experience different learning materials in various education areas, e.g. language or communication. Activities will take place inside the house or in the garden.

In the morning, the children have breakfast or eat a small meal. Some



children are picked up at noon; others stay longer and eat a warm meal for lunch in kindergarten. Afterwards, they may sleep, take a rest, play in the garden or, as in the morning, engage in different activities.

