

**To all parents of children
at Kitas in Berlin**

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June 16, 2021

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Parental information on the resumption of regular operations on 21 June 2021

Dear parents, dear ladies, and gentlemen,

During the year 2020/2021, we were facing many significant challenges for several months. In times of the Corona pandemic and SARS-CoV-2 infection control regulations, we were to guarantee the health protection of children and employees, ensure access to early childhood education for all children, and restore the compatibility of family and profession.

The senate of Berlin resolved in its meeting on 15 June 2021 that, due to a stable, low infection situation at Berlin Kitas, all daycare facilities in Berlin will return to regular operation by 21 June 2021, taking into account the requirements resulting from the covid 19 pandemic.

We are happy about this, as we know which restrictions the last few months have brought for you as parents and your children.

The new regulations are as follows:

1. All children are taken care of to the extent of an individual voucher.
2. The requirement for daycare in groups that are as stable as possible is eliminated.
3. The regular opening hours apply again.
4. Facilities have to provide early and late shifts within the framework of the regular opening hours.

5. Closing times of the facilities during the summer break can be implemented as planned and discussed with the parents. At the same time, the regulation of § 3 para. 4 RV Tag applies, according to which the facilities must ensure appropriate care during the closing times in consultation with the parents.
6. The care of children in cooperation facilities is possible again.
7. If facilities want to return to regular operation before June 21, 2021, this is possible.

We point out that even after the resumption of regular operations, there may occur restrictions in care, e. g. through personnel shortages, mainly due to the continuing pandemic situation. In this case, your Kita will coordinate with you and the Kita supervisor.

During regular operation under pandemic conditions, parents should enter facilities only wearing masks. Everyone must obey the distance requirement. The daycare centers will set up appropriate waiting areas for the pick-up and drop-off situation. Children should only be accompanied by their parents as a matter of principle.

Dear parents,

We are aware of the stresses and strains that this phasing-out daycare year has brought and hope that the current decline in the pandemic and the imminent start of regular operations will bring greater stability and predictability to daycare operations.

If you have any questions, the parent hotline of the Senate Department for Education, Youth and Family Affairs will initially be available until June 24, 2021. You can reach them at the number 030 - 90227 6600 on all working days from 9 am - 1 pm. After the summer vacations, the hotline will be available again from August 8, 2021, until it is discontinued on August 31, 2021.

With kind regards
on behalf of
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