

INFORMATION on the Mandatory Kindergarten Year



Minimum period of attendance

Your child must attend > kindergarten
> or a Kindergruppe (parent-organised daycare centre)

for at least 20 hours per week on at least four days per week!

It is in your responsibility as parent or legal guardian that your child attends kindergarten.

Your child may stay home from kindergarten in the following cases:

- If your child is ill
- If you are ill and cannot bring your child to kindergarten
- During official school holidays
- During a total of five (5) weeks outside official school holidays

PLEASE REMEMBER to tell the kindergarten teachers if your child cannot come to kindergarten for any of the above reasons!

Children are exempt from mandatory kindergarten attendance if they

- are cared for by a registered childminder (Tagesmutter/Tagesvater) and do not need early language support
- are homeschooled and do not need early language support
- attend kindergarten outside Vienna
- cannot be expected to attend kindergarten for medical reasons or because they have special needs
- start school early

PLEASE NOTE: If your child is exempt from mandatory kindergarten attendance for any of the above reasons you have to inform the Vienna Child and Youth Welfare Service (MA 11) in writing **by 30 June** of the year in which your child would start the mandatory kindergarten year.

The online form “**ANZEIGE EINER AUSNAHME VON DER BESUCHSPFLICHT NACH § 4 WföG**” is available on the internet at www.wien.gv.at/amtshelfer/gesellschaft-soziales/ under the topic “Verpflichtendes Kindergartenjahr”.