



Important information to you who have a child starting kindergarten in Hå kommune!

WHAT IS A KINDERGARTEN?

Kindergarten is an educational institution for children between one and six years old. Its purpose is to guarantee good development and activity opportunities for the child. Kindergarten emphasizes care, safety, development and learning in cooperation with parents.

Playing is the children's most important activity. Kindergarten is supposed to give time, and space for free play. Through playing, the child gets experiences for life, develops social competence and language, and makes friends.

Responsibility:

The employees are responsible for the child while he/she is in the kindergarten. The child is insured while in the kindergarten.

“Barnehageportalen”:

This is where you register your child for kindergarten or make changes to an existing registration. It is important that you fill in all the blanks. Get someone to help you if there is something you do not understand. The kindergarten needs all the contact information regarding the child.

The kindergarten year:

The kindergarten year lasts from August 15th to August 14th the following year.

Payment:

Kindergarten is not free of charge, parents pay a deductible. The rest is covered by the public. Payment for food is additional.

You pay for eleven months, July is free of charge. The payment rate is based on the family's total income. You can apply to get reduced payment; check out Hå kommunes website, or contact «servicetorget».

**Ownership:**

Hå kommune owns and runs the kindergarten.

FAU and SU:

All kindergartens have a FAU (parents executive committee), which consists of representatives elected by all the parents, and a SU (coordinating committee) consisting of both parents and employees. These associations are supposed to secure cooperation between the kindergarten and the home.

Vacation:

The child has to have four weeks of vacation during the year. Three of these weeks have to be taken in conjunction with the kindergarten being closed two weeks in July. The fourth week can be split into single days throughout the year.

Parent meeting:

Each kindergarten usually has one to two meetings throughout the year where all parents are invited to come. These take place in the evening.

**Individual parent meetings:**

All parents get the opportunity to have one to two individual meetings with an educational leader each year, in addition to an initial conversation before the child starts kindergarten. You parents can any time contact the head of kindergarten or the educational leader if you have anything you need to talk about.

Expectations:

- It is expected that you as a parent read the kindergarten's and Hå kommune's plans in order to be updated on what is going on at all times.
- Show interest to what your child does in kindergarten. It is important that the home and the kindergarten cooperate pursuing the child's development and learning.
- Be engaged and active at meetings and other arrangements in the kindergarten.
- Respect the opening hours.

Attendance:

Parents/ guardians are responsible for delivering and picking up the children from kindergarten. If someone other than parents are to pick up the child, the kindergarten needs to be notified. The child can attend kindergarten up to 9 hours daily.

Internal:

The kindergarten has a system for HSE (health, safety and environment) and environmental health-care.

Clothing:

The kindergarten does many different activities, both indoors and outdoors. It is therefore important that the child has comfortable and reasonable clothes in kindergarten. In Norway we stay outside no matter the weather. Wool clothing, rainwear and warm outside clothing is essential. Clothing has to be marked with the child's name.

Laws:

The kindergarten's operations are regulated by «Lov om barnehager», «Rammeplan for barnehagen» and the kindergarten's steeringdocument: «årsplanen».

Transition from kindergarten to school:

The kindergarten and the school cooperate so that the child can experience the transition from kindergarten to school as smoothly as possible.

Planning days:

All kindergartens in Hå kommune have five mutual planning days through the year. The kindergarten is closed these days. You will be notified at the start of the kindergarten year when these days are.

Primary contact:

All children who start kindergarten get a primary contact. This adult is extra responsible for your child. This person is important for the child, especially in the start. The primary contact gives the child safety and sufficient adult contact throughout the day.

Framework plan:

The kindergarten is obliged to follow the subjects that the ministry of education and research have noted in the document: «Rammeplanen for barnehagens innhold og oppgaver». Here are the subjects that the kindergartens work with:

- Communication, language and text
- Body, movement and health
- Art, culture and creativity
- Nature, environment and technique
- Ethics, religion and philosophy
- Community and society
- Quantity, room and shape



“Servicetorget”:

Can help you register your child for kindergarten, or make changes to the placement of a child who is already in kindergarten. Servicetorget can also help you apply to get reduced payment. You can reach Hå kommunes **Servicetorg** by calling: **51 79 30 00.**

Educational welfare team:

Each kindergarten has an educational welfare team. This consists of representatives from the child welfare authorities, PPT (Educational and psychological counselling service), head of kindergarten and educational supervisor. This team makes sure your child gets help if special challenges should arise.

Diseases:

Children who are ill should stay at home. It can be demanding for a little child to go to kindergarten if it is not feeling good. A sick child is in need of extra comfort and care from their nearest, and it is therefore important that you as parents are considerate to the child's general state. Make sure you do not send your child back to kindergarten too soon after illness. The child has to stay at home until it is free from contagion, and well enough to attend the kindergarten's activities.

Habituation:

In order for your child to have a good time in kindergarten, it is important that the habituation is experienced positive and safe for the child. Parents need to set aside enough time in the startup. This is especially important for the youngest children. It is important to have a good dialog between parents and the staff. You can get more information about habituation from the kindergarten staff.

Interpreter:

There will be used interpreters when needed. Hå kommune uses interpreters from Hero.

Conventions:

As a parent / guardian, you are responsible for familiarizing with Hå kommunes conventions for kindergartens.

Other questions:

If you have any other questions, or something is unclear; the head of your kindergarten or other staff can answer you. You can find more information about Hå kommune and your kindergarten at:

www.ha.kommune.no and

www.ha.kommune.no/barnehage

Here you will find your kindergartens own website and contact information.

OTHER INFORMATION translated to several languages:

Framework plan, (english): www.udir.no/Upload/barnehage/Rammeplan/Frameworkplan

www.nafo.no

www.morsmal.no,