



Larvik
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Oppvekst og kvalifisering

Welcome to a kindergarten in Larvik!



Thriving, friendship, care and development

This leaflet provides you with some brief information about kindergartens and a little bit about what you will find as children and parents in the kindergarten. The kindergarten is a place for thriving, friendship, care and development. Nearly all preschool age children in Norway go to kindergarten. All activities in the kindergarten are regulated by the Kindergarten Act.



PLAYING AND LEARNING

The children will find joy in playing with others in the kindergarten. Through playing the children will find friends and

be included in the social community. Playing with other children is also very important for the linguistic development and learning Norwegian. The kindergarten takes care that all the children participate in the activities.

MULTILINGUAL CHILDREN

Knowing several languages is a great resource, for the children as well as for society. The employees supports and recognises the children's mother tongue, at the same time as they promote and develop the children's Norwegian linguistic competence. When the child is

learning two languages at the same time, it's a good thing that the kindergarten and parents cooperate, for example by parents and children talking with each other at home in their mother language / mother languages about the things the children have done in the kindergarten. You can read more about this topic in the booklet, *Barn i flerspråklige familier* ("Children in multilingual families"). This booklet is available in many languages, both in plain text and audio formats.

<https://morsmal.no/no/veiledning-til-foreldre/5135-informasjonsheftet-barn-i-flerspraklige-familier>





PLANS FOR THE WORK IN THE KINDERGARTEN

All kindergartens have their own annual plans, which are given to the parents. The annual plan is made on the basis of the national plan for kindergartens, i.e. Framework Plan for the content and tasks of kindergartens. Usually there are also weekly and monthly plans. The plans tell you how the kindergarten works to care for the children and make them feel safe and

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secure, and how they organize for playing and learning. All kindergartens have employees with education and training to make sure the children have a good kindergarten programme.

DUTY OF CONFIDENTIALITY

The kindergarten employees has a duty of confidentiality. This means that employees cannot share confidential information about children, families and colleagues. Breaching the duty of confidentiality is a criminal offence. All employees have to provide police certificates of good conduct before they start working in kindergartens.

COOPERATION BETWEEN PARENTS AND KINDERGARTEN

The kindergarten wants to cooperate with

the parents. In particular, the kindergarten wants to know what you as parents think is important for the child. The daily chat on delivering and collecting the child is important. In addition the kindergarten has various meetings where information is given about the kindergarten's content and ways of working. Some meetings gather all the parents at the same time, whereas other meetings are for conversations with each child's parents. In such meetings the parents can share their views on the work in the kindergarten. It is an advantage if the employees and the parents have some time to spare for a talk about what the day has been like for the child in the kindergarten. Please ask if you have any questions.

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INTERPRETER

The kindergarten may provide an interpreter through the interpreter service. It may be useful to use an interpreter so that the employees and the parents can be sure they understand each other properly.

CLOTHES AND EQUIPMENT

Children and adults are outside for a time every day throughout the year and need clothes suitable for all kinds of weather. Every child has its own shelf in the dressing room where they can have their own clothes. Read more about dressing in the cold winter weather in several languages on the web site morsmal.no: <https://morsmal.no/no/foreldre-norsk/2382-kle-barna-riktig-i-vinterkulda>

FOOD

In some kindergartens the children bring their own food. Other kindergartens prepare food themselves. In that case mostly bread, fruit and vegetables are served. Parents pay a certain amount of money for this. Please inform the kindergarten if your child is allergic to



any type of food, or if there is any food the child cannot eat for religious reasons.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

It is a tradition that the employees in the kindergarten celebrate the child's birthday. This may vary from one kindergarten to another. The children usually look forward a lot to be celebrated in the kindergarten.

PAYMENT

You may be entitled to reduced payment or a free place. You will find information about this on the municipality's web site: <https://www.larvik.kommune.no/barnehage/pris-og-redusert-betaling/> Important! You need to apply for reduced payment by 01 June before every new kindergarten year starts.

THE FIRST FEW DAYS

When the child starts in the kindergarten, it is accompanied by one of the parents the first few days. Some employers allow parents to take these days off without any pay deduction. You agree with the educational supervisor as to how long you should be present in the kindergarten for the child to feel secure.



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