

Payment and reduced price

All kindergartens have the same monthly price. The price is adjusted each year. Please see the municipality website for the current price, or call us for further information.

You will begin to pay for the kindergarten place when the child begins in the kindergarten. Prices for mealtimes in the kindergartens can vary. Some kindergartens require payment of a deposit.

Everyone should be able to afford to send their child to kindergarten!

It is possible to apply for a reduced monthly price if the family's income is below a certain level. If the family has an income from NAV, it is possible to apply to NAV for financial support for a kindergarten place. If you have two or more children attending kindergarten, you do not pay the full price for all of them. For further information, visit:

www.sandefjord.kommune.no

Please do not hesitate to ask us if you would like further information, or require help in submitting an application for a kindergarten place.

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Welcome to our kindergartens in Sandefjord!

Application deadline 1 March!



Kindergarten Act §1:

“The kindergarten, in cooperation and understanding with the home, must safeguard the child's needs for care and play, and promote learning and growth as a basis for general development”

In Norway, around 92% of all children aged between one and five years attend kindergarten. The proportion of multilingual children attending kindergarten is somewhat lower - approximately 81%. Attending kindergarten is not mandatory; however, it is considered to be the first level in the course of a child's education.

A good basis for starting school

In the kindergarten, children can play and be active within a safe and secure framework. At the same time, we create the basis for the best possible start at school.

Research indicates that multilingual children that have attended kindergarten make better progress at school than those who have not attended kindergarten.

For children that have an alternative mother tongue to Norwegian, it is important to learn good Norwegian before starting school. This can take several years; therefore, it is important to begin at an early stage, in the kindergarten.

It is best for children that their parents speak to them in the language in which they are most proficient. In the kindergarten, all children shall be supported in the development of both their mother tongue and Norwegian, through play, common activities and language groups.

We have competence concerning children's language development and make ourselves familiar with the child's linguistic and cultural background.

Cooperation with parents

Cooperation between the kindergarten and the home shall be based on trust and openness.

We involve parents through individual meetings and daily contact, in addition to joint teacher/parent meetings and written information.

The kindergarten will inform the parents about the child's activities in the kindergarten, the child's development and any challenges that may arise. We can also offer advice and guidance to any parents who require further assistance.

Start-up and adaptation period

The kindergartens in Sandefjord have a common standard regarding the start-up period in the kindergarten.

All children and parents/guardians shall receive good information about the kindergarten and the family will be appointed a contact person who will follow up the individual child.

Every child will be seen and heard and have the kindergarten program adjusted to their individual needs.

A good provision

In Sandefjord municipality there are approximately 60 kindergartens. The kindergartens have a head teacher, kindergarten teachers, qualified specialists and assistants. All kindergartens in Norway are operated according to the Kindergarten Act.

According to the national framework plan for kindergarten programs, the following values shall be applied:

Democracy, diversity and mutual respect, equal opportunities and equal status, sustainable development, life mastery and health.

During the day in the kindergarten, children take part in joint play and activities indoors and outdoors, joint mealtimes, group activities, singing and reading time and theme-based projects.

Children also learn about various religious and cultural festivals and traditions, although this is not in the form of religious celebration or teaching.

These are the kindergarten's subject areas:

- Communication, language and text
- Body, movement, nutrition and health
- Art, culture and creativity
- Nature, environment and technology
- Numbers, space and shapes
- Ethics, religion and philosophy
- Local environment and community

Applying for a place in a kindergarten

The application deadline for a place in a kindergarten is 1 March each year.

The kindergartens in Sandefjord have a common electronic application form, which is available from:

www.sandefjord.kommune.no/skole-og-barnehage

The website also has a map of the various kindergarten locations and information about each kindergarten. It is also possible to telephone the kindergartens directly, should you require further information or wish to make an appointment to visit.

All children for whom an application is submitted before the deadline of 1 March have the right to a kindergarten place from the autumn of the same year, if they become 1 year old before the 1 December that year.

When you receive an offer of a place for your child, you will also receive further information about the start-up date. The child will retain the kindergarten place until he/she begins at school, or until the place is given up/terminated).