

# KINDERGARTEN – a good start in life!



Kindergarten helps children learn Norwegian, interact with other children and prepare for starting school.

The kindergarten is a safe place for children.

Submit an application and give your child a good start in life!



#### Kindergarten is important for you and your child

Kindergartens are a place for enjoyment, friendship and development. Your child will learn through play and other activities.

Kindergarten is part of the educational pathway in Norway.

Your child will learn Norwegian and get to know Norwegian culture at kindergarten.

Children who learn Norwegian at preschool do better at school.

Children can learn several languages at the same time, and kindergartens encourage children to learn their mother tongue.

You will get to know the parents of the other children at the kindergarten.

#### The kindergarten is a safe place to be

The children are cared for by qualified preschool professionals

Employees and parents aim to agree on what is best for your child.

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child is a guiding principle at Norwegian kindergartens: Adults will do what is in the best interest of the child.



#### Will my child enjoy kindergarten?

As a parent, you will be in close contact with the employees and are given the opportunity to speak with the employees about your child's needs.

Children make friends at kindergarten and participate in play and fun activities.

#### What does kindergarten cost?

The prices for kindergartens in Ringerike are found here: www.ringerike.kommune.no/barnehager

You will pay a lower price or get 20 hours a week free, if:

- your income is low, or
- you have several children attending kindergarten

Please contact the Information Desk at the town hall to find out.

Telephone: **32 11 74 00** 

E-mail: servicetorget@ringerike.kommune.no

## How do I apply for kindergarten placement?

You apply using the barnehageportalen online: www.ringerike.kommune.no/barnehager



### We are happy to help you with the application!

A nurse at the child health clinic in your neighbourhood or Familiens Hus can help you fill in the application.



Read more about why kindergarten is so important: www.ringerike.kommune.no/multilingual

Your child will love attending kindergarten!