

## Open kindergartens

Open kindergartens are daytime meeting places for families with children aged 0-6 years. You do not need to apply beforehand, just show up. At an open kindergarten, your child will gain experience with social interaction and playing prior to starting a regular kindergarten.

Bergen has 15 private open kindergartens in most boroughs.

## What happens at open kindergartens?

- Open kindergartens are educational establishments with a kindergarten teacher in charge.
- You can come whenever you want during the kindergarten's opening hours.
- Open kindergartens are free. In some open kindergartens, you must pay a small amount for activities, food and materials (from five kroner upwards).
- You are responsible for your own child when playing and participating in activities, and you must help with tidying up and keeping order.
- Examples of activities: circle time, singing and music, literature and fairy tales, arts and crafts, physical activities and walks, cooking, and meals.
- Your child can play with other children, and thereby develop his or her language skills, motor skills and social skills.
- You get to know other families.
- You can get information, advice and guidance about children's well-being and development, regular kindergartens and how to apply for a kindergarten place and other services for families with young children.

