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## Children, youth and family

### Children's rights

Children need special protection and therefore also special rights. These rights are set out in the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The General Assembly of the United Nations adopted the Convention in 1989.

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child can be divided into four groups: the right to life and personal development, equal treatment, the best interests of the child and participation. In detail, this means

- Every child has the right to all the things they need to live. This includes, for example, food and drink or medical treatment.
- The right to go to school is also a child's right, as is the right to play and leisure.
- All girls and boys have the same rights and no child should be treated worse than other children.
- Every child has the right to grow up healthy, cared for and protected from violence.
- Every child has the right to live with their parents or, if the parents are separated, to have contact with both parents.
- All girls and boys have the right to form their own opinion and to stand up for it.
- In matters that directly affect children, adults must listen to the children's opinions and take them into account when making decisions.

 10 important children's rights are clearly explained here: [German/Arabic](#) and [German/Persian](#).

### Child protection and duty of supervision

#### Child protection

Parents are primarily responsible for the care and upbringing of their children. The family is under the special protection of the state.

Children have a right to grow up healthy and safe. Violence against children is prohibited. It causes damage and impairment that often lasts for a very long time. Children should therefore be protected from physical and psychological violence, sexual exploitation and neglect.

Wherever children are brought up, the following applies:

**"Children have a right to a non-violent upbringing. Physical punishment, emotional abuse and other degrading measures are not permitted."**

Parents and other guardians can find free and confidential help and support with parenting at counselling centres. The [youth welfare office](#) can also help.

You can find addresses and information on local [parenting](#) advice centres here.

#### Duty of supervision

Parents and other authorised persons (e.g. educators) have a duty of supervision: they must ensure that the child does not come to any harm. They must recognise and eliminate any existing dangers. Children must also not cause harm to others. It is therefore important to talk to children and young people about possible dangers and the consequences of incorrect behaviour.

Parents and all adults responsible for the child must always know where the child is and who they are with. This means, for example, that you must agree with the daycare centre who is allowed to pick up your child there. You must also inform the school if your child is ill and cannot go to school.

Special legal regulations apply to young people. For example, the consumption of tobacco and hard alcohol is prohibited for under-18s. Restrictions also apply to public events, such as discos, depending on age.

Breaching the duty of supervision can lead to liability for damages and even have consequences under criminal law.

## **Childcare**

### **Day care centres**

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There are different day care centres for every age of child:

- from 0-3 years the crèche or day care centre
- from 3 years to school enrolment: day care centres,
- for primary school children, after-school care, primary school care or all-day school.

Your child can learn the German language and discover new things in a day care centre. They will also socialise with other children and get to know friends and the German culture. Take advantage of this opportunity, it is important for your child's future. Attending a daycare centre also helps prepare your child for school.

### **Crèche**


The crèche is a facility for children aged 0 to 3 years. In the crèche, children are supported in their development by specially trained staff in small groups. Attention and care from the carers are particularly important here. In Erlensee there is the "Honigbienchen gGmbH" crèche. The "Honigbienchen gGmbH" looks after children from the age of 10 months.


### **Child day care**

Another childcare option for children aged 0-3 years is childminding. Here, your child will be looked after by a childminder together with a maximum of four other children. The care usually takes place at the childminder's home. Sometimes it also takes place in other premises, for example in shared accommodation.

If you would like to have your child looked after in day care, please contact:

## City of Erlensee - Childcare department

 [Zum Fliegerhorst 1229, 63526 Erlensee](#)

 [061839151508](tel:061839151508) or [061839151512](tel:061839151512)

 [@ksmola-peter@erlensee.de](mailto:ksmola-peter@erlensee.de) or [ybuelbuel@erlensee.de](mailto:ybuelbuel@erlensee.de)

 [Kindertagespflege in Erlensee](#)

## KiTa

KiTa is a term for **children 's day care centre**. Your child attends a day care centre from the age of 3 until they start school. Your child will be looked after there by teachers. At the day care centre, children can play with other children, paint, do handicrafts and learn many important things. In the last year at the daycare centre, the children also have regular pre-school lessons to prepare them for starting school. There are private and public KiTas. Whether and how much it costs for you to attend a KiTa depends on the KiTa and the childcare hours.

One daycare centre in Erlensee also accepts children under the age of three.

If you have little money, the [KCA / job centre](#) may pay the fees.

## Primary school children

There are also after-school childcare options for primary school children. There are many different childcare models, such as after-school care, lunchtime care or all-day school. In all models, children are supported in completing their homework. In addition, leisure activities are not neglected. You can find out which childcare model is available for primary school children in Erlensee from your primary school or from the [youth welfare office](#).

## Registering for a childcare place

You can register your child [online](#) for a childcare place in Erlensee. You will then receive a message from one of the childcare centres. If you have any questions about webKiTa.Erlensee, please contact:

## City of Erlensee - Daycarecentre administration

[@kitaverwaltung@erlensee.de](mailto:@kitaverwaltung@erlensee.de)

Please always state your child's full name and date of birth when enquiring so that we can find you.

If you would like us to call you back, please give us your telephone number.

## How does a KiTa work?

### 1. familiarisation

After you have found a place in a daycare centre, your child will be "settled in" to the daycare centre. This is done as follows: Mum or Dad go to the KiTa together with the child for a while.

Together they get to know the teachers, the rooms, the other children and the daily routine. This allows your child to get used to the new place and you as parents to get used to it too. That's why we say familiarisation. This is very important in Germany and all parents and children do it. The familiarisation process can take two or more weeks.

## **2. meetings with parents**

When you drop off or pick up your child, you can talk briefly to the staff and tell them what is important to you or how your child is doing.

There are usually two parent-teacher conferences in a kindergarten year. This applies to all parents and all children. During these meetings, you will be told what your child has learnt at the daycare centre, what they are particularly good at and where they need to develop further. Someone can also come along to these meetings to translate so that everyone understands each other well. Sometimes there is also something important to discuss outside of the regular appointments. As a parent, you can also ask for a meeting if something is bothering you about the work at the daycare centre or if you have something important to say about your child. The KiTa will then arrange an appointment with you.

## **3. parents' evenings**

It is good if you make use of these meetings. Not only will you learn something about the KiTa, but you can also get to know other parents. The KiTa staff will inform you of the dates for the parents' evenings.

## **4 Everyday life in the KiTa**

Every daycare centre has a specific daily routine. It usually looks something like this:

The children are brought to the daycare centre by their parents at a certain time in the morning. Every daycare centre has drop-off and pick-up times that should be adhered to.

💡 If your child is ill or cannot come, please call in good time!

The children have the following options during the morning: The children can have breakfast at the KiTa. Either the daycare centre prepares breakfast or the children bring something from home.

During "free play time", the children have the opportunity to play with other children, do arts and crafts or move around.

All the children meet in the "morning circle" to discuss important topics, sing songs or learn new games.

There are also specific activities and projects: The children can do arts and crafts, play sports, listen to stories, learn their numbers or receive targeted encouragement.

The children can usually go out into the garden once a day and experience nature.

At lunchtime, the children have lunch together.

Depending on their age, the children can then take a nap or have a quiet time to play.

Afterwards there is time to play again.

The children are given drinks at their KiTa, and fruit and a snack are often also offered in the afternoon.

Finally, you pick up the child at the time you have agreed with the daycare centre.

## **5 Conflicts in the daycare centre**

Sometimes there are misunderstandings between parents and professionals. This can happen when parents and professionals think differently about the child. Sometimes parents find things that the professionals do funny, but sometimes professionals also find things that parents do funny. It is then important to talk to each other and ask: Why are you doing it this way?

If parents or professionals don't know what to do, they can first contact the management of the daycare centre or the parents' council. If the problem is still not resolved, the childcare centre provider or the youth welfare office is the point of contact. There are people working there who are specifically there to help with conflicts between the daycare centre and parents.

### **Why is a KiTa good for my child?**

Children play in a childcare centre or daycare facility. They do handicrafts. They sing. They do sport. They get to know other children. They learn to speak well. The children should learn well for their lives.

Here your child can learn German and discover new things. They socialise with other children and make friends. Take advantage of this opportunity, it is important for your child's future. Attending a day care centre also helps to prepare your child well for school.


### **Which daycare centres are there in Erlensee?**

#### **Municipal day care centres**


##### **Day care centre "An der Gende"**

Daycare centre + family centre / KiTa places: 115 / age: 3 to 6 years

 [An der Gende 9, 63526 Erlensee](#)

 [06183/9151570](tel:061839151570)


 [@kitagende@erlensee.de](mailto:@kitagende@erlensee.de)


 Öffnungszeiten: 7:00 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr

 [KiTa "An der Gende"](#)


##### **Daycare centre "Friedensstraße"**

Daycare centre / KiTa Places: 100 / Age: 3 to 6 years

 [Friedensstraße 39, 63526 Erlensee](#)

 [06183/9151550](tel:061839151550)


 [@kitafriedensstrasse@erlensee.de](mailto:@kitafriedensstrasse@erlensee.de)


 Öffnungszeiten: 7:00 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr

 [KiTa "Friedensstraße"](#)


##### **Daycare centre "Leipziger Straße"**

Day care centre / day nursery places: 200 / age: 3 to 6 years

 [Leipziger Straße 53, 63526 Erlensee](#)

 [06183/9151530](tel:061839151530)

 [@kitaleipziger@erlensee.de](mailto:@kitaleipziger@erlensee.de)

 Öffnungszeiten: 7:00 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr

 [KiTa "Leipziger Straße"](#)

### **Nelly-Sachs" day care centre**

Daycare centre / KiTa Places: 150 / Age: 3 to 6 years

📍 [Nelly-Sachs-Straße 1, 63526 Erlensee](#)

☎ [06183/9151560](tel:061839151560)

@ [kitanelly@erlensee.de](mailto:kitanelly@erlensee.de)

🕒 Öffnungszeiten: 7:00 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr

👤 [KiTa "Nelly-Sachs"](#)

### **Sandweg" day care centre**

Daycare centre / KiTa Places: 115 / Age: 3 to 6 years

📍 [Sandweg 28, 63526 Erlensee](#)

☎ [06183/9151540](tel:061839151540)

@ [kitasandweg@erlensee.de](mailto:kitasandweg@erlensee.de)

🕒 Öffnungszeiten: 7:00 Uhr bis 17:00 Uhr

👤 [KiTa "Sandweg"](#)

### **Nature day-care centre "Am Limespark"**

Daycare centre / KiTa Places: 40 / Age: 3 to 6 years

📍 [Konrad-Adenauer-Straße, 63526 Erlensee](#)

☎ [06183/9151530](tel:061839151530); [0151/61317316](tel:015161317316) (Mobil)

@ [kitaleipziger@erlensee.de](mailto:kitaleipziger@erlensee.de); [naturkita@erlensee.de](mailto:naturkita@erlensee.de)

🕒 Öffnungszeiten: 7:00 Uhr bis 15:00 Uhr

👤 [Natur-KiTa "Am Limespark"](#)

## **Independent and church-run providers**

### **Honigbienenchen gemeinnützige GmbH (non-profit organisation)**

Day nursery / crèche places: 96 full-day places / age: 10 to 36 months

📍 [Nelly-Sachs-Straße 5, 63526 Erlensee](#) (Hauptsitz)

📍 [Hauptstraße 17, 63526 Erlensee](#) (weiterer Standort)

☎ [06183/929029](tel:06183929029)

@ [info@honigbienenchen.net](mailto:info@honigbienenchen.net)

🕒 Öffnungszeiten: 7:00 Uhr bis 18:00 Uhr

👤 [Honigbienenchen gemeinnützige GmbH](#)

### **Catholic "Christkönig" daycare centre (run by the Catholic parish of Christkönig)**

Daycare centre / KiTa places: 50 / Age: 3 to 6 years

📍 [Waldstraße 26, 63526 Erlensee](#)

☎ [06183/2112](tel:061832112)






@ [kita.Erlensee@Bistum-Fulda.de](mailto:kita.Erlensee@Bistum-Fulda.de)

🕒 Öffnungszeiten: 7:30 Uhr bis 15:00 Uhr

👤 [Katholische KiTa "Christkönig"](#)






### **Evangelische KiTa Rückingen daycare centre (sponsor: Evangelical Church Erlensee)**

Daycare centre / KiTa Places: 35 / Age: 2 to 6 years

 [Rodenbacher Straße 8, 63526 Erlensee](#)  
 [06183/71009](tel:0618371009)  
 [ev.kita-rueckingen@ekkw.de](mailto:ev.kita-rueckingen@ekkw.de)  
 Öffnungszeiten: 7:00 Uhr bis 15:00 Uhr  
 [Evangelische KiTa Rückingen](#)

**Evangelische KiTa Langendiebach daycare centre** (run by: Evangelical Church Erlensee)

Daycare centre / KiTa Places: 45 / Age: 3 to 6 years




 [Sandweg 28, 63526 Erlensee](#)  
 [06183/3250](tel:061833250)  
 [kita.langendiebach@ekkw.de](mailto:kita.langendiebach@ekkw.de)  
 Öffnungszeiten: 7:00 Uhr bis 15:00 Uhr  
 [Evangelische KiTa Langendiebach](#)

## How do I enrol my child in the KiTa?

Registration for a childcare place in Erlensee is possible online via the [webKiTa.Erlensee](#) portal. This only applies to places in the municipal day care centres. To register with independent providers and child day care centres, please get in touch with the relevant contact person directly.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with the **webKiTa.Erlensee team**.

## City of Erlensee - KiTa administration

 [Zum Fliegerhorst 1229, 63526 Erlensee](#)  
 [061839151503](tel:061839151503) or [061839151504](tel:061839151504)  
 [kitaverwaltung@erlensee.de](mailto:kitaverwaltung@erlensee.de)

### Office hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30 am to 12:00 pm  
Monday: 14:00 to 18:00

## What is after-school care for school children?

### 1. after-school care centre

School children from Year 1 to Year 4 are looked after in after-school care centres. The after-school care groups usually belong to day-care centres and work closely with the schools. Some open before school starts. In the afternoon, schoolchildren are supported with their homework and can then play as they please. Most after-school centres are open until 17:00.



They also offer childcare for school children during the holidays.

## 2. all-day school

In all-day schools, the childcare programme for children extends beyond the normal time frame for at least three days a week.

Children receive a hot lunch, can do their homework and take part in the afternoon programme. However, this is not always organised by pedagogically trained staff.

### What afternoon care is available for school children in Erlensee?

#### Primary school supervision

##### Supervised primary school Rückingen

Organisation: Förderverein der Grundschule Rückingen e. V.

Places: 34

 [Brückenstraße 38, 63526 Erlensee](#)

 [06183 / 1495](#)

 [poststelle@g.rueckingen.schulverwaltung.hessen.de](mailto:poststelle@g.rueckingen.schulverwaltung.hessen.de)

 Opening hours:

Monday to Friday: 7.30 am until the start of lessons

Monday to Thursday: 11.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. with lunch

Friday: 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. without lunch

 [Supervised primary school Rückingen](#)

##### Supervised primary school Am Eulenhof "Eulennest"

Organised by: Förderverein der Schule am Eulenhof e. V.

Places: 35

 [Langendiebacher Straße 35, 63526 Erlensee](#)

 [06183 / 8991144](#)

 [eulennest-erlensee@arcor.de](mailto:eulennest-erlensee@arcor.de)

 Opening hours:

7:00 am to 8:30 am

11:15 am to 3:00 pm

In case of cancelled lessons or start of holidays by arrangement

 [Supervised primary school Am Eulenhof](#)

### **Supervised primary school Langendiebach**

Organisation: Association "Leben mit Kindern in Erlensee e. V."


Places: 145

 [Friedrich-Ebert-Straße 22-23, 63526 Erlensee](#)



[06183 / 9288242](tel:06183_9288242)

[@poststelle.gs-langendiebach@schule.mkk.de](mailto:@poststelle.gs-langendiebach@schule.mkk.de)

 Opening hours:

Monday to Friday: 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

 [Supervised primary school Langendiebach](#)

### **Children and youth work team in Erlensee (TKJE)**

The town of Erlensee, together with the Protestant parish of Erlensee, offers the Team Kinder- und Jugendarbeit in Erlensee (TKJE).

The youth centre (JUZ) is a place where young people and older children can meet and spend their free time together. Educational specialists are on site as contact persons.

The centre is currently located in the Fallbachhalle in Erlensee. There is a large garden for romping around, sitting together, playing, doing handicrafts and much more. In the "Youth into Training" project office, computers are available for job application training. Here, young people receive support in applying for an apprenticeship, internship or job. They can cook together in the kitchen. There is also a pool table, two table football tables and a large selection of board games.

The TKJE offers various regular, weekly programmes.

#### **Kids Club** (from 6 to 12 years)

Monday: 15:00 to 17:00

Wednesday: 15:00 to 17:00

#### **Open meeting** (from 12 to 27 years)

Monday: 18:00 to 21:00

Tuesday: 16:00 to 21:00

Thursday: 16:00 to 21:00

#### **Boys\* group** (from 8 years)

Tuesday: 15:00 to 17:00

### Girls' group

Thursday: 16:00 to 18:00

### Beach volleyball (from April to October on the school sports grounds)

Tuesday: 15:00 to 17:00

Thursday: 14:30 to 17:00

### Children and youth work team, JUZ Fallbachhalle

📍 [Eugen-Kaiser-Straße 22, 63526 Erlensee](#)

☎ [0618373074](#)

🌐 [Team Kinder- und Jugendarbeit in Erlensee](#)

## Financial support for parents

### Parental allowance

Some parents work less after the birth of their child. Some no longer want to work as much.

Others can no longer work as much. They can then receive money from the government.

Parents who live separately can also claim parental allowance. They can apply for parental allowance if they have a settlement or residence permit in Germany. You can find more detailed information in German, English, Turkish and Russian [here](#).

### Child benefit

All parents with a settlement or residence permit in Germany are entitled to child benefit. You must apply for child benefit yourself at the [Federal Employment Agency](#). This agency pays child benefit for every child from birth until at least the age of 18. You can find more detailed information in German, English, Turkish and Russian [here](#).