

Childcare

Kita

Kita is a term for children's day care centre. Your child can attend a day care centre. Your child must be at least one year old. Your child can attend a day care centre until the age of 12. Your child will be looked after by teachers there. They will learn many important things. Some centres also accept children under the age of one.

In many cases, the fees for the day-care centre or day care are paid by the city or district. To do this, you must submit an application to the [Youth welfare office](#).

Crèche (Krippe), kindergarten (Kindergarten) and after-school care centre (Hort) are different types of day care centres for different age groups.

💡 Your child can learn the German language and discover new things at the daycare 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 day care centre also helps to prepare your child for school.

💡 Unfortunately, there are not always enough places in the immediate vicinity of your home or accommodation. To find a place, ask the [Youth welfare office](#) or your accommodation service.

Krippe

The crèche is a facility for children aged 1 to 3 years. In the crèche, the children are supported in their development by specially trained staff in small groups. Attention and care from the carers are particularly important here.

Kindergarten

The kindergarten is a facility for children from the age of 3 until they start school. In the kindergarten, the children can play, paint, do handicrafts and learn with other children. In the last year of kindergarten, the children also have regular pre-school lessons to prepare them for starting school. There are private and public kindergartens. Whether attending kindergarten costs you anything depends on the kindergarten and where you live.

You can register your child for a place in a crèche or day nursery via the day nursery planner. Here you will also find an overview of the daycare centres in Rostock and where there are still places available.

 [Kita-Planer](#)

 [Kindertagesbetreuung Rostock](#)

(Primary) school children up to the age of 12

There are also after-school childcare options for children aged 6 to 12. 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 your town from your primary school or through the [Youth welfare office](#).