

The development meeting in the KiTa

At least once a year, the Kindergarten or KiTa invites all parents to a development meeting. At this meeting, parents and pre-school educators can discuss the child's development. The meeting is a standard procedure and does not mean that your child is having any problems.

What is a development meeting?

In a development meeting, parents and pre-school educators discuss the child's development. The idea is to discuss the child's behaviour in the KiTa and at home in a relaxed way and take stock of the child's current state of development together. Development meetings are therefore not problem meetings to deal with conflicts affecting the child. They are simply a way for parents and KiTa staff to exchange information regularly and to share observations of the child.

Why is the meeting important?

To ensure the child is supported in the best possible way, it is important for the parents and the educational institution to have regular discussions – this applies both in the KiTa and later at school. Children often behave differently at home, which is why the observations of the parents can also be useful for the pre-school educators. The parents also find out in the discussion how their child behaves in the KiTa and where the pre-school educators think the child could benefit from support.

During the meeting, parents can ask any questions that they have about their child, its development and the activities in the KiTa.

What is discussed during the meeting?

During the development meeting, all topics that are currently important can be discussed. For example, the child's development level and changes since the last meeting, what happens during a typical day at the KiTa, language development, social and play behaviour, eating behaviour, the child's interests, any unusual characteristics of the child, expectations of the parents and the pre-school educators...and much more. Parents should write down any questions they have in advance and discuss them in the meeting.