

Social interview for kindergartens in Askøy

Hi and welcome to both children and parents!

We would like to start with thanking You for the trust you put in us, so that we are allowed to get to know your child and spend a lot of time with her/him in the years to come.

From now on, the kindergarten will be a place where the child is going to spend a significant part of their day. To take care of the child during that time is a job we treat seriously and we wish to have the best possible basis to make a good start for the child.

We are dependent on a good cooperation with You, the parents, to be able to form that basis. We need information about who the child is and what kind of experiences he/she has gained in life so far.

Askøy is one of 26 municipalities in Norway that take part in a model municipality experiment. The experiment is initiated by the government and aims to develop models for long-term, systematic and right help for the children from pregnancy to school age. One of the focus areas is to offer a social interview to all parents of the new children in the kindergarten.

During the interview we are going to ask questions to get the best possible picture of the child's life so far. It is naturally up to You to decide what and how much information You want to share with us. The interview is going to be based on the child's way of being from pregnancy and up to the present day. We would appreciate information about what makes the child happy and what makes him/her cry. We are going to ask about both resources and burdens that You have as a family. We are also going to raise topics such as upbringing, mental health and use of drugs.

The interview will also give You the possibility to give us feedback on how You felt about the first meeting with the kindergarten, if it worked with the information You got prior to the meeting and about how You (both parents and children) were received by the kindergarten's staff.

You will be offered the interview before the child begins in the kindergarten or during the first days. The person in pedagogical charge, and possibly the contact person for the child, are going to be present during the interview. You are going to get an invitation to this interview before the inception.

Confidentiality is an important precondition which makes the kindergarten able to be entrusted with information about the child's family situation - information that can be vital for the child's stay, wellbeing and progress in the kindergarten. All kindergarten's employees have a duty of confidentiality according to "Lov om barnehager §20". The notes from the interview will be kept in the child's file and are confidential.

We wish that the years in our kindergarten will provide both the child and his/her parents with positive experiences and we look forward to a good cooperation.

Best regards,

Headmaster