

# Preschool / kindergarten

The Norwegian school system begins with an offering of preschool/daycare (barnehage in Norwegian) to children aged 1 to 5. There is no formal kindergarten per se. This is a play-based programme where the focus is on social skills and fun learning.

You may apply all year; however, the main closing date is March 1, every year. You apply for the entire kindergarten year (August - June/July) and send to the Stavanger Municipality. You need to have a Norwegian Identity Number. The municipality can provide an overview and counselling with regard to public and private day care options available in your neighborhood. Even if you arrive in May, please do not hesitate to contact Stavanger Municipality. The list is never final in March and there is always changes until August.

University of Stavanger may be able to assist you and give you further details. We only have good feedbacks from other foreign language speaking families, who have moved to Stavanger, regarding keeping their children in Norwegian kindergarten.