

DEAR FAMILY MEMBERS,
PARENTS, SIBLINGS, GRANDMAS,
GRANDPAS, AUNTS, UNCLES, FRIENDS...,
DEAR EDUCATIONAL PARTNERS!

Children's rights are very important to us! They have been enshrined in German legislation since 1992 and apply to all children.

This is why various professionals from the municipal daycare centres run by the City of Berlin joined forces with members of Pro Inklusio, a vocational school for social pedagogy, with the aim of working on a project entitled "Good daycare centres uphold children's rights". All facilities run by the Berlin municipal daycare centres will take part in this process. We have drawn up a concept which aims to support the daycare facilities' employees, through the organisation of a series of workshops, in implementing children's rights in the daily routine of the daycare centres and in exercising these rights together with the children. The workshops cover topics such as mealtimes, play situations, rest and relaxation. Many other topics will be developed, added to, revised and implemented in practice over the next few years. Reflecting on one's own attitude towards children's rights will always play an important role in this process.

This means for our children that they perceive and understand that their opinions and needs are important! They should be aware of their rights. Conclusions such as „I am important!“, „I can have a say!“ and „I actively shape the way we live together in my group, while learning how democracy works!“ are – and will be – crucial experiences made by the children in the daycare centres.

This project is a learning process, not only for the children, but for all of us.

Our guiding principle is:

Every child can trust that the rights to which they are entitled will be respected and upheld in the day care centre.

We look forward to embarking on this journey together with your children, with you and with all our educational staff.

The participants of the project "Good daycare centres uphold children's rights"