

Parent information on emergency childcare

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Parent information on emergency childcare, as of March 18, 2020

General note: The FAQ list is continuously updated in the education portal. If in doubt, please contact the respective school administration.

The Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia (MAGS) published a guideline for general orientation. **The emergency childcare offer** applies to all children (**years 1-6**) of **parents working in the occupational groups named there** (i.e. people in the areas of critical infrastructure). Emergency childcare will also be offered to school children who would normally take part in regular all-day offers (*Angebote des Ganztags*).

If you belong to these occupational groups and need to make use of emergency childcare, **written confirmation** from your **employer (or temporary verification) for both parents or single parents** is demanded stating that your presence in the workplace supports critical infrastructure and is therefore indispensable. The form is available for download from the education portal.

The required form for your employer stating that you belong to one of the aforementioned occupational groups is also available for download from the education portal.

If you are entitled to emergency childcare and want to make use of it at a later point in time (as you might have made different arrangements for now), you should contact school administration in due course.

Emergency childcare is offered in every school teaching years 1-6. The schools are responsible for organizational and content-related measures.

There are **no additional costs** for the emergency childcare offer. Further arrangements are made by the respective schools.

Emergency childcare extends to the regular period of arrangements of the respective school. This includes afternoon care (*Übermittagbetreuung*) as well as all open and other care offers (*Offener und Gebundener Ganztags*) in case these are also available at the school.

Please consult the school administration as to whether lunch or other meals will be offered.

Emergency childcare is covered by insurance.

Changes and additions as of 23.03.2020:

The increasing number of infections poses a particular burden on the medical staff, nurses and emergency services.

For this reason, facilitation takes effect for **parents, single parents and legal guardians who work in key jobs in the areas of critical infrastructure**: You can place your child in emergency care, regardless of your partner's or the other parent's professional situation given that childcare cannot be provided by any of these. In agreement with your employer, make use of this offer responsibly and bear in mind its emergency nature. Please only make use of this

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offer if other arrangements cannot be made. In doing so, everyone can contribute to reducing social contacts as much as possible.

In addition, it is now irrelevant whether your child would attend full-time care in normal school operations: for the children of nurses, doctors and all those who currently are so urgently needed, childcare will be provided until the afternoon.

Moreover, as of March 23, 2020, **emergency care will be available on every weekday**, including Saturdays and Sundays and during the Easter holidays with the exception of Good Friday to Easter Monday.