

Paying Attention to Children

The most important educational tasks of teachers in day-care centres include understanding children and supporting them in their learning and development processes.

Regardless of their age, the children attending our centre/kindergarten already bring their own experiences, knowledge and skills which they then consolidate and develop further with the help of the teaching staff.

In order to give children individual development incentives, the teachers must turn their focus on the children and pay attention to them. This consists of directed observation in which they perceive a child's talents, potential and speed of development, ascertaining where incentives can help the child to take further steps forward in discovering and understanding the world.

The results of this observation process are recorded in writing. They form the basis for sharing and reflecting on progress with colleagues and parents, and are the starting point for a specific, individual educational approach.

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Why do we observe?

- In order to recognise and build on the strengths and abilities of your child.
- In order to understand individual educational processes.
- In order to support children by offering appropriate/specific suggestions and incentives for development and education in line with their current stage of development.
- In order to help children to participate in everyday activities in the kindergarten in accordance with their age.
- In order to discuss the development of your child with you.
- In order to detect development risks and counteract undesirable developments.

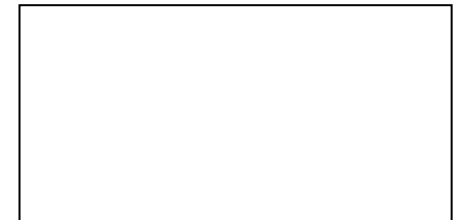
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What do we observe?

- The whole development of children
- Their educational processes
- Their interests
- Their willingness to learn
- Their wellbeing
- Their social relationships to other children and to the principal carers

How do we observe?

Observation is paying heedful attention to the child. Observation is benevolent and carried out with esteem. It perceives skills, talents and potential and helps to ascertain any need for assistance.



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