

Getting to know us:

Kinderhaus "Ernst Imanuel Wulle"



"There is magic in every beginning."

(Hermann Hesse)

Dear parents,

The transition from familiar surroundings in the comfort of your own home to someplace new is a great adventure for your child. It takes just a small step to get through our front door, but it is an enormous step in your child's overall development. New people, new relationships, a new routine and separation from Mom and Dad all contribute to this enormous step. We understand this transition and are looking forward to supporting and accompanying your child and you in these first steps as part of this adventure. This familiarization phase is very important for the ongoing development of your child. Along with your help, our proven familiarization concept shall provide your child with a smooth transition and an overall good start in our daycare.

"It cannot be done without parents!"

Well-acclimated children develop better, are less susceptible to illness, demonstrate more curiosity and display more confidence within their groups. We depend on parents' help to achieve this acclimation and this information sheet is designed to present our proven familiarization model to you. Please feel free to contact us if you have any further questions.

The important time of familiarization

This significant time will be attentive, sensitive and competent in our facility and accompanied by our pedagogical specialists in the form of a familiarization model adapted to each child. We work according to a proven familiarization concept, which is based on the Munich acclimation model, but the acclimation period can differ from family to family. Every child is different and therefore every adaptation is different.

During the acclimation period, your child has enough time to become familiar with their new environment, the kindergarten teachers and the processes we are involved with.

You too, as parents, have the opportunity to visit our facility during this time to get to know our procedures and our teachers as competent and meaningful contact persons. This way you know your child is in good hands.

The acclimation is divided into five phases:

1. Preparation phase
2. phases of getting to know one other - 3. safety - 4. trust - and finally
5. phase of joint evaluation and reflection

The acclimation is completed when your child feels safe and comfortable in their new environment and has developed confidence in their new caregivers.

Part of the preparation phase is the first conversation with the lead teacher at the Kinderhaus. You and your child, whom you are very welcome to bring to this first meeting, get to know the lead teacher. Together, you discuss the first days of familiarization. There will be plenty of time to clarify questions in advance.

The three phases of getting to know each other, feeling safe and developing trust include the core time of familiarization and your child is actively involved in shaping this time; it takes place in the day-to-day life of the day-care center and the children's group is actively involved in the process of familiarization. Some children acclimate faster, others need a little more time. It is important for us that we meet every child's needs. Therefore, do not compare your child with other children and do not put yourself and your child under pressure. Together we will take this step of your child at their own pace.

We are looking forward to it!

Getting to know one another:

During the introductory phase, which lasts about one week, as a mother or father, you visit the facility together with your child to get to know everyday life. It is important during this time that the child can explore the facility according to his or her interests and at their own pace, requiring longer hours per day. This is repeated for about a week, so that the child can understand the processes. The educators will kindly invite the child to participate actively (for example, to join the morning circle or to participate in joint activities such as playing with clay, etc., but it is neither

animated nor forced. It is important that the child can experience everyday life and explore the toys, gets to know the different areas in the facility and observes the other children and the kindergarten teachers and discovers what he or she can expect in the future. The child can thus recognize that the educational professionals here are taking on the role as parents, allowing for experiences and setting limits when needed, but also having time for needs such as closeness, hunger and thirst, sleep, comfort, ... The presence of you is indispensable at this time. You are the safe haven for your child and the expert for your child. You know what suits him or her and his or her needs.

Safety:

Also in the second week, the parents stay with their child several hours a day together in the day care center. During the introductory phase, the educator was able to observe how the child approaches new surroundings and people, which situations stimulate him or her, which children he or she contacts, when he or she gets tired and hungry, which situations may cause fright, which materials are particularly motivating and into which areas of development the child lays a lot of energy, thus showing his or her current strengths. Now, the pedagogic specialist is actively approaching the child and increasingly taking on the tasks that were reserved for you as a parent in the first week. She now supports the child with food, personal hygiene, resting needs and exploration. All this under your benevolent gaze, which will signal to your child that you agree with it and are glad that these tasks are now taken over by the lead educator. An important role in this phase is played by the other children of the group, who want to make their child feel safe and well. Safety comes when one can foresee events. After about two weeks, most children know the routine of everyday life in the day care center. You can now predict and influence the processes. Now trust can arise.

Trust:

Trust grows when the child can be sure that everyone in the facility is acting in their favor, even when there are conflicts or minor accidents. Especially in difficult situations, confidence arises. The child now feels that the boundaries that adults set here are functional and not arbitrary. So that all children are protected, a community is created that is led by adults and shaped by children. Now your child can let you go without it being a breach of trust. Your child feels confident to spend the day here without you. Trust him or her, because you, as a parent, now know that your child is well cared for here, and that he or she is provided with family-complementary experiences that would not be possible at home. Now you can say goodbye to your child for some time.

Your child has made a big step in development. Together you did it !!! 😊 After successful familiarization, there will be a final discussion with the lead teacher. You can look forward to seeing the first photos from the day care center and to hear how well your child has acclimated.

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and therefore we depend on your help and ask you for the following:

* You will spend a lot of time in the Kinderhaus for the first few days, possibly up to two weeks

Remember, that you are not home at this time 😊 and should not have any other obligations.

* Avoid private conversations with other parents or educators, so your child can be sure they receive your full attention.

* We also ask you to switch off your mobile phone in the group room.

* Please understand that the educator will not involve your child in special activities during the acclimation phase, but they will still encourage free play.

* If you have any fears or worries, please contact us, we will gladly sit down with you again to find a solution.

* Please do not take any photos during the acclimation time. The lead teacher will document the familiarization. You can look forward to the parent-teacher conference after the acclimation and the first story for your child.

* When other families go through this, they tell you about their experiences, it can be very helpful and you get to know each other better.

We look forward to a magical beginning together with your child and you.

- The team from the Kinderhaus "Ernst Imanuel Wulle"

Dear Mom and Dad:

Believe in me that I can stay here alone. Only then will I believe in myself.

Only when you show me that you are alright with me going to daycare, then it will be alright by me. I know it is hard for you to put me into the hands of others.

During acclimation I need to know that you are there for me. I can be reassured of this only if I can find you in the spot where I know you sit.

At the beginning of my acclimation, there is a lot to check out in the daycare which can be overwhelming. Don't be surprised if I do not want to stay too long.

Once I start liking it, each day I will stay a little longer.

When you leave, be sure to say goodbye to me to let me know you are leaving. Otherwise I will keep looking for you instead of taking time to play.

Tell me when you plan to pick me up and stick to it. I depend on you to keep your promises.

Be sure to tell my teachers when I am tired, sick or feeling sad. I cannot explain it myself and they will better understand what is going on with me.