



I AM LEARNING GERMAN – SO IS MY CHILD!

Dear Mother: If you speak only little or no German and if you have got a child aged at pre-nursery school age, a “MuKi” German course is the ideal course for you. Have you got any questions related to this topic? Please see some sample questions and answers listed below:

Why should I learn German?

Because on learning this language you will also learn a lot about life in Switzerland. In class, you can discuss important questions related to educational and everyday life topics with both other mothers and the teacher.

Attending the course helps you to better support your child later on during his or her kindergarten and school time.

You are, furthermore, provided with an opportunity to later on talk to your child’s teacher and you will learn a lot about the Swiss school system.

In the process of learning German, you are a role model for your child.

Is it possible for me to attend a “MuKi” German course if I am not able to read and write?

No, this is not possible. You have to be able to read and write the Latin alphabet.

Am I allowed to attend a “MuKi” German course if I do not have a residence in the city area of Bern?

Basically, “MuKi” courses have been created for and are offered to women living in the city area of Bern. In case of available free spaces, however, exceptions from this rule can be made.

Which is the minimum age for children to attend a “MuKi” German course?

Normally, children have to be aged approximately between 3 and 5 years. Younger children can be looked after as well on previous agreements with the project’s management and with course teachers.

Why are “MuKi” German courses good for children?

Because children like to do handicrafts and they like to play together with other children.

Because children like to listen to stories, sing songs and learn poems.

Because your child learns to find its way in a group.

The most important reason, however, is, that children learn German there. So, they learn to comprehend the language and, depending on their age, they learn a wide range of new words. That helps them a lot when they start with kindergarten.

Who are the course instructors in these courses?

The course instructors are teachers and playgroup leaders who are experienced in teaching German as a second language.

How are “MuKi” German courses structured and organised?

Courses start after the summer holidays and last for a year. Once a week, you learn German there for two hours. All teaching materials are given to you in class. At the same time, your children are looked after by two professionals and get two-hour language improvement trainings in the playgroup. “MuKi” German classes are held at several locations in the city.

How many participants do the courses have?

There are between 6 and 12 women in the mothers’ classes and between 6 and 12 children in the children’s groups.

How and up to which closing date can I register?

Please fill in the registration form on the talon and send it in to the address mentioned on the back side of the registration form by **July 5**. In case of available free spaces, entry in ongoing courses is possible.

How much does a “MuKi” German course cost?

For both you and your children, the fee for the total course time is CHF 300.-. You will pay the amount at the beginning of the course by using a payment slip. On request deferred payment is possible. Mothers who bring along a new participant get a discount of CHF 30.-.

Does the course fee cover any insurance for me or my child during the course?

No, you will need an own accident and casualty insurance.

Where do I find further information?

Please contact the Berne Educational Authority, Schulamt der Stadt Bern, Effingerstrasse 21, 3008 Bern, phone number: 031 321 64 43, email address: schulamt@bern.ch

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