



Leaflet for non-German-speaking Families in the Commune of Saanen

Welcome to our schools!

Good integration of your children in our schools is a matter of great importance to us. For this reason, we wish to draw your attention to some important points by means of this leaflet.

The official language in our commune and in our schools is German. German is used as teaching language and for conversation in all forms of teaching, also in sports lessons, manual and creative work, etc. as well as during the breaks and in our day school.

It has been proved that children whose parents are interested in school and in language teaching make rapid progress and are able to follow the lessons in short time. Our aim is to facilitate integration of non-German-speaking families. School expects parents to be able to help their children with homework. As parents you are responsible for that.

The objective clearly must be that your child is able to learn a profession.

In our schools we expect everybody to treat the other with respect and esteem, we expect pupils to behave correctly and to follow the adults' instructions.

Information for parents and parents' meetings are held in German. It is important that you are able to understand the information and to follow the discussions. In case of insufficient knowledge of German the parents are themselves responsible for translation. Discussions between teachers and parents are compulsory. If necessary, an interpreter can be asked for support.

Attending school is mandatory. Absence is treated according to the instructions concerning absence and dispensation.

- ▶ The way to school offers your children important experience. Therefore children should ideally go to school on their own.
- ▶ Make use of spare time activities for children. Your children will meet German speaking children and learn the German language more easily. Make also use of the support offers of the school, such as German as second language DaZ, school social work, etc.
- ▶ Visit the school and stay in touch with the class teachers of your children. You will facilitate integration of your children and of yourself. Show you are interested in school. This will contribute to success in school of your child.
- ▶ Pay attention to using your mother tongue correctly. This will also help your child to learn other languages.