

**North Rhine-Westphalia Ministry for  
Children, Families, Refugees and  
Integration**

**11/12/2020**

## **Information for parents**

whose children are cared for in nursery schools or day care

## **Information for funding agencies, management, staff**

of nursery schools and day care centres

## **Lockdown from 14/12/2020 to 10/01/2021**

The corona pandemic has a dynamic which, this year, compels us to act on short notice time and again. This is the case again now. The renewed explosion of infections and the strained situation in intensive care units make it necessary. Social life must be cut down to the greatest extent possible. Day care can also make a contribution here.

For the period from 14 December 2020 to 10 January 2021, the following instructions therefore apply for day care:

- The planned closing times are implemented.
- Day care offerings will not be closed beyond this, i.e. no ban on day care (as in the spring) is pronounced.
- Guaranteed care applies: children for whom attendance at a day care facility is essential will receive care services.

- If parents need help and support, they will receive it. This expressly also applies for private reasons. No child should be negatively affected by this lockdown. Seek trust-based contact with your day care centre or carer.
- However, operations should be reduced to a minimum from 14 December 2020 to 10 January 2021.
- **We are therefore making an urgent appeal to all parents: please only use this offering if it is absolutely necessary.** For many families, the Christmas period and the time between Christmas and the new year are non-working days anyway. We ask of all parents: make use of all other options for balancing career and childcare and, if at all possible for you, do not bring your child to day care!

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