

We speak Swiss German or High German at home. Why should we complete the questionnaire?

Development varies greatly from one child to another. Your child may also be able to benefit.

We already received a questionnaire last year. Why do we need to complete it again?

You will see how your child's language skills have progressed since last year. We can provide your child with the best possible support if we are well informed about their current language level.

Will you let me know about my child's current language level?

Yes. At the end of the questionnaire you can indicate whether you would like to receive your child's results via e-mail.

Does my child have to be able to speak Swiss German or High German in kindergarten?

No. Your child does not have to speak German, but it is important that they can understand the kindergarten teacher and communicate their own needs.

Should I speak my own native language with my child?

Yes. It is very important for children to learn the language(s) spoken by their parents. They will soon learn German in kindergarten and school.

Is this questionnaire compulsory?

No. Most families take part in and benefit from the survey.

Is the Office of Early Childhood (Fachstelle Frühe Kindheit) responsible for kindergarten allocation?

No. This is the responsibility of the school authority (Schulamt).

What will the Office of Early Childhood (Fachstelle Frühe Kindheit) do with the data?

The data will be used for statistical purposes and for developing preschool services.

What will the school authority (Schulamt) do with the data?

The school authority (Schulamt) will inform the teaching staff about your child's language level to allow them to provide your child with more targeted support in kindergarten.