



Early Language Support
Biel-Benken, Binningen, Bottmingen, Ettingen, Oberwil and Therwil

Summary of the pilot project "Early Language Support in Leimental"

Background

The knowledge of German is an important part of our everyday life. Language skills are vital for a successful school career and later entry into professional life. The first three years of life is the best time to learn a language in an easy and playful way.

The six municipalities of Leimental, which are Biel-Benken, Binningen, Bottmingen, Ettingen, Oberwil and Therwil, are very concerned that non-German speaking children become familiar with German at an early age. Therefore, they decided to develop a common concept for the early language support of non-German speaking children and to jointly implement the pilot project "Early Language Support in Leimental".

Objective

The objective of this three-year pilot project (August 2020 to June 2023) is to teach non-German speaking children the German language one year before entering kindergarten so as to have improved German language skills when entering kindergarten.

Target group

The target group of this pilot project are non-German speaking children who are one year away from entering kindergarten and whose first language (mother tongue) is not German.

Language support in everyday life

Language support will be part of the children's everyday life. When learning a language, it is important for non-German speaking children to have contact not only with well-versed language support providers, but also with German-speaking children.

Scope of language support

The language support based on this pilot project is scheduled to be provided on two half days in a week during one year, either in a day care centre, play group or child-care family.

Choice of language support provider

It is up to the families to choose a participating playgroup, day-care centre or child-care family for which to register their child.

Financial support by the Municipality

The Municipality will support families with income-based contributions to language support costs.

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