



## Parent-teacher talks in kindergarten

(Information sheet for parents and carers)

Kindergarten became part of the elementary school system as of 1 January 2008 and serves as the official basis of education. Essentially, following the cantonalisation of elementary school in Zurich, all the rules that apply to elementary school now apply to kindergarten as well. The education authority issued a new regulation concerning school reports (School Report regulation (Zeugnisreglement) LS 412.121.31) on 1 September 2008.

The following apply to kindergarten in particular:

1. No school reports are issued in kindergarten. Talks are held in place of school reports with the people who are responsible for ensuring the child completes their education.
2. In each year of kindergarten, the kindergarten teacher holds a parent/carer–teacher talk about the child’s development and level of learning at least twice a year. The talk takes place when the kindergarten teacher, parent or carer feel such a meeting is opportune. The kindergarten teacher is responsible for scheduling the talks. Parents/carers can opt not to have a second talk provided the kindergarten teacher is in agreement.
3. Parents or carers confirm that the talk has taken place by signing a form. In the same way, parents or carers sign a form to confirm that they have opted not to hold a second talk.
4. These forms are stored in a special file. The forms are returned to parents or carers at the end of kindergarten.
5. The school administration archives a copy of the form(s) as a record.