Compulsory Education and Cut-off Date for School Enrolment

- All children must attend school in Germany. Any child that is 6 years old before 30th September must start school in the September of that year.
- School Enrolment at an earlier date
  - A child that is not yet 6 years old on 30th September is allowed to start school. The school will check whether that child is able to cope with school.
- School Enrolment at a later date
  - A child that is already 6 years old on 30th September can be exempted from entry if he/she is a late developer. That child should then attend an institution to prepare him/her for school (SVE).

Attendance at a School outside the Catchment Area

- As a rule every child must attend the school in the area where he/she lives.
- If you do not know which school your child should be registered at, please ask your nursery school or the National Education Authority.

School Catchment Area

- All children must attend school in the area where he/she lives.
- Parents can apply to register their child at a school outside their catchment area if they have a very important reason.

Primary School

- Application forms are obtained on the day of registration.
- You will receive a list of materials that your child needs for school. The school head teacher will decide if the application is successful.

Transport Expenses

- If the school is more than 2 km away from the child’s home, the City of Bamberg will pay for the transport to school by bus.

Readiness Tests

- If you do not know which school your child should be registered at, please ask the nursery school or the National Education Authority.

Preparation in Nursery School

- Reading and Speaking
  - Read to your child in German or your mother tongue. Show him/her that books are things to be treasured and make use of the inexpensive facili-
- Language Improvement Course
  - Children who need help with the German language can receive a special language improvement course at nursery school. It is particularly advi-
- Preparation for School
  - Parents can apply to register their child at a school outside their catchment area if they have a very important reason.

School Enrolment

- School enrolment includes:
  - The school head teacher will decide whether to enrol your child at a

Day of Registration in the School

- Parents must be present for the registration. The registration consists of a

Preparation by the Parents

- You can help your child before he/she goes to school.

Presents on the First Day of School

- School enrolment includes:
  - Information Evening for Parents of Pre-schoolers
  - A child that is already 6 years old on 30th September can be exempted from entry if he/she is a late developer. That child should then attend an institution to prepare him/her for school (SVE).

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- Coordinating Office for Advisory Committees and

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The last day at nursery school is usually 31st August. The new school term starts in the middle of September. The family’s daily routine often changes completely after the first day of school.

A normal School Day

As a rule, lessons begin at 8 o'clock and they end between 11 and 12 o'clock in the first grade. Your child should be at school about 10 minutes before lessons start. The children have 25 lessons per week. 18 of these are lessons conducted in German, Music, Physical Education, Art, and 2 are lessons conducted in English. At the beginning of the school year you will receive a timetable for your child.

School Holidays

The head teacher will inform you about dates for the school holidays and days off school for public holidays. There are various establishments in Bamberg that offer child care during the holidays.

Illness and Accidents

You must notify the school if your child is unwell or cannot attend school. Your child is insured on the way to and at school in the event of an accident. Please inform the doctor in such cases and let the school know immediately. An accident report must be written.

Cooperation with the School

It is important that you keep in contact with the school and teachers. Attend the parents’ evenings and teachers’ consultation hours regularly. If you have language problems please take an interpreter with you. At the beginning of the school year, parental representatives for each class are elected. You can take part in these elections and get involved in the school-parent cooperation.

School Trips

School trips are particularly important for the motivation of your child and his/her integration into the class. Therefore, please let your child participate. Financial help is available in needy cases. Your class teacher can help you with questions about this.

Homework Supervision and Support

Children from immigrant families can obtain free homework supervision and support. For more information, please contact the school or the migration services. Various private institutions in Bamberg also charge for homework supervision. Please ask the school about these offers.

After-school Care Centres (Hort)

Nearly every Bamberg primary school offers midday care until at least 2 p.m. Your child can complete the homework and take part in extra-curricular activities by registering for extended midday care (until 4 p.m.). Midday care is not offered during the school holidays. Fees for the care must be paid by the parents and financial support is available from the Education and Participation Scheme.

All-day School in Bamberg

There is one all-day school in Bamberg (Gangolfschule). You may register your child there even if you do not live close by. Written homework is completed here at school. Attendance at the all-day school is free but the midday must be paid for by the parents. Financial support is possible from the Education and Participation Scheme.

Midday Care

Nearly every Bamberg primary school offers midday care until at least 2 p.m. Your child can complete the homework and take part in extra-curricular activities by registering for extended midday care (until 4 p.m.). Midday care is not offered during the school holidays. Fees for the care must be paid by the parents and financial support is available from the Education and Participation Scheme.

School Holiday Childcare

The yearly programme “Bamberg Holiday Adventures” covering all the school holidays is available from 1st February. In addition, the Youth Welfare Office publishes a Summer Holiday Programme at the start of the Whitman Holidays (May/June).