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The International School of Hamburg (ISH) is a co-educational, full-day, state-recognised supplementary school.

The International School of Hamburg is located in Hamburg's green west. The green and spacious campus is surrounded by the beautiful Hamburg Botanical Garden, some parks and a sports club.

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For more information see: <https://www.ishamburg.org/>

Polite Notice

The German system can be very different to what you are used to when it comes to finding a Nursery (Kindergarten) or Childminder (Tagesmutter). It can sometimes be challenging. You can be looking at a wait time of up to 1 year to get your child a place at Kindergarten, so it is recommended as soon as you arrive to register your child for a place using the below link. Places are normally allocated every August but if you are arriving at the first half of that year you could be waiting until the following year for a place. The Kindergartens are cheaper than the UK and charges are linked to annual salary. Before you arrive in post, if you have any children of preschool age, it is recommended that you contact the NSE in the first instance. We can then offer support if needed.

Children who speak German or are young enough to pick up the language quickly can attend local schools or 'Kindertagesstaetten' (KiTa) which are comprised of Krippe (creche), Tagesmutter (childminder) and Kindergartens (nursery schools). There is a Kindergarten at the GAFCS. There are 7 KiTa's in the Halstenbek area. You cannot apply directly to a KiTa. You must apply to the Rathaus (town hall) using this form: Kitaanmeldung. The email address for the Rathaus is KiTaPlatzvergabe@halstenbek.de



Educational Clearance Process

All children 0-19 to be taken overseas are required to be educationally pre-cleared before arrival in location. This process is part of the overall overseas pre-clearance process as controlled by the Families Section in Abbeywood. Families should not proceed on assignment until this process is completed.

The pre-clearance process will depend on whether the child is going to an MOD school or a non-MOD school. For children entering MOD schools, individual schools hold responsibility for issuing Educational Clearance certificates prior to arrival. For non-MOD schools, CEAS hold the responsibility to assess the needs of the child as part of the overseas clearing process. Regardless of which school a child proposes to enter, the Families Section will ask for confirmation you have received a school place at the relevant school before educational pre-clearance is complete.

Overseas supportability

Where there is doubt over whether a need can be met in location either before or during as assignment parents should consult 2018DIN01-104 Supportability in EJSU supported location is Support Available to Service Personnel Assigned to European Joint Support Unit (EJSU) Supported Posts in Europe. Specialist advice should be sought from CEAS at the earliest opportunity and further advice on supportability can be obtained from EJSU J1 via Head of Location (HoL).

All applications are to be forwarded to DCYP on initial entry to a new school.