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The German system can be very different to what you are used to when it comes to finding a Nursery (Kindergarten) or Childminder (Tagesmutter). You may be looking at a wait time of up to 1 year to get your child a place in Kindergarten, so it is recommended as soon as you arrive to register your child. Places are normally allocated every August, if you are arriving in the first half of the year you might have to wait 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.

Kindergarten

Goch has an abundance of kindergartens. To register you will need an address in Goch, not a BFPO address. Kindergartens are a popular option in Germany and there can often be long waiting lists. To register please use the link below.

<https://kita-online.krzn.de/KITA-Online/buerger/BuergerStart.action?fallbackGkz=520>

The primary language taught in the kindergartens is German. Kindergartens are on a par with UK nurseries, learning through play and developing social skills. A great way for your little person to learn a second language too. Children can stay in kindergarten until the age of 6 years. The next stage would be primary school. The closest primary school is Liebfrauenschule, a 5-minute walk from Wisseler Str.

Authority needs to be obtained from SHAPE to use schools.

Schooling for dependants of UK personnel in the local area is limited and will require transport to either travel across the border into the Netherlands and up to Arnhem, or southwest into Germany towards Duisburg/Dusseldorf. Both journeys take approximately 45-60 minutes, traffic dependent, with no bus/taxi service in place to support UK school children or their families. Although there are other options in terms of considering boarding in Germany or back in the UK.

The Rivers International School

Parnassusstraat 20, 6846 RB Arnhem, The Netherlands.

The Rivers International School offers Preschool, Primary and Secondary education in the Netherlands. There are close to 45 nationalities and many languages represented and they seek to create a broad range of opportunities for children, whatever their background, to integrate and interact with each other. Their ethos of a harmonious multinational, multi-ethnic community learning to live and learn together is something they all value.

In Primary, pupils are following a programme based on the National Curriculum for England and Wales adapted for use with international children. In Secondary, pupils are following the International Baccalaureate Organisations (IB) Middle years and Diploma Programme.

Rivers International School has a relaxed no school uniform policy.

Details about Rivers International School, including their curriculums can be accessed online at:

<https://www.arnheminternationalschool.nl/>



St. George's School Duisburg-Düsseldorf

Am Neuen Angerbach 90, 47259 Duisburg, Germany.

St George's School offers Preschool, Primary and Secondary education. Their curriculum is based on the National Curriculum for England, Wales and Northern Ireland. This provides a broad, flexible and challenging framework which allows to develop reflective and knowledgeable learners who are ready for the demands of the future.

St George's Duisburg-Düsseldorf benefits from its leafy location directly on the border between the lively industrial hubs of Duisburg and Düsseldorf, houses a diverse community of pupils and their families. It offers an English-medium education to students of all ages, which culminates in the globally recognized International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. St Georges has a formal uniform policy purchased at individual cost.

Details about St George's School can be found at www.stgeorgesschool.com

Transport to the international school is by private arrangements. EJSU will provide MMA to the school **only for 2 journeys** (there and back) so if you are planning to drive your child/ren to school then return to Goch keep this in mind because you will be doing 4 journeys.

School Fees/Administration

The point of contact with regards school fees is the budget assistant at EJSU who can be contacted via email at: EJSU-J1-Audit-Clk@mod.uk If the post is gapped and you do not receive a reply, the first point of contact is: EJSU-NWGERMANY-Mailbox@mod.gov.uk

The postal address is:

Audit Clerk

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Kindergeld (German Child Benefit)

The non-service spouses of Service personnel serving in Germany may be entitled to claim the difference between UK child benefit and Kindergeld through German authorities at Nurnberg, although since Brexit very few applications have been approved. A guide to claiming the allowance is available on the BFG website at: www.bfgnet.de/kindergeld

Trading from Home

Guidelines on Trading from Service Families Accommodation (SFA) are found in JSP464 which is available to download by any user who has access to MODnet.