

## Information for parents

### Absence of a childminder and his/her replacement

If your child-minder is not available for a limited time, e.g. because of an illness or vocational training, you are entitled to have a replacement.

In Braunschweig, there is more than one way of finding a replacement. Feel free to talk to your childminder about individual solutions. Whatever the solution, make sure that your child feels safe and sound in this situation. If your childminder is unable to provide a replacement, you are entitled to use someone from our pool of minders.

### Some of our routine replacement models

- **The 4+1 model:**  
Five childminders in the same district form a group. Each one of them takes care of only 4 children. If one carer is not available, his/her children can be allocated to the other four.
- **Supply / Temporary minders:**  
One supply childminder works for one minder only. He/She is trained and qualified. If the childminder in charge is unavailable, the supply minder steps in.
- **The minders' pool:**  
Childminders forming a pool care are taking care of four children only at any given time. In this way there is always one place available for your child to be taken care of at short notice. Please mind the fact that the childminder, the environment, and the other children are unfamiliar to your child. For children under the age of three we can recommend this model only as a last resort.

### Important questions to ask your childminder before giving your child into day care

- Can he/she suggest a satisfactory replacement?
- How is this replacement organized?
- Will my child get to know the replacement before the minder becomes unavailable?
- Will I get to know this person?
- When and how will I get to know if the minder becomes unavailable?
- How are the holidays being organized?
- Will I have to pay any additional fees?

The 'FamS' will help you to find an organization to suit you. Please take note of our office hours.

For more detailed information, (sadly only in German) visit our homepage:  
[www.dasfams.de/vertretungen.html](http://www.dasfams.de/vertretungen.html)

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