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Dear parents!

Before we tell you about the latest changes in the day care regulations, we would like to give you some general information. First of all you need to know what we mean when we talk about “child care subsidy”. The child care subsidy is a partial payment by the institute that can be paid to the supporting organizations (not to the private childminder) to secure a certain amount of places at a day care centre if needed.

The previous regulation was only to secure places at day care centres for the children of MPG employed parents. This has been extended to fellowship holders and guests. Nevertheless we would like you to keep in mind that you as parents still have to pay the fee for your child’s placement (discussed in one of our previous emails). The new regulation for securing day care places still only applies to children who are not at school-age.

The choice whether your child is able to receive a MPG subsidized place, is also still up to the supporting organization and not the MPI. It is not the MPI’S responsibility if the children are not granted a place for medical or pedagogical reasons.

Moreover, the present regulation on business trips and further training (that is under special circumstances, getting a reimbursement of 6 EUR per hour, respectively 36 EUR a day for the care taking of your child) is not valid. The MPG however, will compensate for the income taxes and social security of the reimbursement. But, only the verified care taking (in writing!) can be reimbursed, and only applies to children up to the age of 12. Additionally, it has to be verified that no family members or third parties were able to take care of your child. This clearly states that also family members and third parties may refuse to take care of your child for free and that they are able to charge their care taking.

The tax-free employer contributions also cover the contributions for the childminders and day care centres. Essential for this is that the children are looked after outside of their parent’s home (for example at the childminder’s facilities or at a day care centre).

If you have any more questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours,

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