

Information for families and parents

Your child care center is taking part!

Dear families, dear parents,

We are delighted that your child care center is taking part in the practical research project *Fit for the Future - Digital Education in childcare centers* (ProFiZ). The project is funded by the Federal Ministry of Education, Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMBFSFJ) and implemented by us, the project team at Zentrum PEP gGmbH.

What is the project about?

Children are growing into our digitalised world – from robotic vacuum cleaners and tablets to digital displays at the bus stop. Even at the preschool age, they gain a wide range of experiences with digital technologies and media. They bring these experiences with them to the childcare center, where they are taken up by the early childhood educators and meaningfully supported and expanded upon.

In our project, we work closely with many educational professionals to jointly develop educational materials for working with the children in such a way that the children acquire meaningful skills for our world in a safe environment. For example, the children experience and learn how to be creative, work together, talk to each other, think critically about media and technology and handle images and data with care.

As a project team, we support the early childhood educators and therefore also your children in familiarising themselves with the digital world and actively helping to shape it.

How does the project work in the child care center?

We provide the participating early childhood educators with ideas for learning activities and learning environments, which they then try out together with the children. The topics include the use and functionality of weather apps, inventing a story with a chatbot, how we humans communicate with each other in the 21st century and what tasks robots do for us humans.

After trying them out, the professionals then report their impressions back to us: Did the implementation in the child care center go well? Were the children interested? Were the children able to build skills?

We also encourage the participating professionals to record the children's skills anonymously using KiDiT®. KiDiT® is a scientifically based, digital tool that is widely used in the DACH region and is GDPR-compliant. KiDiT® supports the professionals in systematically documenting their observations of the skills so that we can use them for research and further development of the materials.

Finally

Thank you for your interest in our project and for your trust. If you have any questions or would like to find out more, please do not hesitate to contact us. You can also find up-to-date information on the project on our website.

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Best regards from the ProFiZ team

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