

Welcome to pre-primary education

Information on pre-primary education for guardians

Your child will start pre-primary education next autumn! In pre-primary education, children learn new things by playing and exploring. They also practice good friendship skills and strengthen their self-esteem.

We will assign your child a pre-primary education place at a location based on the child's home address and the pre-primary education admission area. As a guardian, you can choose whether you want to accept the place assigned for your child or apply to another location. Pre-primary education is provided at both daycare centres and schools. Each pre-primary education admission area may include one or more location that provide pre-primary education. The area may also include several schools. Your child will be assigned a pre-primary education place based on your child's home address in January 2022.

If you wish to enrol your child in the Swedish-language immersion programme, or you need evening or round-the-

clock care, special support or if you are participating in the two-year pre-primary education trial, your child may be assigned a pre-primary education place in another admission area than the one based on the child's home address. You can check the schools and daycare centres that offer pre-primary education in your area on the Service Map at palvelukartta.hel.fi/en. The pre-primary education admission areas are listed at hel.fi/preschool.

Children attend pre-primary education for one year before the beginning of their compulsory education. Pre-primary education is free of charge and lasts four hours a day, mainly during school hours. In August 2022, pre-primary education begins on **11 August 2022**. If your child needs early childhood education to supplement pre-primary education, it will be provided at the same location as your child's pre-primary education. You do not need to apply for early childhood education separately.



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Accepting a place or applying to pre-primary education

As a guardian of a child in municipal early childhood education, you can accept a pre-primary education place for your child on the Asti online service during **1–13 March 2022**.

If you choose not to accept the pre-primary education place assigned for your child, the place becomes available for another applicant and you must apply for another pre-primary education place for your child. The application period for pre-primary education takes place **1–15 March 2022** on the City of Helsinki E-services at asiointi.hel.fi.

In Helsinki, Finnish- and Swedish-language pre-primary education is offered both as a municipal and private service. Apply to pre-primary education at private daycare centres by contacting a private daycare centre directly. Private daycare centres that provide pre-primary education are listed at hel.fi/preschool.

The pre-primary education of a child participating in the trial for two-year pre-primary education will continue at the same location where they are currently attending two-year pre-primary education. If the child has started in the Swedish-language immersion programme in early childhood education, you can accept a pre-primary education place with language immersion directly at your daycare centre. If you need evening or round-the-clock care for your child, you must first reject the pre-primary education place assigned for your child and then apply for a place at a round-the-clock daycare centre that provides pre-primary education on the City of Helsinki E-services.

Children are entitled to a pre-primary education place within their own pre-primary education admission area. Transferring to another area or location is possible if they have free pre-primary education places available.

Further information on pre-primary education is available on the City of Helsinki website hel.fi/preschool.

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Logging in

Open a browser on your computer, tablet or smartphone.

- ▶ Go to asti.hel.fi.
- ▶ Select your preferred language on the top right corner of the page.
- ▶ Press the **Log in** button to proceed to Suomi.fi authentication
- ▶ Authenticate yourself using your preferred authentication method.
- ▶ Select **Continue / Jatka**.
- ▶ Select **Continue to service / Jatka palveluun**.
- ▶ Check your information and move forward.

Accepting a pre-primary education place

When pre-primary education enrolment is open, you will see a notice on accepting pre-primary education place under your child's information. Press the Accept/Reject button.

1. Select either **“Yes, I accept the assigned place”** or **“No, I do not accept the assigned place”**
2. Press **Continue to next**.
3. Check the given information and press **Submit**.

