

# Welcome to pre-primary education – information for guardians

All children attend pre-primary education in the year preceding the start of their compulsory education. Children born in 2017 will generally start their pre-primary education in August 2023. Pre-primary education is free and lasts four hours a day between 8:30 and 13:30, mainly during the school year. In Helsinki, Finnish- and Swedish-language pre-primary education is offered as a municipal and private service.

Early childhood education that supplements pre-primary education will continue with the same scope as early childhood education before the beginning of pre-primary education, unless you need to change it. Supplementary early childhood education is generally provided at the same location and in the same group where the child attends pre-primary education.

## Children in municipal early childhood education

As a guardian of a child in municipal early childhood education, you can accept or decline a pre-primary education place for your child in the Asti service between 6 and 17 February 2023. Pre-primary education places are assigned on the basis of the home address valid on 23 January 2023. Decisions on approved pre-primary education places will be sent on 3 March 2023 through the Suomi.fi service. Further information on pre-primary education is available at [hel.fi/preschool](https://hel.fi/preschool).

The pre-primary education place will be assigned in the pre-primary education admission area determined by the child's home address, also taking into account the local school based on the home address. The pre-primary education place may also be assigned in another admission area due to the child's need for special support, language immersion or round-the-clock care.

## Children in private early childhood education, club activities or home care

As a guardian of a child in private early childhood education, club activities organised by the city or home care, you must enrol your child in municipal pre-primary education in the Asti online service between 9 and 20 January 2023. Pre-primary education places are assigned on the basis of the home address valid on 23 January 2023. Decisions on approved pre-primary education places will be sent on 3 March 2023 through the Suomi.fi service.

## Pre-primary education provided in a private daycare centre

Applications to pre-primary education at a private daycare centre should be submitted directly to the preferred daycare centre using the pre-primary education application form ([hel.fi/preschool](https://hel.fi/preschool)). The application period for private early childhood education is 9–20 January 2023. Pre-primary education decisions will be sent to guardians in February–March 2023.



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## Children participating in the trial for two-year pre-primary education

Children participating in the trial for two-year pre-primary education will attend pre-primary education for two years at the same location where they start the trial. There is no need to apply for pre-primary education again after the first year of the trial; the children will continue at the location where they are currently attending the trial for two-year pre-primary education.

## Login

Open a browser on your computer, tablet or smartphone.

- ▶ Go to **asti.hel.fi**.
- ▶ Select your preferred language on the top right side of the page.
- ▶ Press the **“Log in”** button.
- ▶ Authenticate yourself using your preferred authentication method.
- ▶ Select **“Continue”**.
- ▶ Select **“Continue to service”**.
- ▶ 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 **“Yes, I accept the assigned place”** or **“No, I do not accept the assigned place”**.
2. Press **“Continue to next”**.
3. Check the information and press **“Submit”**.



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