

Notice to guardians 17 April 2020

Communication between preschool education and children who are at home

The friends and adults in children's preschool groups are also important to the children while they are at home. During the state of emergency, preschool education offers communication with children who are at home. The early childhood education and care (ECEC) teacher in charge of preschool education holds video chat sessions with the children who are at home on a weekly basis.

These video chat sessions are held in groups of 3–5 preschool pupils. During these shared sessions, the children have the opportunity to tell the others how they are doing. The ECEC teacher supervises video chat sessions in which the children can complete exercises or enjoy nursery rhyme, playtime or reading sessions together. The children can also express their wishes regarding the content of these shared sessions.

It is recommended that this communication be carried out using the video chat feature of the Teams app. The ECEC teacher will instruct guardians in its use. If the participants want, the communication can also be carried out by phone. The Teams video chat can be used on a computer, tablet or mobile phone.

Discussions about the children's individual preschool education plans will be held over the phone or via video chat over the course of spring. Passing on information to school will be agreed upon with the guardian in conjunction with these discussions.

The instructions for guardians on the use of video chat are attached to this notice.

Communication between early childhood education and children who are at home

Early childhood education daycare centres and family daycare are operating despite the state of emergency. Roughly 20 per cent of the children are present at daycare centres on a daily basis.

The ECEC teacher will contact the children who are at home at least once over the course of spring and more often if necessary. The communication with children may also be more frequent at the guardian's initiative. The daycare centre's director and staff are always available when guardians have questions about early childhood education and care.

Discussions about individual ECEC plans will primarily be postponed to autumn. If necessary, the discussions can be held over the phone or via video chat this spring.

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