

Dear future pre-primary school pupil

You will start pre-primary school next autumn. In pre-primary school, **you will learn by playing, moving, investigating and making art.** You will meet new friends and also get a peek at what happens at school.

You can come and see what happens at pre-primary school in advance together with a parent. The YouTube page of the Education Sector features [videos](#) in which pre-primary school pupils at Eira Day Care Centre share their expectations and hopes for the pre-primary school year and explain what they like best at pre-primary school.

We look forward to seeing you at pre-primary school!

Welcome to pre-primary school!



Information for parents/guardians

Pre-primary school education is goal-oriented and systematic education and guidance that emphasises play-like activities. **The objective is to promote and support the child's capacity to grow and learn** as well as to promote a natural transition to school.

In Helsinki, Finnish-language pre-primary school education is organised at municipal and private day care centres. **Pre-primary school education is free of charge** and lasts four hours a day, mainly during school hours. The pre-primary school 2019–2020 **school year starts on 08/08/2019 and ends on 29/05/2020.**

All children must attend pre-primary school education in the year preceding the start of their compulsory education. Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring their child's participation. Applications to pre-primary school are submitted 07–23/01/2019. **Applications are submitted via the City of Helsinki e-services.** If needed, day care centres can provide a paper form which must be returned to the day care centre no later than 23/01/2019. Applications to pre-primary school education at a private day care centre should be submitted directly at the day care centre.

Children are primarily allocated pre-primary school education places in the admission area that corresponds to their place of residence. We will send you information about your child's pre-primary school place no later than in week 11.

- ▶ **Additional information and application form available at:** hel.fi/esiopetus
- ▶ **Information about pre-primary education:** hel.fi/preschool