

WELCOME TO PRE-PRIMARY EDUCATION IN 2020–2021

Objective

Your child's pre-primary education will begin next autumn. The objective of pre-primary education is to support your child's growth and development and provide them with the knowledge and skills that they will need in life. In addition to this, the aim is to strengthen your child's positive self-image and conception of themselves as a learner and support the development of social and teamwork skills. Some of the key aspects of pre-primary education are supervised and independent play and demonstrative working methods. These working methods are both a tool and an object of learning. Pre-primary education operations and the selection of working methods are steered by the duties and objectives assigned to pre-primary education and children's needs, capabilities and interests.

Pre-primary education staff engage in cooperation with parents and schoolteachers. When necessary, cooperation with families is also carried out with other experts.

Operating times and pre-primary education groups

Free-of-charge pre-primary education is provided primarily between 9 am and 1 pm on weekdays. The school year for pre-primary education starts on 12 August 2020 and ends on 31 May 2021. Pre-primary education abides by the holiday periods in comprehensive school.

Pre-primary education is provided in either a Finnish- or Swedish-language group. Pre-primary education groups have a minimum size of 13 children. Pre-primary education groups are formed taking into account children's local schools. You can use the map service to check which school's enrolment area you live in: kartta.porvoo.fi/. Pre-primary education places and their local schools are also listed in the enclosed appendix and on the following website (in Finnish): www.porvoo.fi/esiopetus.

Day Care Centre Helmi offers Swedish-language pre-primary education for Finnish children in a language immersion group. The pre-primary education language immersion is a continuation of early childhood education language immersion. Language immersion bulletin (in Finnish): www.porvoo.fi/kielikylypy

Pre-primary education enrolment and decision

Enrolment in the pre-primary education starting next autumn must be carried out by 12 February 2020 via the Early Childhood Education Services' **online service** porvoo.daisynet.fi/eDaisy under the heading *Esiopetusilmoitus*.

If necessary, children will be provided with **supplementary early childhood education** subject to a fee in the morning and afternoons in the same place. Applications for supplementary early childhood education are submitted at the same time and using the same online form used to enrol in pre-primary education.

Decisions on children's upcoming pre-primary education places in accordance with their local schools are sent to families by calendar week 14. If the family would prefer another pre-primary education place, they can submit a new application after receiving the primary decision. More information on applying for a secondary pre-primary education place is available (in Finnish and Swedish) at: peda.net/porvoo-borga/vtis/vpss/ukfo/eiaastf. **Invitations** to the children's orientation day to be held on 12 May 2020 and the parents' evening to be held on 13 May 2020 will be sent to everyone via DaisyNet and can also be found on the peda.net website.

Accompanying allowance/school transport in accordance with the Basic Education Act can be applied for by using a separate form. Applications are approved in accordance with the school transport principles validated by the City's Education Committee www.porvoo.fi/koulukuljetukset (in Finnish).

More information on enrolment is available from the service coordinator, day care centre directors and Pre-primary Education Services (in Finnish and Swedish) peda.net/porvoo-borga/vtis/ef