

Dear Guardians,  
this letter is to provide information about enrolment for pre-primary education.

Children born in 2018 start their pre-primary education in August 2024.

A child is obliged to attend pre-primary education for one year before the start of compulsory schooling. It is the duty of the child's guardian or custodian to ensure the child participates in pre-primary education or other activities that substantially fulfil its educational goals.

### **Pre-primary education**

- is free of charge
- takes place on weekdays 9 am to 1 pm
- takes place at schools as well as a few daycare centres

Activities before or after the pre-primary education period are provided for a fee.

### **There are four pre-primary education options**

Information about the options for pre-primary education, complementary activities, and registration and enrolment follows.

#### **1. You may choose a pre-primary education location close to the home of your child. This is called pre-primary education in accordance with the school pathway.**

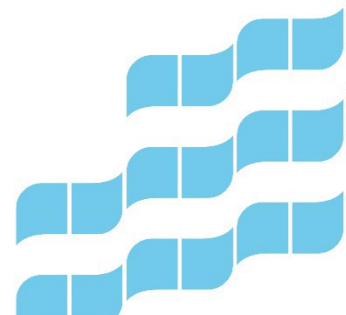
The child's pre-primary education location is usually at the school closest to the child's home. The pre-primary education location is therefore selected in conformity with the future school pathway. The daycare centre manager and the principal select the children for pre-primary education groups based on their home address.

- **Register between 23 January and 11 February 2024 and fill out the electronic form using the eVaka Tampere online service.**
- **While you make this application, also apply for early childhood education and care complementary to pre-primary education for your child.**

#### **What is the eVaka Tampere online service?**

eVaka Tampere is an online service on the Internet accessible to the guardians of children. You may use it to enrol your child in pre-primary education and to register them for post-preschool activities.

More information: [eVaka Tampere online service \[City of Tampere - Early childhood education and care and pre-primary education - Early childhood education and care\]](#)



2. You may select Montessori education for your child. You may also select preschool education in an evening-time or round-the-clock daycare centre, if you must work in the evenings or at night.

Options:

- Montessori (Johannes School), Taina Seppä, tel. 040 801 2527
- Montessori (Karonen School), Riitta Sirola, tel. 044 811004
- Montessori (Tesoma daycare centre), Hanna Palho, tel. 0400 299 450
- Pre-primary education in evening-time care (Tesoma, Pappila, Hervanta, Kukkapelto), Hanna Palho, tel. 0400 299 450
- Pre-primary education in round-the-clock care, Katja Ruusila, tel. 040 593 6673

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3. You may register your child to receive a bilingual pre-primary education, if your child has adequate command of languages.

Bilingual pre-primary education is provided by the basic education services.

Options:

- Finnish and German (Tammela School), Pekka Pyykkönen, tel. 050 501 3944
- Finnish and French (Wivi Lönn School), Mika Luukkanen tel. 040 1495145
- Finnish and English (International School), Ulla Hiltunen, tel. 040 196 8513

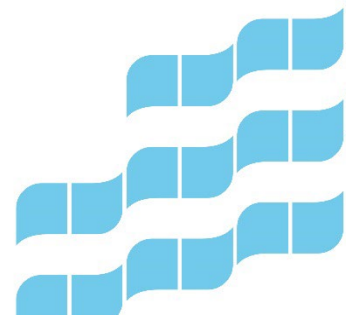
- **Apply for pre-primary education using a separate form in the respective school's Wilma system between January 23 and 11 February 2024.**
- **Applications for morning and afternoon activities in schools will be submitted later in the spring via the Wilma system. Alternatively, parents can apply for part-time early childhood education for their child in addition to pre-school education in the eVaka system.**

4. You may choose for your child to receive pre-primary education at a private school.

Options:

- Svenska samskolan i Tammerfors, Ronny Holmqvist, tel. 050 432 7189
- Tampereen Rudolf Steiner -koulu, tel. 03 3141 6123 or [info@tampereensteinerkoulu.fi](mailto:info@tampereensteinerkoulu.fi)
- Tampereen kristillinen koulu, Merja Kinnunen, tel. 050 570 2854

- **Contact the school in question directly. They will provide you with an application form for pre-primary education and activities complementary to pre-primary education.**



Starting on 23 January 2024, application links for pre-primary education will be online at:

<https://www.tampere.fi/varhaiskasvatus-ja-esiopetus/esiopetus/esiopetukseen-ilmoittautuminen>

### **Accepting placement in pre-primary education and visiting the education venue**

The child's future placement in pre-primary education will be communicated through the eVaka Tampere online service if the guardians have enabled electronic notifications. Otherwise, the decision will be communicated to the home by mail by the end of April. The notification will contain contact information for the future pre-primary education location.

**Unless the placement is cancelled within two weeks of the notification, the pre-primary education placement and any activity complementary to pre-primary education will be deemed to have been accepted. In case of a cancellation, notify the daycare centre manager using the e-mail address provided in the notification.**

You may visit your child's future pre-primary education venue together to become familiar with it. The date for such a visit will be communicated later.

**Pre-primary education will begin on Wednesday 7 August 2024 at 9 am in every providing location.**

