

**Dear Guardians of a Child born in 2020,**

Your child will begin pre-primary education in August 2026. The pre-primary education place and the future school path are determined based on the child's home address.

In January 2026, you will receive a proposal for the upcoming pre-primary education place, based on the address information in the Population Information System (November 2025). Pre-primary education is provided for 4 hours a day, from 9:00 to 13:00. Pre-primary education is provided free of charge.

At the same time, you will receive a proposal for a place of supplementary early childhood education, offered in same place as pre-primary education. The proposed duration of supplementary early childhood education is a maximum of 5 hours per day. The duration can be changed later by contacting the manager of the pre-primary unit. The fee of supplementary early childhood education is determined according to the Early Childhood Education Client Fees Act.

**If you do not receive a proposal for a pre-primary education place by 15 January 2026, you must register your child for pre-primary education in the eVaka system no later than 31 January 2026.**

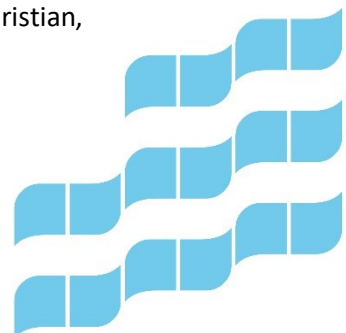
**Instructions for attending the proposed pre-primary education place:**

- Check and approve the proposed decisions in eVaka.
- In case your child does not attend the supplementary early childhood education, approve the offered pre-primary education place and decline the supplementary early childhood education place in eVaka.

If your child has special needs, the decision of the pre-primary education place may come later. Further information will be provided by the daycare center.

**Instructions for applying to another pre-primary education place:**

- Applying for bilingual pre-primary education (German, French, English) provided by basic education.
  - Decline the proposal in eVaka and apply via the Wilma system between January 9<sup>th</sup> and January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
- Applying for pre-primary education provided by a private operator (Swedish, Christian, Steiner pedagogy).
  - Decline the proposal in eVaka and apply directly to the specific unit.



- If your child requires evening or shift-based care in addition to pre-primary education.
  - Decline the proposal and apply in the eVaka system between January 8<sup>th</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Application option: Evening-care pre-primary / Shift-care pre-primary.
- Applying for Montessori pre-primary education (child not currently in a Montessori group).
  - Decline and apply in eVaka between January 8<sup>th</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026.
- Moving within Tampere, the local school changes.
  - Decline the proposal and apply in eVaka between January 8<sup>th</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Provide the new address in the application.

A child may be granted a pre-primary place other than the local school place on a case-by-case basis.

(Kasvatus- ja opetuslautakunta, 14.11.2023 §55, [Tampereen kaupungin esioppilaaksioton periaatteet 1.1.2024 alkaen | Tampere esityslistat ja pöytäkirjat](#))

All children will be assigned a pre-primary education place. Guardians are responsible for ensuring that the child participates in pre-primary education or in other activities through which the objectives of pre-primary education are achieved.

More information:

- [Pre-primary education | www.tampere.fi](#)
- Daycare centers
- Early Childhood Education and Pre-primary Education Service Guidance:  
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