

WELCOME TO PRE- PRIMARY EDUCATION!

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ON FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2024**



**Vantaa
Vanda**

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Pre-primary education constitutes part of the life-long learning path that begins at home and in early childhood education and continues after pre-primary education in basic education. Pre-primary education aims to bolster a child's developmental and learning potentials, as well as to strengthen the child's social skills and healthy self-esteem together with the child's family. Pre-primary education is obligatory, goal-oriented, and based on a curriculum. A learning plan will be compiled for every child, together with the children and their guardians.

In pre-primary education, children experience and learn as part of a peer group. Pre-primary education consists of learning packages of varying scope and implementation that are based on the children's interests, as well as on pre-primary education's joint goals. Learning in pre-primary education, thus, largely takes place through playing, and there is always time for playing during every pre-primary education day. In addition to play, different kind of experiential and operational approaches offer experiences and boost the children's learning motivation.

Enrollment

Enroll your child in pre-primary education, January 5-31, 2023.

You can enroll online on the VaSa service or by leaving an application at a daycare center. All pre-primary education places are listed on Vantaa's website at: vantaa.fi/esiopetus.

You can view the pre-primary education decision on the VaSa service, at the latest, in week 14.

Pre-primary education is free of charge and includes a meal

Pre-primary education is arranged on schooldays, four hours per day. Pre-primary education is free of charge and includes one daily meal. In addition to pre-primary education, children have the possibility of participating in early childhood education, subject to a charge, which supplements pre-primary education. Inform about your need for supplementary early childhood education in connection with enrolling your child in pre-primary education.

Introduction to languages and language options in pre-primary education

Each pre-primary education group will familiarize itself with the languages and cultures of the participants in the group during the year. Planning and implementing pre-primary education will utilize families' expertise in their own linguistic and cultural backgrounds.

More information in Finnish on pre-primary education language options is available online at: vantaa.fi/kaksikielinenesiopetus.

Cooperation with schools

The children will be introduced to the school's operational culture and learning environment during the pre-primary education year. In Vantaa, each pre-primary education place has a partner school with which they carry out operational cooperation. This refers, for example, to joint activities between children participating in pre-primary education and students in elementary instruction, as well as school visits. In the pre-primary education spring term, data on the children

with be transferred to their future schools in cooperation with their guardians. The aim of the data transfer is to ensure the children's easy transition from pre-primary education to school and the continuum of learning support.

Preparatory instruction gives children facilities for studying in Finnish

Instruction preparing for basic education is arranged for those children with immigrant backgrounds whose Finnish-language proficiency is not sufficient for studying in a pre-primary education group.

Preparatory instruction is arranged on schooldays, five hours per day. Four hours of instruction will be given as part of pre-primary education and one hour will be arranged in a smaller group.

Guardians shall enroll their children in pre-primary education, after which applying for preparatory instruction will be agreed together with the child's guardians, the pre-primary education place, and the language and cultural coordinators.

Go and check them out!

All pre-primary education places in Vantaa will arrange an introduction to families in May. The pre-primary education places will inform the guardians about the events.

What is nice in pre-primary education?

“Playing, outdoor activities, and nice teachers. Minna is a nice teacher. Petra is our joker and clown. She always agrees to all the games and joins them. And friends!”

Miro, 6 years old