

WELCOME TO DAYCARE

The Finnish daycare system represents child-raising and educational activity based on the Finnish Law.

The purpose of daycare is to create, in cooperation with the parents, a safe environment to promote the child's development.

Daycare personnel have been trained to educate and raise children.

Daycare is liable to charge, and the fee is determined as a percentage of the family's gross income.

The family has the right to use an interpreter when discussing matters relating to the child.

Each child gets an early education plan, compiled together with the parents.

BRINGING THE CHILD TO DAYCARE

- Make a little excursion with the child to the daycare centre before beginning the actual programme. If necessary, ask the personnel to arrange for an interpreter.

Daycare centres are usually open from 6:30 am to 5 pm.

- Agree together with the personnel how long the time in daycare will be for your child

A typical day at the daycare centre

6:30–8:00 am Games/playing/drawing, etc.

8:00–9:00 am Breakfast

9:00–10:00 am Activity hour e.g., hobby activities/exercising/listening to a story, etc.

10:00–11:15 am Outdoor activities

11:15–11:30 am Singing/playing

11:30 am–12:30 pm Lunch

12:30–2:00 pm Napping/listening to a story/playing

2:00–2:30 pm Snack

2:30–3:30 pm Games/playing/drawing, etc.

3:30–5:00 pm Outdoor activities

(the timetable is only for guidance: you can ask for your daycare centre's actual day plan from the personnel)

At the daycare centre, we spend time outdoors every day – even when it rains or the temperature is below zero. Please supply the child with proper outdoor clothing.

COOPERATION WITH PARENTS

- daily meetings: In the morning, the parents tell what the child has been doing and how she/he is feeling, and in the afternoon the personnel fill the parents in on the day's events
- discussions and making the early education plan
- parent/teacher evenings
- festivities at the daycare centre

IMPORTANT MATTERS

- Always inform the daycare if the child will be absent
- Do not bring the child into daycare if she/he is ill
- Daycare personnel are bound by professional secrecy on matters relating to the child
- If there is something which concerns daycare or your child that you would like to talk about, please discuss the matter with the daycare personnel