

OULU

WELCOME TO AFTERNOON CARE!

Your child is starting school and entering into afternoon care. We wish your child a very warm welcome to enjoy safe afternoons after schooldays in an afternoon care group where s/he gets to spend time in a variety of activities with skilled instructors and new friends.

In Oulu, afternoon care for schoolchildren is coordinated by the Education and Culture Services. Activities are organized in cooperation with the local evangelical Lutheran parish and with a variety of organizations.

WHAT IS AFTERNOON CARE?

Afternoon care for schoolchildren is meant for pupils in grades one and two and those in grades one to nine in special education. The groups are active in various parts of the city: at schools and youth centres as well as in parishes' facilities.

The purpose of afternoon care is to lend support to the education provided at schools and at home and to the child's emotional life, social development, and ethical emotional growth. The activities also aim at promoting children's well-being and equality in society, at preventing exclusion proactively, and at supporting their participation and their possibilities to impact on matters.

Afternoon care is provided on weekdays from 11am to 4.30pm. During school holidays, no afternoon care is organized, but youth services, parishes, and organizations provide then a wide variety of other activities.

Afternoon care group instructors are skilled professionals people with a B. Sc. in social sciences, community pedagogues, youth and child instructors as well as special needs assistants and morning and afternoon care instructors. Staff hired under pay subsidy, students, and trainees can additionally work in the groups.

WHAT DO THEY DO IN THE GROUPS?

Afternoon care provides the child with a possibility to take part in supervised activities with other children and trained instructors after schooldays. The activities enable the child to play, to engage in hobbies, to move, to do sports, and to participate in excursions.

FEES

The fee for afternoon care is €1,000 per school year divided in ten equal parts to be paid in monthly instalments of €100 from August to May. School holidays, the length of the month, and the number of days present do not affect the amount to be paid.

- In case a child is able to attend on a maximum of ten days due to an ILLNESS, 50% of the fee, i.e. €50 per month, is charged.
- In case a child is unable to attend any activity during a calendar due to an ILLNESS, no fee is charged.
- In case a child is unable to attend any activity during a calendar month for some other reason, 50% of the fee, i.e. €50, is charged.

The fee includes supervision, accident insurance, and snacks.

Re-scheduling the start

- The starting date of the afternoon care can be re-scheduled once without extra charge. After the second re-scheduling, a half-month's fee is charged for every month re-scheduled.
- In case a child starts activities after August, information on the later start must be given on August 6 at the latest in order for no fee to be charged on August.
- In case a child does not take a place in afternoon care, information on this must be given on August 8 at the latest (before school starts) for no fee to be charged on August.

Information can be given electronically to the e-mail address iltapaivatoiminta@ouka.fi.

Discounts on fees

- In case two or more children from the same family are simultaneously in afternoon care, a full fee is charged on the first child and 50% of the fee, i.e. €50, is charged on each of the next siblings. The family is required to contact the organizer of the activities.
- In case the family is a repeat customer of social assistance services, no fee is charged for afternoon care. A family may contact the services by email to the address iltapaivatoiminta@ouka.fi and provide a copy via e-mail. Entitlement to social assistance is always verified from the Social Insurance Institution (Kela).

IN COOPERATION WITH THE SCHOOL AND THE HOME

The cooperation between the home, the school, and the afternoon care groups is an essential resource in supporting both the child's feeling of safety and all of his/her other development at this age phase. We would like parents to provide instructors with feedback on the activities – brickbats and bouquets are equally welcome.

We would like those parents whose children go to school unassisted to attend the groups e.g. once a month to discuss and to exchange views with instructors.

The instructors are bound to secrecy but they are also accountable for child protection authorities if the child's life situation requires it. With good cooperation, we are able to build a good and safe school year to the little pupil.

INSURANCE

The organizer of the activities insures all children taking part in the activities against accidents. The insurance covers the distances from the school to the afternoon care group and from there home. If a child deliberately or by negligence breaks the property of another child or any other property, the parents are liable for damages.

CHANGES IN ATTENDANCE TIMES AND LEAVING THE ACTIVITIES

In case a child leaves the activities altogether, notice of the place becoming vacant is to be given by e-mail message to the address iltapaivatoiminta@ouka.fi before the 15th day of the current month so that no fee will be charged for the next month. If notice is given after the 15th day, 50% of the fee of the next month is charged even if the child does not attend on a single day. Please also inform the group instructors that your child will no longer attend.

EQUIPMENT

A child taking part in the activities should have indoor footwear and clothes suited for outdoor activities as well as a change of clothes if needed. In afternoon care, the aim is to go out every day. Please indicate the name of your child on footwear, on clothes, and on the backpack.

Contact information:

Education and Culture Services

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Any questions, cancellations, and changes related to afternoon care are to be sent primarily electronically to the e-mail address iltapaivatoiminta@ouka.fi.

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Afternoon care is arranged in cooperation with the youth services by:

Nuorisoseurojen Oulun aluejärjestö ry (a regional organization of youth clubs active in Oulu)

The Lutheran parish of Oulujoki

The 4H organization in Oulu

Oulun Nuoret Kotkat Piirijärjestö ry (the local organization of a nationwide youth network)

Oulun seudun kristillisen koulun kannatusyhdistys (the PTA of the Christian school in the Oulu region)

Oulun Steiner-koulun kannatusyhdistys (the PTA of the Steiner school in Oulu)

Pohjois-Pohjanmaan Nuorisoseurojen Liitto ry (the regional association of the youth clubs in Northern Pohjanmaa)

Svenska Privatskolan I Uleåborg (a privately-owned Swedish-language school)