

General questions raised by participants at the preschool info on January 8, 2025

1. What if the child doesn't get into the nearby pre-school of the future school? How does the cooperation between the school and the daycare work in that case?

Answer: All children are guaranteed a preschool place in their own area.

2. What should I do if my child's current daycare does not offer preschool education?

Answer: Enroll your child in a preschool education group operating in your local area. You can list three preferred units in the application. Also, apply for an early childhood education place in the preschool daycare with a separate application starting from August 1st.

3. How is the home address determined?

Answer: The child's home address is considered to be the address registered in the population register.

4. We are moving to another area, how should we proceed with the preschool education place?

Answer: If you already know the address of your new home, it is advisable to enroll your child in preschool education in the area near your future home. You can provide additional clarifying information about your plans in the designated section. If you do not yet know the location of your new home, it is best to enroll in a preschool group near your current home and update the information later as things progress.

5. Can early childhood education start before preschool education begins? How are the fees determined in this case?

Answer: The child can start early childhood education earlier, but a separate application must be made for the early childhood education needed before preschool education begins. A full-time early childhood education fee will be charged between August 1st and 10th.

6. Can a child be assigned to a private daycare offering preschool education if it is the closest to home according to the address?

Answer: The City of Oulu purchases preschool education services from pre-tendered private daycares, and this service is equivalent to the preschool education groups in the city's own daycares. Therefore, a child can be assigned a preschool education place in a private daycare.

7. What is the size of the groups?

Answer: The size of a preschool education group is 14-21 children.

8. How is preschool education arranged when parents work shifts and the child is also in daycare in the evenings and weekends?

Answer: In shift daycares, preschool education is arranged in a child-centered manner so that the child's day and week do not become unreasonably long. Preschool education can be planned to take place in the evenings and weekends if necessary. Many good solutions are available, and the staff has experience with them.

9. What are the operating hours for supplementary early childhood education?

Answer: Daycare centers are generally open between 6 AM and 6 PM, according to the reservations made. Additionally, there are extended hours daycares in the city that offer services between 5:30 AM and 10:30 PM, some also on weekends. There is also one 24-hour daycare in the city. Extended hours and shift care services are provided based on parents' working hours.

10. Is a decision about the local school made at this stage?

Answer: A separate decision will be made about basic education in due course; the preschool education decision is not the same as the basic education decision.