



# Welcome to preschool

Information for  
parents/guardians  
about preschool

# Preschool and its commencement

## The preschool year for your child will begin in autumn 2023

Your child will attend preschool for one year before the start of his/her compulsory education, usually in the year when he/she reaches the age of six.

In Kaarina, preschool is organised at municipal and private daycare centres.

## Registering for preschool

- register your child for free-of-charge preschool education by 23 January 2023 by eService
- decisions about places will be made by May 2023

[Kaarina's eService](#)

## Early childhood education supplementing preschool

Supplementary early childhood education is offered in preschool facilities in the morning before the start of preschool and in the afternoon after preschool has ended. The staff remain the same for the whole day.

- if necessary, apply for supplementary early childhood education for your child by 23 January 2023
- decisions about places will be made by May 2023

[Kaarina's eService](#)

The fee for early childhood education is determined according to the number of hours. Further information about hours and invoicing:

[Kaarina's fees for early childhood education](#)



**Preschool is offered for four (4) hours** per day, principally during school hours.

Preschool hours are specific to each unit and tend to be in the morning.

**The preschool year is compulsory for children.** In terms of a child's growth, development and learning, it is important for preschool attendance to be regular. Regular attendance fosters a community spirit and the development of social skills in preschool groups.

**Your child's possible absences** must be reported in advance to the preschool group. A sudden absence, for example absence through illness, must be reported immediately to the preschool group.

**Preschool is free-of-charge** and provides the necessary materials itself.

# Preschool year

**If a child only attends preschool**, he/she may travel to and from there alone if the route is safe. In that case, **travel to daycare** is the responsibility of the parents/guardians.

**Your child is entitled to free-of-charge transport to school if he/she only attends preschool and**

- the journey is more than 5 km on foot

OR

- taking into account the child's age or other circumstances, the journey is too difficult, stressful or dangerous

OR

- the child is in early childhood education supplementing family daycare

[Further information about transport and applying for school transport](#)

# Preschool year

**If your child has a special diet** or other individual needs concerning nutrition, please send this information accompanied by a doctor's certificate to the head of the daycare centre.

**Communication between home and preschool** takes place in Wilma. In addition to this, Wilma also has the preschool curriculum for your child. The papers concerning your child's learning and support are transferred automatically to Kaarina's preschool system.

During the year, preschool will be conducted **in cooperation with the local school.**

## Work and holiday periods 2023-2024

During the holiday periods mentioned below, early childhood education takes place at on-duty daycare centres.

### Autumn term

**10 August – 22 December 2023**

Holidays:

- Autumn holiday 16 – 22 October 2023
- Christmas holiday 23 December 2023 – 7 January 2024

### Spring term

**8 January – 31 May 2024**

Holidays:

- Ski holiday 19 – 25 February 2024

# Preschool curriculum

”Ilo kasvaa yhdessä toimien”

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## Kaarinan kaupungin esiopetussuunnitelma 2016



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In the autumn, a personal preschool curriculum is prepared for each child together with the preschool teacher, child and parent/guardian.

The curriculum is assessed by the same people in January–February, and before the end of preschool in the spring.

The curriculum can be viewed by the parents/guardians at any time in Wilma.

# Increased enjoyment by doing things together

## Preschool learning entities

- The many forms of expression
- The rich world of language
- Our environment and I
- I research and operate in my environment
- I grow and develop

## Extensive expertise in preschool

- Thought and learning
- Cultural expertise, interaction and expression
- Self-care and daily skills
- Multiliteracy
- Multiliteracy and expertise in information and communication technology
- Participation and influence



Life skills

## Support for growth and learning in preschool

Children attending preschool are entitled to support for growth and learning by virtue of the Basic Education Act. According to the act, a child is entitled to receive sufficient learning support and guidance as soon as the need for such support arises. The support is given to the child in his/her own preschool group. The three levels of support for a child's growth and learning are general, enhanced and special. A child principally receives support in his/her own preschool group using pedagogical and other flexible methods.

# Support and help during the preschool year

## Pupil welfare in preschool

Preschool pupil welfare is guided by a multidisciplinary work group comprising school psychology-, welfare- and health care services. The healthcare services for preschool-aged children are provided at their clinics.



Here you will find further information about special teaching in preschool education organised in Kaarina

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grow

See you at preschool  
on 10 August 2023

