

Your child's pre-primary education decision has arrived in Joenmuksut

Every child must take part in pre-primary education in the year prior to the beginning of their compulsory education. In the academic year 2024–2025, children born in 2018 shall take part in pre-primary education.

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Receiving a pre-primary education place

Your child's pre-primary education place in the school district has been determined on the basis of your address. A primary pre-primary education place means a place organised within three kilometres of the home, if possible.

Log in to www.joenmuksut.fi on the applications and notifications side. You can see the decision in the "application queue" table on the front page. Accept the place by **29 February 2024** by clicking the green "V" button.

I want to apply for a different pre-primary education place for my child

Once the pre-primary education decision has arrived, you can apply for a pre-primary education place for your child at another daycare or the pre-primary education of another school. This is called a secondary pre-primary education place. **Please apply by 29 February 2024.**

Reject the pre-primary education decision you received by logging in to www.joenmuksut.fi on the applications and notifications side. Reject the place in the "application queue" table on the front page by clicking on the red X button.

Please fill out a new pre-primary education application. Write in the application details where your child's primary pre-primary education place is and the reasons why you are applying for a secondary place. You can apply for supplementary early childhood education with the same application.

You can get a secondary pre-primary education place based on your need for evening or shift care, for example, or if you would like your child to attend a specific private daycare or school. Transport to a secondary pre-primary education place is not possible.

- Even if you reject the pre-primary education decision you have received, it does not mean you are guaranteed to receive the secondary pre-primary education place you have applied for. A place can still be designated in accordance with the original decision.

You will receive either a positive or negative decision electronically by 21 March 2024.

Pre-primary education and supplementary early childhood education

- Pre-primary education is organised for 19 hours per week, usually between 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- The maximum duration of pre-primary education is four hours per day
- Pre-primary education is organised according to the [working and holiday hours of the schools](#).
- In addition to pre-primary education, your child can receive care, that is, supplementary early childhood education, before and after pre-primary education.

A decision has been made regarding your child's supplementary early childhood education for 0–88 hours/month. If this number of hours is not appropriate, accept the pre-primary education decision and change the supplementary early childhood education hours. The change can be made when accepting the pre-primary education decision.

Conclusion of service agreement and service voucher application

If you have accepted the decision on supplementary early childhood education or have applied for a change to it, please contact the day care center director. You will jointly conclude a service agreement. After that, submit a service voucher application by logging in to www.joenmuksut.fi on the applications and notifications side. Attach the service agreement to the application. This also applies to children who are continuing in the same private daycare.

Transport to pre-primary education

If the pre-primary education place is more than three kilometres from your home, your child is entitled to transportation. You must apply for transportation by the end of May.

Instructions on how to apply for transportation can be found at www.joensuu.fi/koulukuljetukset.

Transport is not possible if your child is in supplementary early childhood education or has been granted a secondary pre-primary education place. Transportation is only available directly to pre-primary education and/or home after pre-primary education has ended.

Further information:

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- Taru Rönkkö taru.ronkko@joensuu.fi tel. 050 522 4293
- Early childhood education service guidance tel. 013 267 2990 or varpal@joensuu.fi. The phone service is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 12 noon to 3 p.m. and on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.