



This notification is for children who have been selected for the two-year pre-primary education pilot study and who have received a letter at home regarding the trial.

WELCOME TO TWO-YEAR PRE-PRIMARY EDUCATION!

Congratulations, your child will get into pre-primary education as early as next fall! Your child has been selected for a two-year pre-primary education because he or she is in a daycare center that is participating in the pilot study or living near such a daycare center.

In pre-primary education, children are introduced to things that interest them by playing and exploring, and in other ways that are suitable for young children. The aim is for pre-primary education to open up opportunities for children to friendship, the joy of learning, and new areas of interest. The two-year duration gives children time to grow and learn at their own pace. The pilot study will collect information on the effects of two years of pre-primary education on children's developmental and learning conditions, social skills, and the formation of healthy self-esteem.

The two-year pre-primary education is free of charge. It is held four hours a day, following the working and holiday hours of basic education. In addition to two years of pre-primary education, the child can participate in supplementary early childhood education, for which there is an early childhood education fee.

The child's guardian must ensure that the child participates in two years of pre-primary education at the trial site or otherwise achieves the goals of the two-year pre-primary education.

You can find your child's appointed day care center in the letter you received at home.

THIS IS HOW YOU REGISTER

Participation in the two-year pre-primary education at the pilot site requires registration.

Fill out the registration form that accompanies the letter and return it to the day care center assigned to your child by 21.5.2021.

If your child needs early childhood education in addition to pre-primary education and the child has not been in early childhood education in Vantaa before starting the two-year pre-primary education, you must also apply for early childhood education supplementing pre-primary education. You can fill in the early childhood education application electronically in the VaSa Service or print and fill in the early childhood education paper application (vantaa.fi/apply/early/childhood/education).

For more information on two-year pre-primary education and how to register for it, contact the day care center and early childhood education service counselors in the areas.

WHAT KINDS OF EXPECTATIONS DO YOU HAVE FOR YOUR CHILD'S TWO-YEAR PRE-PRIMARY EDUCATION?

In Vantaa, we want to hear the parents' thoughts on what is relevant in two-year pre-primary education and what expectations you have for the pilot study. Please visit the survey by 21.5.2021 on the Participating Vantaa page at osallistuvavantaa.fi !

THE MONITORING STUDY OF THE PILOT STUDY AND THE REGISTRY OF PILOT STUDIES

The pilot study is provided for by law and is part of a national research study (Ministry of Education and Culture). In a follow-up study, children participate in assessments and caregivers can be interviewed. Assessments of

individual children and the results of guardian surveys are not reported in the follow-up study and respondents cannot be identified in any other way. Even if the child does not participate in two-year pre-primary education at the pilot site, information about him or her will be stored in the pilot study registry.

EFFECTS OF THE TWO-YEAR PRE-PRIMARY EDUCATION PILOT ON CHILD CAREGIVING SUPPORT

The children participating in the pilot study are placed on a level for Kela benefits with the children participating in pre-primary education at the age of six.

In the case of home care allowance, this means that if the sibling of a child under the age of 3 who is entitled to home care allowance participates in pre-primary education in the pilot study, he or she will be paid the full care allowance (65.97 €/month). If he or she participates in supplementary municipal early childhood education in addition to the pre-primary pilot study, a caregiving allowance will not be paid for him or her.

Sample case studies:

Aaltonen's 5-year-old Matias participates in pre-primary education in the pilot study. After the pre-primary education period (approx. 4 hours / day), he is in home care with his father and 2-year-old Anna, for whose home caregiving the family is paid home caregiving allowance and the so-called sibling increase. Participation in a pre-primary education experiment does not affect the benefit paid to the family.

Mäkinen's 5-year-old Sonja participates in the pre-primary education pilot study, but after pre-primary education she stays in supplementary municipal early childhood education. The mother of the Mäkinen family is at home caring for the one-year-old Maisa, from whom the family is paid home caregiving allowance and the so-called sibling increase. When Sonja participates in supplementary early childhood education, no sibling increase is paid.

The pilot study has no effect on flexible or partial care money.

Participation in two-year pre-primary education is not an obstacle to receiving the Vantaa supplement.