

Questions and answers about preschool

How do I apply for a place for my child at preschool or at a childminder's?

You log in to the municipality's online service for childcare which you will find at eskilstuna.se/barnomsorg. You log in with an e-ID (also known as bank-ID) which you can get from your bank.

If you are applying for a place and have any questions, please phone 016-710 10 00.

How do I apply to an independent preschool?

The independent preschools have their own queues so you contact the preschool you are interested in direct.

When can I register my child in the queue?

Earliest eight months before you want a place. For example, if you want your child to start preschool when she/he is 18 months old, then you can apply for a place when your child is 10 months old.

Children must be at least one year old when they start preschool.

When will I get a place for my child?

If you apply at least four months before you want a place, you will be guaranteed a place for your child, according to our queue regulations.

Can I apply to several preschools?

Yes, you can give three alternatives. That will increase your chance of getting a place at a preschool you want, if your first choice is full.

Will I be given a place at my first choice of preschool?

We will do our best to fulfil your first choice alternative but it is not always possible. If you would like to see the current queue situation, you can go to eskilstuna.se/forskoleplats

Can I visit the preschools I am interested in?

Yes, of course! We think it is a very good idea for you to visit the preschool

in advance. Please contact the preschool(s) you are interested in direct. Contact details are given at the back of the brochure and at eskilstuna.se/forskola

When will I be told that I have got a place?

Our aim is to give you notification as soon as possible.

How much do I pay for my place?

Eskilstuna municipality has a maximum fee policy. For information about what that means and what fees apply, please go to eskilstuna.se/barnomsorg. The fee is based on the household's income. The childcare fee is paid 12 months a year, i.e. even when your child is not there or has time off.

What happens when I have my second child?

When a sibling is born, the older child can stay at preschool on the same schedule for one month. For the rest of your parental leave period, your older child can be at preschool for 15 hours a week. You and the preschool will decide together how those 15 hours are to be allocated.

Are younger siblings guaranteed a place at the same preschool as their older siblings?

There are no formal priority rules for siblings in our queue and fee regulations but a child who has an older sibling at a preschool is given priority when we allocate places, as long as there are vacancies.

What are the opening hours for the municipality's preschools and childminders?

Our opening hours are 6.15 to 18.45 but they are adapted to fit in with the children's needs and the preschool's preconditions. That means some of our smaller units open later and close earlier.

Does the municipality offer childcare for unsocial working hours?

Yes, such a place can be given after special assessment. We have that service in both Eskilstuna and Torshälla.

What do the children do at preschool?

Preschool has its own curriculum with stipulated goals. The preschool's educational activities are guided by the children's curiosity and interests. The children learn to express their own thoughts, build up confidence in their ability to solve problems, cooperate with each other and many other things.

What does the induction period (*inskolning*) mean?

During the induction period, your child will be able to get to know the preschool, his/her new friends and the teachers who work there, all at his/her own pace. The induction period is adapted to suit each individual child and can therefore vary in length. As the parent, you are usually with your child for some of the induction period. Ask your preschool how they normally plan an induction period.

Will my child receive support in his/her mother tongue?

We will help a child with a different mother tongue to develop both Swedish and his/her mother tongue. [You can read more about that here.](#)

The queue and fee regulations are given in full at eskilstuna.se/barnomsorg