

Early childhood education customer fee in addition to preschool education arranged free of charge from 1 August 2019 onwards

Turku is conducting an experiment where early childhood education for 5-year-olds is offered free of charge between 1 August 2018 and 31 July 2019 to children born in 2013. Twenty hours of preschool education were offered free of charge in the mornings on Monday to Friday in accordance with section 117 of the committee decision of [13 June 2018](#) (in Finnish).

As your child, born in 2013, transfers from early childhood education offered free of charge to preschool education during the year of operation starting on 14 August 2019, there will be no free-of-charge preschool education during the vacation period.

If your child participates in early childhood education during preschool education vacation periods, all hours spent participating in the education affect invoicing. Both the plans and the participation are calculated into the education hours, which means that the contractual hours within a calendar month may be exceeded.

If the agreed number of hours is exceeded, an increased monthly fee is charged due to the excess based on section 3 of the committee decision of [18 January 2017](#) (in Finnish).

Working hours in preschool education (section 124 of the [13 June 2018](#) decision by the Education Committee (in Finnish))

autumn term: Wed 14 August – Sat 21 December 2019

spring term: Tue 7 January – Fri 29 May 2020

preschool education ends on Fri 29 May 2020

Vacation periods in preschool education

- autumn break Thu 17 October 2019 – Sun 20 October 2019
- Christmas break Mon 23 December 2019 – Mon 6 January 2020
- winter break Mon 17 February 2020 – Sun 23 February 2020

You can monitor your child's monthly attendance in Päikky.

For example, if your child needs full-time early childhood education between 1 August 2019 and 13 August 2019, each reserved hour falls under early childhood education subject to a fee, and starting from 14 August 2019, your child receives four hours of daily early childhood education free of charge, which is deducted from the monthly hours at a rate of four hours a day from Monday to Friday. Preschool education will be observed similarly in shift-based care.