

General preschool for parents with children who will reach the age of three during 2021

It will soon be time to start preschool

General preschool offers all children educational stimulation and a sense of belonging, thus improving their learning potential and helping them to develop assertively and constructively. This clarifies the role of the preschool in today's knowledge society and in the lifelong learning process.

Preschool is the first step in the national education system. It is therefore important that all children have access to preschool. Parliament has decided that all children will be offered a general preschool place for at least three hours per day, commencing in the autumn term in which they reach the age of three.

Organisation

General preschool means that it should be available to everyone, and attendance is voluntary. The Municipality of Jönköping offers general preschool for three hours per day or 15 hours per week, spread over three or four days, depending on the decision reached by the individual preschool. General preschool follows the primary and secondary school academic year and holiday periods.

Your child will in the first instance be offered a place at a preschool close to your home. If you would like a place at a preschool other than one close to your home, this wish will be met as far as possible. Transport to and from the preschool will not be provided.

Cost

General preschool is free of charge. Those children who have care needs that extend beyond the time spent at preschool will have their fee reduced from and including the month of August in the year in which they reach the age of three.

Children who are already attending preschool

If your child already has a place at a municipal or private preschool (a preschool run by an organisation other than the municipal authority), you do not need to make a separate application.

Children who are receiving pedagogical care at a daycare provider

If your child has a place in pedagogical care at a daycare provider, and has care

requirements of more than 15 hours per week, the fee will be reduced even if your child is not attending preschool. If your child attends both pedagogical daycare and preschool, you must as a rule arrange for your child to be taken to and from preschool.

In the case of a child receiving pedagogical daycare who also wishes to attend preschool – or who wishes to leave pedagogical daycare and attend preschool only – a separate application is required.

Children not attending preschool

If your child wishes to attend general preschool but does not have a place, you will need to make a separate application.

The Education Administration School and Childcare Office (see page 2 for telephone details) will be more than happy to provide you with further information and to receive your application, which must be received by April 1 at the latest.

The Municipality of Jönköping and the private preschool providers would like to take the opportunity to welcome all children to general preschool.