



Information letter to parents/guardians of a child at preschool

Utbildningsförvaltningen in Piteå would like to begin by welcoming you and your family to Sweden and Piteå, while also expressing our profound sympathy for the reasons that brought you here. We have been informed by the Swedish Migration Agency (Migrationsverket) that you are living in our municipality, and we are sending you this letter not only to welcome you but also to inform you of your rights and the opportunities for children aged 3–5 years to attend public preschool in Sweden.

In accordance with the EU's Temporary Protection Directive, which began to apply as soon as you were registered with the Migration Agency upon arrival in Sweden, any child you have who is aged 3–5 years has the opportunity to attend a Swedish public preschool on the same terms as a Swedish child, during the time that you are in Sweden. Attendance at public preschool is voluntary and is free of charge, so this is to be regarded as an offer.

What is public preschool?

The Municipality is obliged to offer attendance at public preschool from (and including) the autumn term of the year of a child's third birthday. The child is entitled to attend public preschool for a minimum of 525 hours per year, without charge. This applies to all children, regardless of the parents' occupations or the family's general circumstances. This means that even those children who are not otherwise entitled to a place at preschool (for example, on the basis of their parents' employment or studies) shall also be offered at least 525 hours. The same applies to a child who is entitled to a place at preschool but attends the preschool for less than 525 hours per year. This equates to around three hours per day, following the school's annual schedule for teaching and holidays.

It is the responsibility of the Municipality to decide how public preschool is to be organised, in accordance with local conditions, the needs of the child, and the wishes of the parents. It is also the Municipality that decides how preschools shall be coordinated with other activities.

If you are the parent/guardian of a child aged 3–5 years, and you would like your child to be offered a place at public preschool, please contact me by telephone or email.

Welcome to Piteå!

With kind regards,

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