

## Welcome letter

Mottagarnamn Att: För- och efternamn Gatuadress/postadress Postnummer Ort

## Hi!

I would like to begin by welcoming you and your family to Sweden and to Piteå, while also extending my sympathies concerning the reasons that brought you here. We at Utbildningsförvaltningen have been informed by the Swedish Migration Agency that you have somewhere to live in our municipality. I am sending you this letter not only to welcome you but also to inform you of the rights and opportunities for attending school in Sweden that apply to any children of school-age in your care.

In accordance with the EU's Temporary Protection Directive, which began to apply as soon as you registered with the Migration Agency upon arrival to Sweden, your child has the opportunity to attend Swedish school while you are living in Sweden. The Temporary Protection Directive provides the right to participate in education on exactly the same terms as Swedish students. The only difference is that attendance at school for your child is not compulsory, as it is for Swedish children. Attendance at school is therefore voluntary, and you should regard this as an offer. However, if you (as the child's parent/guardian) accept the offer, the child will be expected to participate fully in all the elements of schooling that are offered, as continuity is essential if the learning process is to be effective and beneficial for your child. All teaching is conducted in accordance with the Swedish curriculum and course plans.

If you, as a parent/guardian, would like your child to attend Swedish school during the period of your stay in Sweden, please contact me by letter, telephone or email. You and your child/children will then be invited to attend an admission meeting, where an interpreter will also be present. At the admission meeting, you will receive more information about what your child's schooling in Sweden will involve.

With kind regards,

ON BEHALF OF UTBILDNINGSFÖRVALTNINGEN

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