



Welcome to school!

**Good things to know before your
child starts school.**

Welcome to the school! In this brochure we've put together information which is worthwhile knowing before your child begins at the school in the autumn. You can read more on www.goteborg.se/borjaskolan

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Welcome to school!

It's time for your child to start school, what an exciting step! As a guardian, you probably have questions such as:

How does preschool class work? Can my child attend the after-school center? What do I, as a guardian, need to consider before the start of the school year?

This brochure has some good-to-know information for when your child starts school in the City of Gothenburg. Those of us who work in the primary school administration hope that you and your child will feel warmly welcomed and prepared for the start of the school year.



What is preschool class?

Simply put, preschool class, or förskoleklass, can be described as a mix of the teaching and working methods from both the preschool and the primary school. Preschool class builds on what your child has learned in preschool, but your child is also encouraged to discover and learn new skills, which prepares them for the rest of their education.

Teaching should develop your child's imagination, empathy and ability to learn with others. We do this through play, physical activity, exploration and practical approaches.

Does your child need a placement in an after-school center?

If you are working or studying, your child can attend the school's after-school center before and/or after the school day. Students may also be entitled to a placement due to other circumstances, such as their family situation or because of their specific needs. Examples of this include if a child needs support in learning the Swedish language or if their family lives in an extremely crowded household. The teaching in after-school centers and preschool classes is largely similar, but the teaching in after-school centers is considered complementary to the one in preschool classes. You can read more about after-school centers at www.skolverket.se

Preschool, primary school and primary special school are free, but you have to pay a fee if your child goes to an after-school center. The amount you have to pay depends on your household income.

To get a placement in an after-school center for your child, you must apply for it. If you want a guaranteed placement for the start of the school term, you must apply by 31 May. You can apply and read more at www.goteborg.se/fritidshem.

Remember

If you do not want to keep your child's placement in an after-school center (fritidshem), you need to cancel it through the e-service or by filling out a form.

Read more on
goteborg.se/fritidshem

When your child starts school

There are a lot of new experiences that come when starting school, both for your child and for you as a parent or guardian.

Information meeting for guardians

Your child's school will invite you to a preschool information meeting before starting a new school year. During the meeting, you will receive information about the preschool class and after-school center at your child's intended school. This information meeting will take place in late spring.

Your child can visit their new school

Before starting school, your child can visit their new school at least once. This will take place in late spring. If possible, a preschool teacher from your child's preschool will accompany them during the visit(s). But if this is not possible, you can join us instead. Attending preschool class and the after-school center aims to help make the transition to primary school easier and safer for your child.



Welcome talk for all guardians

You will be invited to a welcome talk with your child's new teacher. During the talk, you will have the opportunity to tell us about your child.

The welcome talk will take place before school starts or when your child has just started school, which is sometime between June and September.

Your child's first days at school

During the information meeting and the welcome talk, you will get information about what the first days at school will look like.

Every child is unique and the first period in preschool class and the after-school center may need to be adapted to your child's specific needs. If your child has any special needs, it is important to let the school know well ahead of time. In this case, ask your child's preschool to inform the new school, but you can also contact the school yourself.



How do pre school class and the after-school center work?

Drop-off and pick-up

Your child needs to be in preschool class at specific times. If your child needs care earlier and/or later in the day because you are working or studying, you can drop off and/or pick up your child at the after-school center.

Your child should feel safe throughout the day, that is why teachers are involved in transferring them between preschool class and the after-school center.

Meals at school

All students receive free lunch at the school. Breakfast and snacks will also be provided if your child attends the after-school center before and/or after school. If your child needs a special diet, please contact the school staff. This could be due to allergies, or for medical or religious reasons.

Dress for the weather and activity

Part of the education in pre-school class and the after-school center is to give students the opportunity to develop a love of being physically active and to be inspired to discover new things.

That's why your child needs clothes that are suitable for different indoor and outdoor activities, no matter the season and weather outside. Also, keep in mind that your child will need a change of clothes at school in case they need to change into dry and clean clothes during the day.



Native language support and native language education

If your child has a language other than Swedish as their native language, the preschool class and after-school center is required to help your child to develop both their Swedish language and their native language skills. This is done by teachers encouraging and calling for the student's native language in various ways during the daily activities.

In the City of Gothenburg, we offer native language education from grade 1 and up.

This applies to all languages except speakers of the national minority languages for whom the City of Gothenburg offers native language education from preschool and up.

Read more on goteborg.se/modersmalsundervisning

School terms and holidays in preschool class

The school year is divided into two terms – an autumn term and a spring term. All municipal schools in Gothenburg have the same school year. This means that everyone starts and finishes school on the same day and everyone has holidays at the same time. The after-school center is also open during the holidays for students who need care during these periods. At www.goteborg.se/lasarstider you can see the dates of all the holidays.



Applying for shorter breaks

In preschool class, attendance is compulsory. This means that your child needs to attend all classes. However, your child may be given one or a few days off if there is a valid reason, such as a family celebration or a religious holiday.

It is up to the school principal to decide whether your child can take time off from preschool. If you want to apply for some time off, you need to fill in a form which you can find at www.goteborg.se/grundskola.

In case of illness, your child should stay at home

If your child is ill, you must report it to their school. Your child's school teacher will inform you on how to report this.

Did you know that...

All children have compulsory school attendance beginning in the autumn semester of the year they turn six years old. This means that preschool class is compulsory.

Nuts are prohibited

It is always forbidden to bring in and serve nuts, almonds and sesame seeds in all schools in the City of Gothenburg.

The ban is in place because nuts and sesame seeds can trigger severe and life-threatening reactions in people with allergies. There is a high risk of confusing nuts with almonds in ground and chopped form, so the ban also applies to almonds. The ban applies in all premises.



What is the primary school administration (grundskoleförvaltningen)?

The primary school administration manages the city's municipal schools, starting from preschool class to grade nine, as well as special needs schools and after-school centers. We work together to create the best possible conditions for every student in every school in Gothenburg to have a good life.

Do you have any questions?

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