

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE

The municipality of Inari provides early childhood education and care for all children who are under school age. The right to early childhood education and care begins after the end of the parental allowance period and continues until the child enters basic education.

The operating idea for early childhood education and care in the municipality of Inari is to offer children a good and safe place of care where the child enjoys being and which supports the child's balanced growth, development and learning.

Early childhood education and care services include early childhood education in Finnish and Sámi, Skolt Sámi language nest activities, procurement services for Inari Sámi language nest activities, the child home care allowance and its municipal supplement as well as pre-primary education in the Saariselkä area.

In the municipality of Inari, early childhood education and care is organised in day care centres, family day care and language nests. In accordance with the Act on Early Childhood Education and Care, early childhood education and care is organised in Sami for children who speak Sami as their mother tongue. Cultural and language nests that aim to conserve the Sámi languages are intended for Sami children, whom no longer learn the Sami language adequately at home. Language nest activities strengthen the child's knowledge of his or her own culture and provide the opportunity to learn the endangered minority language or indigenous language spoken by their immediate or extended family.

CARE TIME OPTIONS

- full-time care more than 7 hours/day

- Over 16 days/month
- No more than 15 days/month
- No more than 10 days/month

- full-time care 5 - 7 hours/day, no more than 35 hours/ week

- Over 16 days/month
- No more than 15 days/month
- No more than 10 days/month

- part-time care, no more than 5 hours/day

- Over 16 days/month
- At most 15 days/month
- At most 10 days/month

- 20 hours/week

- part-time care, 4 hours/day
- full-time care 8 hours/day, 10 days/month

SHIFT CARE

Shift care is organised in accordance with the principles of shift care in the municipality of Inari for a child who needs this because of their guardian's work or studies. Shift care has been centralised in day-care centres.

DAY CARE FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Discretionary shift care is organised for pupils in grades 1-2 in accordance with the principles of shift care. Grade 1 pupils will be provided day care during school holidays if there is room at care facilities. Day care will be organised for pupils in grades 1 and 2, who need special support, in cooperation with social services.

TEMPORARY CARE

Temporary care is arranged if there is room in care facilities. A daily fee determined by the Education and Culture Board is charged for temporary care.

MUNICIPAL SUPPLEMENT FOR CHILD HOME CARE ALLOWANCE

A discretionary municipal supplement for the child home care allowance is paid for children under the age of 2 for the time being. The municipal supplement is family specific and is paid to families living in Inari who have a statutory right to child home care allowance.

APPLICATION FOR, CHANGES TO AND TERMINATION OF A PLACE IN DAY CARE

Guardians must apply for placement in day care according to the time at which the family needs it. Applications for early childhood education and care must be submitted no later than 4 months before the place in early childhood education and care must begin.

However, if the need for a day care place is due to a parent's employment, studies or training, and the required start date could not be predicted in advance, an application must be submitted as soon as possible, but no later than two weeks before the child needs the day care. Applications for early childhood education and care are available from the Early Childhood Education and Care Office at the municipal hall, the main library and on the municipality's website inari.fi/fi/palvelut/sivistyspalvelut/varhaiskasvatus.

A report on the parents' income must be attached to the application for determining the client fee. Changes of address, telephone number, etc. in the application data must be reported to both the place of care and the Early Childhood Education and Care Office.

If the child's need for day care (e.g. part-time or full-time day care, shift care, number of care days) changes at a later time, a new application must be submitted to the Early Childhood Education and Care Office well in advance of the change.

When early childhood education and care comes to an end, a child's guardian must terminate the place after which they will no longer be charged a client fee. The early childhood education and care office must be notified of the termination of the early childhood education and care place in writing.

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