

Welcome to pre-school!



The pre-schools of Hallstahammar Municipality

- stimulate children's initiative and responsibility, giving them opportunities to engage in activities both independently and together with others.
- offer both independent and collaborative activities to ensure that all children may develop in the best possible way.
- provide all children with quality care and education through play, exploration and creative work involving multiple senses.
- teach children within the various target areas of the national curriculum, such as languages, mathematics and science.



Attending pre-school is important

Pre-school is primarily intended for your child. At the same time, pre-school also makes it possible for you to work or study. As a legal guardian, you are the one who knows your child best. For this reason, your thoughts and opinions are important to us. By working together, we can ensure that the children have the best possible environment in which to develop.

The time spent and education received at pre-school lays the foundation for life-long learning. At the same time, we focus on ensuring that the experience of learning will be both fun, stimulating and secure for all children.

We work thematically, focusing on stimulating the children's language development through use of a variety of educational methods, including the Bornholm Model.



Foundational values and task of pre-school

Pre-school is governed by various laws and regulations, including the Education Act (*skollagen*) and the National Pre-school Curriculum (*läroplan för förskolan, Lpfö 18*).

Pre-school is based on democratic values and should reflect the values and rights expressed in the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child.

We build upon the children's knowledge, curiosity and desire to play and learn, and we strengthen their faith in their own ability.

We teach the children in a range of fields, such as creative work, languages, mathematics, science and technology. We also strive to awaken their sense of democracy and justice.

At pre-school, children are safely taken care of and provided with good opportunities to play, develop and learn. You will be able to follow your child's learning on the pre-school learning platform.

A place at a pre-school

- A child having turned one year old may attend pre-school.
- If you are a jobseeker or on parental leave with a sibling, your child may attend pre-school for 15 hours per week.
- Starting in August of the year in which a child turns three years old, he or she is entitled to 15 hours per week of pre-school free of charge. For time in excess of 15 weekly hours, you have to pay a fee.



When your child first starts pre-school

Starting pre-school is often a new experience both for the child and for his or her legal guardians. Because of the new physical setting and not least all the new people, there are a lot of new impressions.

The pre-school staff are used to introducing new children. We know that it will work out well in the end. All children and all legal guardians have different needs. For this reason, we adjust the introduction programme to suit each child's needs and do things a bit differently each time. The goal of the introduction programme is to help your child to acquaint him- or herself, step by step and in peace and quiet, with the buildings and routines of the pre-school and get to know the pre-school teachers, child carers and other staff as well as the other children in the group.

But there is also another goal. We want you as legal guardians to feel secure with leaving your child at the pre-school, and to feel that you get an insight into the education and activities that we provide.

During the introduction period, the time spent by the child at the pre-school will be progressively longer. To ensure that the child will feel secure at all times, we must always be able to reach you while your child is with us.



Pre-school opening hours

- The regular opening hours of all pre-schools are Monday to Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- If necessary, all pre-schools will accept children from 6:00 a.m. You will need to submit a certificate from your employer.

Pre-school places for children of legal guardians working unsocial hours

Those needing child care between 5:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. and/or between 6:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. may receive it at the Äppellunden pre-school in Hallstahammar and at the LärKan pre-school in Kolbäck. If a child has two legal guardians, both must work unsocial hours in order for the child to be entitled to a place.

Limited opening hours

- When you as a parent or legal guardian are on holiday or off from work, your child must be off from pre-school.
- In the summer, and sometimes during the Christmas holiday, several pre-schools merge their operations.
- Pre-schools close for in-house training for four days each academic year. During those days, regular operations are closed. For those who cannot solve their need for child care themselves, the municipality organises temporary child care during those days at one of its pre-schools. Because of our need to plan ahead, you must apply for such child care at least two weeks in advance using a special form that your pre-school will give you.





Food at pre-school

Meals at pre-schools are also a time of learning. Breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack are served each day. If your child needs special food, you apply for this using an e-service on the municipality's website.

Fragrance-free pre-school

Perfumed products and other irritants may cause various problems, including in the airways, to individuals with asthma, allergies or other oversensitivity. For this reason, we ask you and your child please not to use fragrant products such as perfume or scented soaps and laundry rinsing agents when coming to pre-school.

Special-needs teacher and speech pathologist

The staff of the municipal pre-schools includes a special-needs teacher and a speech pathologist who regularly visit the individual pre-schools. They support the work of the regular pre-school staff through consultation and guidance.

Management Area for the Finnish language

The Municipality of Hallstahammar is a Management Area for the Finnish language. Pre-school with Finnish-speaking staff is offered at the Äppellunden pre-school. This means that Finnish-speaking children may receive parts of their education in Finnish.



If you have any questions, feel free to contact us:

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