

About preschools in Uppsala

Preschool is the first stage of the Swedish school system. Preschool is voluntary and available to all children between the ages of 1 and 5. Having your child at a preschool is a great way of preparing your child for compulsory education. Preschool helps your child to develop his/her language. Most children in Sweden attend preschool.

This is how preschool works

- The preschool is open Monday to Friday during the day.
- At preschool, your child gets breakfast, lunch and snacks.
- After lunch, your child can rest or sleep if they need to.
- At preschool, the child is both inside and outside. The child will therefore need clothes appropriate for the weather of the day and the season, such as rainwear when it rains and warm winter clothes in the winter.
- Together with other children, your child can, for example, sing, paint, dance, write and speak (both his/her mother tongue and the Swedish language).
- Preschool teachers and children's nurse work in the preschool.

When can your child attend preschool?

Your child can attend preschool from the age of 1, if you as a parent are working, looking for work, studying or are on parental leave and live in Uppsala. The child's place in preschool costs money. It costs as much to go to a municipal as to a private preschool. The cost of having your child at a preschool is based on what income your family has.

All children from the age of 3 have the right to preschooling

When the child turns 3, he or she has the right to go to a public preschool. This also applies, if you as a parent are not working, looking for work, studying or on parental leave. Public preschool means that the child attends preschool 15 hours a week and that preschool is free of charge.

About open preschools

There are several open preschools in Uppsala. Prior to your child's preschool start, you and your child can come to the open preschool together. Open preschool is a meeting place for parents with children who are 0-5 years old. There the children can play and you as a parent can meet other parents. Open preschool is free and you do not need to register. More information can be had by searching for the words open preschool at uppsala.se.

This is what you have to do if you want your child to start preschool

- There are the choice of both municipal preschools and independent (private) preschools, and you can apply to which preschool you prefer. You as a parent are looking for a place in a service called eBarnUngdom. You can find it by searching for the word ebarnungdom on uppsala.se.
- You must apply to a preschool at least three months before you want your child to start. The exception is if you want your child to start in the month of August, then you will have to apply four months ahead.
- If you do not have a national registration number or do not want to use the e-service, you can apply by filling out a paper form.

If you need help applying to preschool, you can do the following:

- To register, visit the reception for new arrivals in City Hall on Stadshusgatan 2. Those who work there can help you to register and apply for preschool on a form. If you are in need of an interpreter, they can arrange it. They are open Monday and Wednesday from 9:00 to 11:30, and on Thursdays from 13:00 to 16:00.
- If you need help applying for preschool digitally and have a Swedish national registration number, mobile BankID or user account for Uppsala Municipality's e-service eBarnUngdom, you can visit the Contact center. They will help you to apply for preschool. They are located in the City Hall on Stadshusgatan 2. They are open every weekday between 08.00-17.00, and on Thursdays 08.00-18.00.
- Call the municipality, 0771-727 001. On your phone you can make a choice, then select 1 to ask questions about the application and placement in the preschool. Phone hours are Monday to Thursday 09.30–11.30.
- Call the Reception for new arrivals at 0771-727 001. With your phone you will have to make a selection, select then 6. Phone hours are Monday to Wednesday 09.30–11.30.