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# Welcome to daycare!



In Finland, all children have the right to participate in daycare activities.

The aim of daycare is to promote children's growth, development and learning in cooperation with parents.

At daycare, the child...

- makes friends and plays with them.
- participates in varied activities and learns new things.
- practises and learns the Finnish language.
- spends time outdoors every day.
- takes a nap or has a moment of rest.
- eats varied and healthy food (breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack).



- A child can start daycare at the age of nine months.
- A place must be applied for four months before the start date.
- Before the first day of daycare, the child visits the daycare centre together with their parents.

- It is important that the child attends daycare regularly.
- It is good for arrival and departure times to be the same every day.
- Any days off must be agreed in advance with the daycare staff. Daycare services are subject to a fee.
- If the family's income is low, no fee is charged.

