

To parents and guardians  
of children who will turn 6  
years old

## Information about applying for a place in a preschool class

This information is being sent to you as a parent or guardian of a child who will turn six and therefore begin preschool class. You are invited to apply for a place in a preschool class for your child. From autumn 2018, preschool class is compulsory, which means that six-year-olds are included in Swedish compulsory education.

### **Application**

Apply for a place in a preschool class between 15 January and 15 February via the e-service found at [www.gnesta.se](http://www.gnesta.se) (under Barn & utbildning/E-tjänst). Log in with your BankID. In the e-service, you will need to specify which school you would like for your child. If you do not have a BankID, you can receive help with your application at Medborgarkontoret (the citizens' advice bureau). Both of the child's parents/guardians need to approve the application – this applies whether the parents/guardians live at the same address or at different addresses.

If you are unable to apply via the e-service, you can use a form ([www.gnesta.se](http://www.gnesta.se) Barn & utbildning/Grundskola och förskoleklass). Barn- och utbildningskontoret must have received the form by 15 February at the latest so that it can be registered before the end of the school choice period.

### **School placement – admission rules**

The main rule is that a child must be given a place at the school the parents/guardians wish the child to attend. This must not, however, lead to another child's entitlement to a place at a school close to his/her home not being fulfilled. When a school receives more applications than there are places, Gnesta kommun uses a "relative proximity principle" to decide which children are given a place. This means that if two children have applied for a place at the same

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school and only one of them can be offered a place, the child who has the greatest distance to walk to other schools takes precedence. To decide this, an index is calculated for each child based on the distance to alternative schools minus the chosen school. All children are entitled to a place at a school close to their home, but no child can be guaranteed a place at the closest school.

Where more children apply for a place at a school than the number of available places, the following selection principles are applied in the order stated:

1. Children in need of special support of a pedagogical or social nature

who need to be placed at a particular school. (For more information about special grounds, see [gnesta.se](http://gnesta.se) Barn & utbildning/Grundskola och förskoleklass.)

2. Children who are entitled to a place in a preschool class (according to the relative proximity principle).

3. Children who turn 5 during the school year in question and who wish to begin in a preschool class.

4. Children registered as resident in other municipalities.

(For more information about admission rules and how they are applied, see [www.gnesta.se](http://www.gnesta.se) Barn & utbildning/Grundskola och förskoleklass)

### **Information evenings**

The schools hold information evenings for parents and guardians before they apply for places. Dates and times for these can be found at [www.gnesta.se](http://www.gnesta.se) Barn & utbildning/Grundskola och förskoleklass.

### **Independent compulsory school**

There is one independent compulsory school in the municipality –

Gnesta Waldorfskola. Applications for Gnesta Waldorfskola are made using the same e-service as for the municipal schools. The admission rules stated above apply only to the municipal schools. For more information about Gnesta Waldorfskola, see [www.gnestawaldorfskola.se](http://www.gnestawaldorfskola.se)

### **Notification of placement**

For the municipal schools, notifications will be sent during March.

### **School transportation**

When all school placements have been finalised, Barn- och

utbildningskontoret will assess which pupils are entitled to school transportation. No application needs to be sent in (unless special reasons are being stated or the pupil has alternating residence).

Barn- och utbildningskontoret estimates that offers of school transportation will be sent out at the start of May. If you are not satisfied with the offer, you can then send in your own request for school transportation. More information will be provided on [www.gnesta.se](http://www.gnesta.se).

### **Leisure-time centre**

For children who have preschool places, these places are automatically converted into places at after-school recreation centres when the children transfer to a preschool class. No application is needed for an after-school recreation centre place. For children who do not attend preschool but want a place at an after-school recreation centre when the child begins preschool class, their parent or guardian sends in an application via the e-service at [www.gnesta.se](http://www.gnesta.se) Barn & utbildning/E-tjänst.

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