

Welcome to Family Daycare!

Information on Family Daycare in Oripää



Family daycare is a form of early childhood education that takes place in a family daycare provider's house. It is a home-like environment that offers children a small group to grow and learn in. Substitute care during the care provider's holidays is arranged according to the child's daycare agreement.

The Beginning of Daycare, Early Education and Care Partnership, Getting to Know Things!

The beginning of daycare is a big change in a child's life as well as in the routines of the whole family, as the child makes a transition to a member of a new group. If wanted, the parents can arrange a familiarisation visit before the daycare starts to discuss the wishes, expectations and practices concerning it. The purpose is to create a functional relationship between the daycare provider and parents and to create basis for early education and care partnership. During the familiarisation, you have the opportunity to share the habits, preferences and individual needs of your child. The care provider will clarify issues concerning family daycare.

After receiving the daycare decision, contact the family daycare provider whose information you find enclosed and arrange a time for the familiarisation visit.

Cooperation between Parents and Family Daycare Provider (Early Education and Care Partnership)

Early education and care partnership is like building a bridge. The most important components are listening, respect, trust and dialogue. The cooperation between parents and the family daycare provider is the foundation of all early education and care. The parents are experts when it comes to their children. The care provider, on the other hand, has the professional and pedagogic skills required in daycare. By appreciating each other's expertise, home and daycare can support the growth and development of children. Partnership means cooperation that is based on equality between the two sides. Positive attitude and consistent methods bring safety to the child's life. However, parents bear the primary responsibility for childcare and education despite the cooperation.

Daily conversations guarantee and promote cooperation between parents and the care provider and support the educational work of the parents. The care provider is bound by professional secrecy in issues regarding the child and their family. An early education plan that covers important issues concerning the child has been created to aid these conversations. If there is a need for private conversation, the time should be arranged in advance. Parents should acknowledge that the care provider works in their own home and has privacy protection. The early education supervisor keeps regular contact with the care provider and, if needed, can meet and discuss with the parents as well.

It is good to remember that the family daycare provider works in their own home. This requires flexibility especially in the mornings when the care provider's own children are going to school while other children are brought to daycare. Phones should be kept in pockets and bags

while bringing in or picking up the children. It is important that information is conveyed daily between the parents and the care provider.

Daycare Fees

The daycare fees are calculated on the basis of family size, gross income and need for care hours announced on the application. An income statement needs to be delivered to the early education office secretary within a month after daycare has started.

Daycare Agreement and Daycare Schedule

Before the beginning of daycare or immediately after the beginning, a daycare agreement is drawn up. Both or one of the parents, the family daycare provider and the early education supervisor are present. The agreement defines, for example, the daycare schedule which usually consist of the parents' working hours + time for the commute. According to the Children's daycare act, the maximum time for daycare is usually ten hours. In addition, substitute care arrangements are agreed on and the people who can pick up the child are named. If the daycare hours are irregular due to parents' work, work schedules must be delivered to the care provider at least a week before the daycare begins. The child's days off must be reported on previous week's Wednesday at the latest. The arranged daycare schedule is to be followed. If the child is picked up by someone else than a parent, please let both the child and the daycare provider know in advance.

Absence from Daycare and Daycare Schedule

The family daycare provider needs to know of the child's absence from daycare as soon as possible. If the child does not arrive on time, the care provider is obligated to wait half an hour at maximum. Long absence has to be arranged with the early education supervisor. After a long absence, the same place for daycare cannot be guaranteed.

The arranged daycare schedule is to be followed because the working hours of the care provider are determined by the arrival of the first child and leaving of the last child in daycare. The care provider needs to be informed if the usual timetable differs fifteen minutes or more from the normal.

In Case of a Illness

If your child gets ill, notify the family daycare provider immediately. An ill child should not be brought to daycare because of his/her welfare and the risk of contagion. The parents need to report instantly if the child has a contagious illness! Being in a group can be tiring and he/she needs special attention when ill. After a fever, the child needs to stay home at least one day without symptoms and he/she needs to be able to participate normally in group activities when returning to daycare. A course of medication (e.g. antibiotics) is not a reason not bring your child to daycare as such. Just make sure that the medication is taken mostly at home. If the medication needs to be given to the child during daycare, discuss this with the family daycare provider. In addition, the medicine has to be dosed beforehand. If the child gets ill during the daycare or an injury or an accident happens, the care provider informs the parents. Children in municipal have an accident insurance.

Meals

The family daycare provider prepares varied home-made food for the children. Every child can eat according to their appetite but they are encouraged to taste new things. Let the care provider know about your child's eating habits and other things related to eating. While eating, the child learns new skills, manners and gets accustomed to new flavours.

A child in full time daycare is offered breakfast at 8 am, lunch at 11 am and a healthy snack at 2 pm. A child in part time care (max. 5 hours per day) is offered breakfast and lunch or lunch and a snack. In some cases, only a snack is offered. If the care hours are exceptionally long, another warm meal or another snack can be added. If you have irregular working hours, please take the meal times into account and offer the missed meals at home. It is hoped that the child gets to eat with their parents daily.

If your child is allergic to something, let the care provider know about it. Contact the child care clinic to get a certificate. The certificate is given to the early education supervisor. The family daycare provider needs to be clearly informed on the child's special diet, preferably in writing.

Rest

The child needs to rest during the day so that they have the energy to play. All the children in daycare take a rest daily. Age and habits are taken into consideration. Bringing a bedtime toy can be discussed with the care provider.



Clothing

While clothing your child, please remember the varied activities in daycare. Take seasons and weather into consideration and bring clothes for both staying in the house and playing outside. In addition, bring a change of clothes. Remember to check the shoes for their size regularly. Outerwear is taken home for a wash as often as needed. Remember to bring nappies and tissues as well. Marking the clothes and belongings by the child's name makes it easier to keep them in order.

In Case of the Family Daycare Provider's Illness/Holiday

All the children in daycare are provided a substitute arrangement in case the care provider is ill or on a holiday. The substitute care is arranged in another family daycare provider's home or in the daycare centre Kultasiipi 044 7625 324.

Let the family daycare provider know about

- child's absence
- changes in daycare schedule
- changes in contact information
- holiday times

Let the early education supervisor know about

- change of job
- changes in contact information
- changes in family relations
- permanent changes in care schedule or if there's no need for daycare anymore



If you have any questions, contact information can be found below.

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