



Welcome to school 2023



We look forward to meeting you!



We all look forward to welcoming your child this autumn.

The first day of school is a significant event for any family. Many children can't wait for the big day, while others might be slightly apprehensive. Either way, we want you to know that we will do our very best to give your child a warm welcome.

Every child should feel safe and welcome at school.

School staff and parents must work together to ensure that the children get off to a good start and enjoy school.

Whatever your child's stage of learning, the teachers will see every child for who they are. We want to motivate and inspire your child to want to learn. Our job is to help every child push themselves that little bit further.



We look forward to getting to know you and your child better.

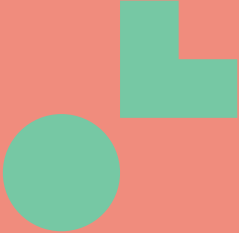
Good luck with your first day at school!

Kind regards

Marte Gerhardsen, Director of Education, City of Oslo



Children learn in different ways



Children are curious, spontaneous and love exploring the world. This is something we appreciate.

Teachers get to know all their pupils well, what they have already learnt, what their interests are and how they learn most effectively.

There are many ways of learning: together with the entire class in the classroom, in smaller groups in and outside the classroom, alone with a teacher or on a field trip with the entire year.

Everyone is part of the school community even if the tuition is tailored to each child's individual needs.



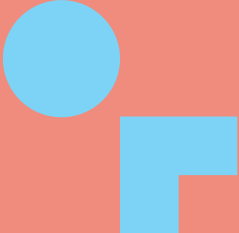
What and how will the children learn?

You probably have a lot of questions. To answer some of them and to ensure that your child feels confident about starting school, the school will contact all children and their parents/carers before the summer holidays.

Your child has already gained a lot of experience and a great deal of knowledge both from home and from kindergarten. The school will continue to build on what the children already know.

In the first years of school your child will learn to read, write and do maths. They will also learn how to work together, listen to each other, express their feelings and opinions and be a good classmate.

A curriculum is a document describing what the children should learn at school. The curriculum is the same across the country and can be viewed on the Directorate for Education and Training's website at www.udir.no.



**Before the first day of school
we recommend that you do
the following at home:**



- read to the child frequently
- talk about what different words mean
- play around with language sounds
- play games together, count and wait your turn
- practise getting dressed



Talk about what you can see in the picture!

What are the children doing?

Brøle is hiding somewhere in the picture – can you spot him?

What do you think the classroom looks like?

Go and search for the S sound! How many words did you find? Can you find words that rhyme?

There are several letters in the picture – perhaps you recognise some of them?

Can you find all the blue balls in the picture? Which are there more of? Pink flowers or yellow flowers?

What shapes can you see? (triangles, squares and circles)



Before and after-school programme (AKS)

AKS is a programme for children before and after school hours. AKS opens on 1 August.

All Year 1 pupils are offered a part-time place on the AKS programme free of charge. Remember that you still have to apply for a place even though it is free. Register your child for AKS in the application portal on your school's website. The website also provides more information about your child's school.

AKS is both educational and fun!



Rights and obligations



- All children living in Norway have both a right and a duty to attend primary and lower secondary education.
- As the parent/carer, it is your responsibility to ensure that your child attends school.
- The children go to school 190 days every school year.
- All schools in Oslo have the same term times and holidays.
- All children must attend school during term time and will usually not be allowed time off to go on holiday, for instance. You have to apply for a permission from the head teacher if you want to take your child out of school during term time.
- Some children have special needs. If this is the case, they may be entitled to special needs support.



Minority language children

If your child's mother tongue is not Norwegian or Sami, she/he may be entitled to adapted language education in Norwegian or in her/his mother tongue. There are three types of additional tuition.

- Adapted education in Norwegian is provided in the form of accelerated and specially adapted Norwegian language lessons.
- Bilingual subject teaching means subjects are taught in both Norwegian and the child's mother tongue.
- Mother tongue teaching means the child is taught in their native language.

If you have a Sami background

If you or your child has a Sami background, he/she will be entitled to receive tuition on and in the Sami language.

Sami language learning takes place at Nedre Bekkelaget school or online. Transport to and from the school will be provided. If ten or more pupils in Oslo's schools wish to be taught in Sami, the local authority is obliged to provide it.

www.oslo.kommune.no/skole-og-utdanning/sprakopplaring/undervisning-i-samisk



School management and staff

The head teacher is responsible for the school and for AKS. The head teacher is usually supported by an assistant head teacher, one or more deputies, a counsellor and an AKS co-ordinator.

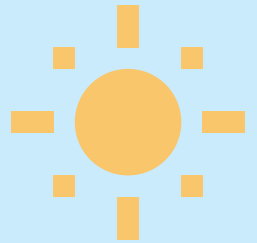
Every class is assigned a contact teacher. Each class or group also has other teachers and assistants.

About Oslo's schools

Municipal schools in Oslo are run by the local authority's Department of Education. This means that education is free for everyone living in Oslo.

We employ more than 17,000 people and have more than 91,000 pupils and apprentices.

www.oslo.kommune.no/skole-og-utdanning





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