

## **ANNOUNCEMENT on kindergarten admissions<sup>1</sup>**

### **Dear Parents!**

According to the relevant legal provision, kindergarten is an institution that educates children from the age of three until the start of compulsory education.<sup>2</sup> Kindergarten education is provided within the framework of classes necessary for the upbringing of the child and covering the entire kindergarten life.<sup>3</sup>

The most important information to know about the admission is as follows:

- 1. The child will attend kindergarten for at least four hours a day from the start of the school year in the year in which he/she turns three by August 31.<sup>4</sup>**
- 2. This obligation applies this year to children who were born before September 1, 2023 and are not yet attending kindergarten.** The kindergarten may also admit a child who turns three within six months of admission. The condition for this is that the application can be fulfilled for admission to kindergarten for all children aged three and older who have place of residence or stay in the district.<sup>5</sup>
3. Compulsory preschool education can also be fulfilled in early child development and care.<sup>6</sup>
4. Parents are required to enroll their children who are required to attend kindergarten<sup>7</sup> at the time specified in the notice or announcement published by the local government, or to request exemption from the obligation to attend kindergarten.<sup>8</sup>
- 5. The body designated in the government decree may exempt the child from participating in kindergarten classes** if the circumstances in the family of the child or any specific situation justify this. (The prerequisite for this is an application submitted by the parent. Based on the parent's application submitted by April 15 of the relevant year, taking into account the legitimate interests of the child, the designated body may exempt the child from the obligation until August 31 of the year in which the child turns four, or in a case of special merit - if the parent has already applied before the child turns four, then on a new application - until August 31 of the year in which the child turns five. In the case of a child undergoing long-term medical treatment, the application may also be submitted after April 15 of the relevant year. The procedural deadline is fifty days.<sup>9</sup>)
6. The parent may request admission from the kindergarten director during the school year in order for the child to participate in kindergarten classes, if the child has reached the age of three and is exempt from compulsory kindergarten education, or has not reached the age of three but complies with relevant legal requirements.<sup>10</sup>
7. If the child fulfills his/her kindergarten obligation abroad or resides in a country where attendance at kindergarten is not compulsory, the parent of a child subject to compulsory kindergarten attendance must notify the Education Office by the first day of the school year. If the child already has a legal relationship with a kindergarten, the parent must notify both the Education Office and the kindergarten director no later than the fifth day preceding the child's last day of kindergarten attendance.<sup>11</sup>
- 8. A parent or legal representative who fails to enroll a child under parental supervision or guardianship in kindergarten in a timely manner commits a violation of the law.<sup>12</sup>**

### **Applying to kindergarten, the decision on admission and enrollment**

#### *Information about kindergarten admission*

- Kindergarten admission or transfer is based on application.<sup>13</sup>
- Applications must also be sent for children currently in daycare.
- Parents are free to choose a kindergarten according to their child's abilities, skills, and interests, as well as their own religious and ideological beliefs and nationality.<sup>14</sup>
- The district list of municipally-run kindergartens can be viewed at any kindergarten or can be downloaded:  
<https://www.ferencvaros.hu/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/VEGLEGES-Ovodai-felveteli-korzethatarok-2025-02-20-tol.pdf>

<sup>1</sup> The English version of the announcement is for informational purposes only; in case of any legal dispute or interpretation, the Hungarian version of the announcement shall prevail.

<sup>2</sup> Section 8 (1) of Act CXC of 2011 on National Public Education (hereinafter referred to as: Nkt.).

<sup>3</sup> Article 12 of EMMI Decree 20/2012. (VIII.31.) on the operation of educational institutions and the use of names of public educational institutions (hereinafter referred to as: Decree).

<sup>4</sup> Section 8 (2) of Nkt.

<sup>5</sup> Section 8 (1) of Nkt.

<sup>6</sup> Section 8 (4) of Nkt.

<sup>7</sup> A child who is required by law to participate in kindergarten education.

<sup>8</sup> Section 20 (2) of Decree.

<sup>9</sup> Section 8 (2) of Nkt.

<sup>10</sup> Section 20 (2c) of Decree.

<sup>11</sup> Section 91 (4) of Nkt.

<sup>12</sup> Section 247(1)(a) of Act II of 2012 on Misdemeanours, Misdemeanour Procedure and the Misdemeanour Registration System.

<sup>13</sup> Section 49 (1) of Nkt.

<sup>14</sup> Section 72 (2) of Nkt.

- Separated parents exercise their rights jointly in important matters concerning the fate of the child even if parental custody is exercised by one parent based on an agreement between the parents or a court decision, unless the court has limited or revoked the custody rights of the parent living separately from the child in this regard.

## Registration date: April 27-29, 2026. 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

To apply for kindergarten, you must fill out the "Application for Kindergarten Admission" ("Óvodai felvétel iránti kérelem") form, which can be obtained at any municipally-run kindergarten or downloaded from the website [www.ferencvaros.hu](http://www.ferencvaros.hu).

**You can apply at the announced date at the kindergarten that is responsible for the district of your residence or at your chosen kindergarten. The application form must be submitted to the district and all chosen kindergartens.**

Name of the kindergarten	E-mail address	Phone	Address
Ferencvárosi Csicsergő Óvoda	<a href="mailto:ferencvarosi@csicsergoovoda.hu">ferencvarosi@csicsergoovoda.hu</a>	06-1-215-1611	1096 Budapest, Thaly Kálmán u. 38.
Ferencvárosi Csudafa Óvoda	<a href="mailto:ferencvarosi@csudafaovoda.hu">ferencvarosi@csudafaovoda.hu</a>	06-1-215-6473	1097 Budapest, Óbester u. 9.
Ferencvárosi Epres Óvoda	<a href="mailto:info@epresovoda.hu">info@epresovoda.hu</a>	06-1-280-6705	1098 Budapest, Epreserdő u. 10.
Ferencvárosi Kerekerdő Óvoda	<a href="mailto:info@kerekerdoovoda9.hu">info@kerekerdoovoda9.hu</a>	06-1-215-4791	1097 Budapest, Vágóhíd u. 35-37.
Ferencvárosi Kicsi Bocs Óvoda	<a href="mailto:ovoda@kicsibocsovi09.hu">ovoda@kicsibocsovi09.hu</a>	06-1-217-6394	1092 Budapest, Erkel u. 10.
Ferencvárosi Liliom Óvoda	<a href="mailto:liliomovoda@gmail.com">liliomovoda@gmail.com</a>	06-1-215-0097	1094 Budapest, Liliom u. 15.
Ferencvárosi Méhecske Óvoda	<a href="mailto:vezeto@mehecskeovoda.hu">vezeto@mehecskeovoda.hu</a>	06-1-357-0930	1091 Budapest, Ifjúnunkás u. 30.
Ferencvárosi Napfény Óvoda	<a href="mailto:napfenyovi04@gmail.com">napfenyovi04@gmail.com</a>	06-1-280-6709	1098 Budapest, Napfény u. 4.
Ferencvárosi Ugrifüles Óvoda	<a href="mailto:info@ugrifulesovoda.hu">info@ugrifulesovoda.hu</a>	06-1-377-0691	1091 Budapest, Hurok u. 9.

### Documents required for kindergarten registration:

1. Application for kindergarten admission;
2. an official identification document issued for the child (identity card, birth certificate, or passport);
3. official address card proving the child's address;
4. the child's social security card;
5. the child's health booklet containing mandatory vaccinations;
6. if the minor has special educational needs, a copy of the expert opinion;
7. official ID cards proving the parent's identity and official address card proving the address.
8. **If the minor is not a Hungarian citizen, the parent must also prove the legal title of the child's stay in Hungary,**<sup>15</sup> and must show:
  - a. the number of the document establishing legal residence,
  - b. address of residence or place of stay,
  - c. his mother's birth name,
  - d. the name of his father or legal representative.

Information on the contact details of kindergartens, their admission districts, the admission of children with special educational needs who can be educated in an integrated manner, the kindergartens authorized to educate them according to their founding documents, and their contact details can be downloaded from the website [www.ferencvaros.hu](http://www.ferencvaros.hu).

The kindergarten is obliged to admit or take over a child who normally lives in the kindergarten's area (hereinafter referred to as: kindergarten providing compulsory admission).<sup>16</sup>

#### *Legal proof of habitual residence*

It is considered to be a place of habitual residence if the child uses a property located in the area of the kindergarten providing compulsory admission as his/her home and such property has been listed in the register of citizens' personal data and address as the child's place of residence or stay for more than three months prior to the first deadline for kindergarten enrollment. If this is not met, or if it can be concluded based on any circumstances that the child does not live in the place of residence or stay listed in the register in a habitual residence manner, the kindergarten director is entitled to request the parent of the child applying for kindergarten to prove the fact of living in the area of habitual residence by presenting a statement from the territorially competent child welfare officer, certifying the use of child welfare services, within 15 days of receiving the request.<sup>17</sup> If, despite the kindergarten director's request, the parent does not present the child welfare officer's statement, the kindergarten director is entitled to verify the child's habitual residence in the area by initiating a family visit. If, out of at least three dates proposed by the kindergarten director, the child's parent or legal representative does not allow a family visit on any occasion, it shall be presumed that the child does not habitually reside in the area of the kindergarten providing compulsory admission, and on this basis, kindergarten admission may be refused.<sup>18</sup>

<sup>15</sup> Section 90 (3a) of Decree and Section 41 (2a) and (2b) of Nkt.

<sup>16</sup> Section 49 (3) of Nkt.

<sup>17</sup> Section 20 (9) of Decree.

<sup>18</sup> Section 20 (10) of Decree.

## Assessment of the application

- **The kindergarten director will notify parents in writing** about the assessment of admission and transfer applications **by May 29, 2026**, with the justification for the decision and information regarding the appeal.
  - If the parent requests it on the day of kindergarten enrollment - by providing their electronic contact information - they will receive an electronic notification if their child has been admitted to kindergarten or if their admission has been rejected.<sup>19</sup>
- The kindergarten director communicates his/her decision approving the kindergarten admission or transfer application to the parent in writing, and his/her decision to reject the application in the form of a resolution.<sup>20</sup>

### *Legal remedy in case of rejection*

The parent may file a request to initiate legal remedies against the kindergarten's decision with the kindergarten director within fifteen days of notification, or, failing that, of becoming aware of the decision.<sup>21</sup> The kindergarten director shall send the application for initiating the legal remedy procedure, together with all the documents of the case, to the notary of the local government for consideration within eight days, if it is a local government kindergarten. The maintainer shall act in the case and make a second-instance decision. The parent may appeal the decision of the maintainer (the notary) regarding the application submitted with reference to a violation of the law, as well as the application submitted with reference to a violation of interest, before the court proceeding in the administrative case. The statement of claim must be submitted to the court.<sup>22</sup>

## **The first day of kindergarten / the first day of the school year: September 1, 2026 (Tuesday)**

New children are accepted continuously from the first day of the school year. Children who have been placed in daycare and enrolled in kindergarten are also accepted on this day.

## **Last day of the school year: August 31, 2027 (Tuesday)**

Budapest, by timestamp

**Krisztina Baranyi**  
mayor

<sup>19</sup> Section 20 (1d) of Decree.

<sup>20</sup> Section 20 (4) of Decree.

<sup>21</sup> Section 37 (2) of Nkt.

<sup>22</sup> Section 37 (3b) and Section 38 (4) of Nkt.