



# The English Line education programme

## The English Line programme for first graders - information and application

The City of Kotka continues the English Line program, if enough pupils sign up for the first grade (minimum of 18 pupils).

The English Line programme is primarily for local pupils from Kotka. The pupil's guardians are responsible for school transportation. The programme is open to pupils interested in studying in Finnish and English however English skills are not required from applicants. Native English speakers' applications are considered separately/ tested during an interview.

Additional information from <https://www.kotka.fi/kasvatus-ja-koulutus/perusopetus/painotettu-opetus/kaksikielinen-opetus/>.

The school readiness **test (in Finnish )** will be held on February 21, 2022 **at 9.00 am at Haukkavuori School** to evaluate the children's language abilities and development. All **applicants are welcome to the tests without separate invitations**. A bilingual programme requires an extra effort from the children and if they have difficulties in learning, reading or writing, this should be considered before applying to the programme.

The English education programme is based on the Finnish primary school curriculum but it is bilingual. This means, that the subjects and lessons will follow the same curriculum as the other primary schools in Kotka.

If you are interested in the programme and would like your child to apply, please send an application by February 16, 2022 by e-mail: [anu.tiilikainen@kotka.fi](mailto:anu.tiilikainen@kotka.fi) or by post:

Kotkansaaren koulu, Haukkavuoren toimipiste, Opintie 2, 48100 Kotka

Application forms in English can be found here: <https://www.kotka.fi/kasvatus-ja-koulutus/perusopetus/painotettu-opetus/kaksikielinen-opetus/>.

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