



# 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). Based on the test results, a maximum of 22 pupils are selected for the class. Those selected must score at least 50% of the points on the entrance test.

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 as well as sufficient skills for studying in two languages. English skills are not required from applicants. Native English speakers' applications are considered separately/ tested during an interview.

An information session about the arrangements for bilingual education will be arranged at Haukkavuori school on January 26, 2023, at 18 o'clock.

The school readiness test (in Finnish) will be held on February 16, 2023 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. If a student is ill on the day of the test, we will arrange one new test day if necessary. If a student does not take the test on the day of the test and has not contacted the school in advance and told they can't participate, the application is considered cancelled.

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 13, 2023 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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