



The English Line Education Programme

The English Line programme for the first school year: information and application procedure

Haukkavuori School (part of Kotkansaari School) accepts applications to the first school year of the English Line education programme of the City of Kotka. The minimum required size of the class is 18 pupils. A maximum of 22 pupils will be accepted to the programme based on the results of the school readiness test. To be accepted, the applicants' result should be higher than 50% of the total test points.

The English Line programme is primarily offered for the local pupils from Kotka. Children from other areas may also apply to the programme. The pupil's guardians are responsible for school transportation. The programme is open to pupils, who are both motivated to study in Finnish and English and whose school readiness test shows sufficiently high results. English language skills are not required from the applicants. Native English speakers take the school readiness test in English.

The school readiness **test will be held on February 11, 2026, at 9 am at Haukkavuori School. All applicants are expected to participate in the test. NO separate invitations are sent.** If one or several applicants are sick on the day of the test, one additional date can be arranged for the test. Should the applicant be absent from the test without informing the school, the application is considered withdrawn.

The school readiness test evaluates language learning abilities, listening comprehension, concept understanding, memory, perceptual skills, understanding and following verbal directions. A bilingual programme requires higher level of commitment from children. The programme is not recommended for children with difficulties in learning, reading, or writing.

The English Line education programme follows the Finnish primary school curriculum implemented on bilingual basis. The distribution of lesson hours and subjects mainly comply with the curriculum of other primary schools in Kotka. The second foreign language (A2-language) starts in the English Line classes in the 4th school year.

If you are interested in the programme and would like your child to apply, **please send an application by February 6, 2026** by e-mail to: 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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