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CHANGES TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CLIENT FEES AS OF 1 AUGUST, 2026

Along with the index adjustment from the beginning of August 2026, the maximum fee charged in early childhood education will be €335 per month for the youngest child and the minimum fee €32 per month. The fee charged for the second child is a maximum of 40% of the full-time fee for the youngest child, i.e. a maximum of €134 per month. The fee for subsequent children is 20% of the full-time fee for the youngest child.

	Current fee in €	New fee in € as of 1 August 2026
Maximum fee	311	335
Maximum fee for the second child	124	134
Minimum fee per child	30	32

Income limits for the client fee as of 1 August 2026

Family size (people)	Income limit €/month	Fee percentage for the part exceeding the income limit	Payment starting at €32, income at least	Maximum fee, if income exceeds
2	4,369	10.70%	4,668	7,495
3	5,635	10.70%	5,934	8,761
4	6,399	10.70%	6,698	9,525
5	7,163	10.70%	7,462	10,289
6	7,925	10.70%	8,224	11,051

Client fees in early childhood education are index-linked as per Section 16 of the Act on Client Fees in Early Childhood Education and Care (1503/2016). An index adjustment is carried out every two years. The client fees for early childhood education have been revised by a notice issued by the Ministry of Education and Culture on 26 November 2025 (Notice of the Ministry of Education and Culture on the index-adjusted client fee for early childhood education (1028/2025)).

For more information, please call the client fee service number, tel.

- 05 234 7850
(Mon 9–12 and 13–15, Tue 9–12, Thu 13–15)
- Early childhood education

Income information shall be submitted via online services

<https://www.kotka.fi/kasvatus-ja-koulutus/varhaiskasvatus-2/asioi-sahkoisesti/asiointi-nykyiset-asiakkaat/>

Best regards,
Kotka's Early Childhood Education