General preschool for parents with children who will reach the age of three during 2018

It will soon be time to start preschool
Preschool is the first step in the national education system. It is therefore important that all children have access to preschool. Parliament has decided that all children will be offered a general preschool place for at least three hours per day, commencing in the autumn term in which they reach the age of three.

Organisation
General preschool means that it should be available to everyone, and attendance is voluntary. The Municipality of Jönköping offers general preschool for three hours per day or 15 hours per week, spread over three or four days, depending on the decision reached by the individual preschool. General preschool follows the primary and secondary school academic year and holiday periods.

Your child will in the first instance be offered a place at a preschool close to your home. If you would like a place at a preschool other than one close to your home, this wish will be met as far as possible. Transport to and from the preschool will not be provided.

Cost
General preschool is free of charge. Those children who have care needs that extend beyond the time spent at preschool will have their fee reduced from and including the month of August in the year in which they reach the age of three.

Children who are already attending preschool
If your child already has a place at a municipal or private preschool (a preschool run by an organisation other than the municipal authority), you do not need to make a separate application.

Children who are receiving pedagogical care at a day care provider
If your child has a place in pedagogical care at a day care provider, and has care requirements of more than 15 hours per week, the fee will be reduced even if your child is not attending preschool. If your child attends both pedagogical care and preschool, you must as a rule arrange for your child to be taken to and from preschool.

In the case of a child receiving pedagogical care who also wishes to attend preschool – or who wishes to leave pedagogical care and attend preschool only – a separate application is required.

Children not attending preschool
If your child wishes to attend general preschool but does not have a place, you will need to make a separate application.
The Education Administration School and Childcare Office (see overleaf for telephone details) will be more than happy to provide you with further information and to receive your application, which must be submitted by April 1 at the latest.

The Municipality of Jönköping and the private preschool providers would like to take the opportunity to welcome all children to general preschool.