

## INFORMATION LETTER

### **Model form and instructions for drawing up the child's individual early childhood education and care plan**

In the National core curriculum for early childhood education and care, the Finnish National Agency for Education provides support material for drawing up the child's individual early childhood education and care plan. The support material includes a model form and the instructions for filling it in. The model form includes everything that the National core curriculum as a norm requires.

The providers of early childhood education and care (ECEC) may also use forms that they have drawn up themselves. These forms should, however, contain everything that has been determined in the National core curriculum. ECEC providers may use the model forms drawn up by the Finnish National Agency for Education also as a basis for planning their own forms.

The child's individual early childhood education and care plan is drawn up for every child at ECEC centres and family daycare (Act on early childhood education and care 580/2015, section 7a) together with the child and the child's guardians. With the individual plan, shared objectives are set and decisions are made together on how each child's individual development, learning and wellbeing are systematically promoted in ECEC. The plan will also serve as a tool for planning the support provided for the child's development and learning as necessary.

If the child receives other ECEC in addition to pre-primary education, the goals of ECEC and other related matters to consider can be recorded in the child's individual learning plan for pre-primary education. If no individual learning plan for pre-primary education is drawn up for the child, the goals and needs of pre-primary education can be taken into account in the child's individual early childhood education and care plan.

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