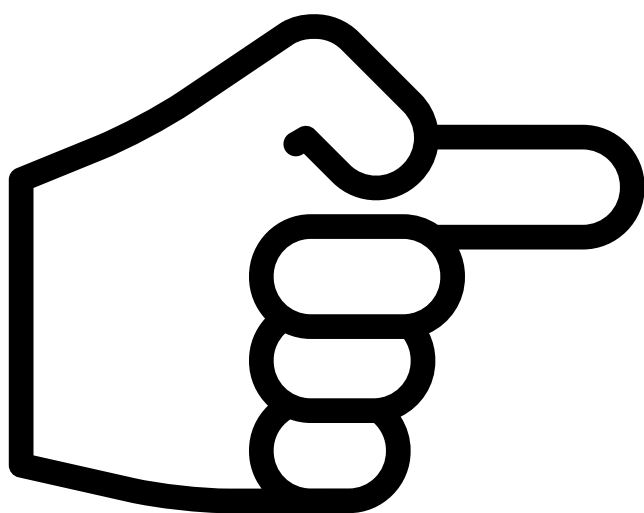


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# Are you about to enrol your child **IN PRESCHOOL?**



## **Do you want the best education for your son or daughter?**

Teaching in Catalan is a successful model that has guaranteed peaceful coexistence and high quality education in our schools for decades.



## **Do you want them to learn several languages?**

Teaching in Catalan guarantees seamless learning of both official languages. The other way around does not.



## **Do you want an inclusive school and society?**

Separating children on the basis of language leads to social segregation in the long run.



## **Are you worried about Catalan not being their mother tongue?**

Teaching in Catalan only adds opportunities. It does not hinder the development of the mother tongue, and it also facilitates the learning of new languages. There are only advantages to it.



## **Do you think they will struggle?**

Preschool age is the best time to learn a new language. They will learn it through play and socializing. It will be a walk in the park for them. In addition, learning a language later in life is much more difficult.

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Preschool (2nd cycle): from 3 to 6 years old. Primary education: from 6 to 12 years old. Secondary education: from 12 to 16 years old.

# Are you about to enrol your son or daughter in preschool? Frequently Asked Questions



## **Do I have to choose the language they will be taught in?**

Schools adhere to a language policy that they have planned and approved. Families can only temporarily choose a different language option in early education.



## **What does the choice of language involve?**

Being taught for 6 to 16 hours per week in a different language from the rest of the group.



## **At what point can you choose the language?**

At the time of enrolment and only the first time the child begins their schooling, i.e. in preschool or when starting primary (only if they have not been in education before).



## **What languages can be chosen?**

Catalan or Spanish.



## **Is this choice carried over into primary education?**

No. Regardless of the language chosen in preschool, the school's own language policy will be applied from primary education onwards. If your child has not consolidated their speaking skills in the language of the school, this may make learning to read and write more difficult.



## **And in secondary education?**

No. Families can only choose the language in early education and the first time a child is enrolled in education.



## **What does choosing Catalan mean?**

Learning to speak Catalan in a functional and effective way, regardless of the language spoken at home and the language of origin. Consolidating the spoken language allows the child to have a head start when it comes to learning to read and write in Catalan later on.



## **Does choosing to be taught in Catalan make it difficult to learn Spanish?**

No, not at all. The experience of decades of teaching in Catalan is testament to this. Children also learn to speak and write in Spanish at school. But, above all, the fact that Spanish carries greater social weight due to its widespread use in and outside the home, in the media, and so on, ensures that every child will learn it.



## **What is the aim of schools in terms of language acquisition?**

Guarantee full proficiency in both official languages by the end of compulsory education.



## **How is this achieved?**

By making up for the fact that Catalan starts off at a disadvantage because it carries less social weight. The first years of schooling are crucial when it comes to achieving this.

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# Children enrolling in 2026-2027

## WHY WILL I CHOOSE CATALAN FOR MY CHILDREN?

- ✓ Because teaching in Catalan works. This has been proven by years of experience and is endorsed by the education community.
- ✓ Because it guarantees proficiency in both official languages.
- ✓ Because knowing more than one language benefits your child's brain, including making it easier to learn new languages.
- ✓ Because mastering the region's own language opens doors and ensures equal opportunities in areas such as university education, culture and the world of work.
- ✓ Because knowing Catalan facilitates integration into the life of the school, the neighbourhood and society in general.
- ✓ Because the plasticity of children's brains makes learning easy and enjoyable at this stage. Later on, the possibilities of fully learning a language weaken.
- ✓ Because the proximity between Catalan and Spanish allows a child who learns to read and write in Catalan to be able to do so automatically in Spanish without too much effort.
- ✓ Because simultaneous language learning favours the mental process of adapting to new codes and new languages in the future.
- ✓ Because the child, at the end of preschool, must have mastered the spoken language to be able to begin reading and writing in Catalan.
- ✓ Because to guarantee full proficiency in both official languages, education must make up for the initial disadvantage faced by Catalan.
- ✓ Because learning a language takes nothing away from and does not replace the mother tongue.
- ✓ Because language-based segregation of students is prohibited under current legislation. In addition, in the long run it leads to social segregation.

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