



OOSTENDE  
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AAN ZEE

# ENROLLING FOR NURSERY AND PRIMARY EDUCATION



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## 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Dit is de exacte vertaling van de Nederlandstalige folder  
INSCHRIJVEN VOOR KLEUTER- EN LAGER ONDERWIJS in het Engels.



## Who you must register digitally

- All children born in 2023.
- All children changing school on 1 September 2025.

## What digital registration means

Digital registration means letting us know in advance the school or schools at which you wish to enrol your child.

The new registration period for nursery and primary education begins in February 2025.

Digital registration is required because some schools fill up quickly. Those who register have priority over those who do not. You will never be allocated a school you have not chosen. If you are still not completely satisfied, you can always decide to enrol your child at a school where places are still available.



## How available places are allocated?

If a school receives **fewer** applications than there are available places, each registered child will be given a place.

If a school receives **more** applications than there are available places, registered children will be ranked as follows:

1. the parents' choice of school.
2. siblings and children of school staff priority groups.



3. the distance between the child's home address and the school or the *official* work address of either parent and the school. The computer calculates the shortest distance to the school.
  - GO! schools give 10% of available places to children who live closest to the school and distribute 90% of available places at random.
  - Free schools give 90% of available places to children who live closest to the school and distribute 10% of available places at random.

For ranking based on distance to the school, the computer compares the distance between the child's home address and the school with the distance between the parent's *official* work address and the school for each child. The shorter of the two distances is used to rank the children.

4. If your child is able to take up an available place at more than one preferred school, you can enrol him or her at the school at the top of your preference list.

**Official work address** This is your employer's address and may differ from the place where you are working at your employer's request.

## How to register digitally

Have the following documents to hand:

- the parents'/guardian's identity card
- your child's national register number.

**No national register number** If you do not have a national register number, contact the Local Consultative Platform: 02 553 10 42, Monday to Thursday, between 09.00 and 12.00.

### STEP 1

- First search for information about schools in Ostend at [www.naarschoolinoostende.be/basisonderwijs/website/](http://www.naarschoolinoostende.be/basisonderwijs/website/).
- Choose at least three schools and put them in order of your preference.

### STEP 2

Use this website to register your child:  
[www.naarschoolinoostende.be/basisonderwijs/website/](http://www.naarschoolinoostende.be/basisonderwijs/website/).

This can be done from 10.00 on Tuesday 25 February 2025 until 15.30 on Tuesday 18 March 2025. It does not matter when you register, but you must do so within this period.

After registration, you will hear at which school your child has been allocated a place by Tuesday 25 March 2025 at the latest. You will receive an email or a letter.

## STEP 3

Once you have received the email or letter, you will go to the school to enrol your child.

You can enrol between Monday 28 April 2025 and Monday 19 May 2025, during school hours.

You should make an appointment.

If you do not register, you will have to wait until 27 May 2025 before enrolling at a school that is not oversubscribed.

Below is an overview of the dates when your child (born in 2023) can go to school.

children born before ...	Start time on ...
1 March 2023	Monday 1 September 2025
3 May 2023	Monday 3 November 2025
5 July 2023	Monday 5 Januari 2026
2 August 2023	Monday 2 February 2026
23 August 2023	Monday 23 February 2026
20 October 2023	Monday 20 April 2026
13 November 2023	Monday 18 July 2026
19 November 2023 to 31 December 2023	Tuesday 1 September 2026

IF YOU NEED HELP TO REGISTER DIGITALLY,

you can contact:

- any primary school in Ostend

or :

- **a Pupil Guidance Centre (CLB)**

- GO! Pupil Guidance Centre Ostend, Hennepestraat 53, 8400 Ostend - 059 70 21 00
- Free Pupil Guidance Centre De Havens, Pensjagerstraat 30, 8400 Ostend - 059 50 68 01
- Intercity Pupil Guidance Centre, Ostend Branch, Violierenlaan 5, 8400 Ostend 059 70 75 41

- **Education and Leisure**

- **Opportunities Service Desk**

- City hall (service desks room) Vindictevelaan 1, 8400 Ostend 0800 1 8400 - loketovk@oostende.be

- **Huis van het Kind schools**

- Het Huis van het Kind Edith Edith Cavellstraat 54-56, 8400 Ostend 059 59 20 06 - huisvanhetkind@oostende.be
- Huis van het kind Louisa Louisastraat 7, 8400 Ostend - 059 25 53 04 huisvanhetkind@oostende.be

- **Agency for Integration and Civic**

- Integration, Vrijhavenstraat 5, 8400 Ostend - 059 23 35 47 - oostende@integratie-inburgering.be

- **Digipunt locations**

- Ostend City Hall, Vindictevelaan 1 - every Tuesday between 13.00 and 16.30
- Edith Cavell Campus, Edith Cavellstraat 15 - every Wednesday between 09.00 and 12.00
- Antenne Social Grocer (Sociale Kruidenier), Torhoutsesteenweg 291 - every Thursday between 13.00 and 17.00
- Perspectief, Stuiverstraat 401 - every Monday, Thursday and Saturday between 09.00 and 12.00
- At community centres:
  - 't Kasteeltje Community Centre, Kasteelstraat 22 - fortnightly on Wednesday mornings between 09.00 and 12.00
  - De Boeie Community Centre, Kerkstraat 35 - every Tuesday morning between 09.30 and 11.30 and Friday afternoon between 14.00 and 16.00
  - De Schelpe Community Centre, Elisabethlaan 32 - every working day between 09.30 and 12.00
- Ostend Library, Wellingtonstraat 17 - every Friday morning between 10.00 and 12.00 (not during school holidays)

- **the Local Consultative Platform**

- 02 553 10 42 -lopoostende.gewoonbasis@vlaanderen.be



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