

## ENROLLING FOR NURSERY AND PRIMARY EDUCATION





.u.: Siegelinde Lacoere, Vindictivelaan 1, Oostende

2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR



### Who you must you register digitally

- All children born in 2022.
- All children changing school on 1 September 2024.

#### 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 2024.

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/.
- 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/.

This can be done from 10.00 on Tuesday 27 February 2024 until 15.30 on Tuesday 19 March 2024. 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 Friday 19 April 2024 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 22 April 2024 and Monday 13 May 2024,

during school hours. You should make an appointment.

If you do not register, you will have to wait until 23 May 2024 before enrolling at a school that is not oversubscribed.

Below is an overview of the dates when your child (born in 2022) can go to school.

children born before	Start time on
1 March 2022	Monday 2 September 2024
4 May 2022	Monday 4 September 2024
6 July 2022	Monday 6 September 2025
1 August 2022	Monday 3 February 2025
10 September 2022	Monday 10 March 2025
22 October 2022	Tuesday 22 April 2025
2 December 2022	Monday 2 June 2025
3 December 2022 to 31 December 2022	Monday 1 September 2025

## 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, Hennepstraat 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) Vindictivelaan 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, Vindictivelaan 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



