

The Formentera Council (CiF) Office of Education has announced that from May 4, enrolment applications will be accepted for children wishing to attend the La Miranda or el Camí Vell de la Mola nursery school during the 2016-2017 school year. As education councillor Susana Labrador explained, the deadline for applications is May 18 and provisional lists of accepted children will be published May 30.

Individuals who are interested can download the application in the *Escoletes* (Nurseries) section of CiF website and at the following link:
http://goo.gl/rxXr8e.
The application can also be downloaded and handed in in person at the Citizen's Information Office (OAC) from May 4-18, 9.00am to 5.00pm, Monday through Saturday.

As Labrador pointed out, the same admissions process will be used for the two schools. “There will be a space on the application for applicants to note which of the two escoletes they prefer,” she added. Children born in 2016, 2015 or 2014 can attend Escoleta de La Miranda and those born in 2015 or 2014 can apply to Escoleta des Camí Vell. Labrador encouraged anyone with questions to visit the La Miranda nursery between 2.00 and 3.00pm.

The current admissions process involves Formentera's two year-long nursery schools, which offered 128 places during the 2015-2016 school year.

The two nurseries operate on a year-long basis and, together, provided places for 128 children during the 2015-2016 school year. Though numbers are expected to remain relatively unchanged from this year to next, Labrador indicated the Council's intent to adapt the available places to the demand registered from island families. The councillor highlighted the challenges posed by early childhood education and, in that regard, pointed to the Council's two main goals: a high quality standard and “zero waitlist”. The latter, she said, “though not exactly a requirement, is a deal-breaker for individuals juggling a family and a job.”