

The Formentera Office of Education is pleased to report that from Monday 31 January to Friday 4 February, the administration of the Sant Ferran nursery, or *escoleta*, will oversee a special period of enrolment for children born in 2021.

The escoleta will accommodate seven more children, said Susana Labrador, Councillor of Education, who expressed satisfaction at being able "to offer more places to Formentera children and families who need it".

Registration: 31 January to 4 February, both inclusive

Enrolment can be completed online on the Virtual Citizen Information Office (OVAC) or by phoning the Sa Miranda escoleta at 971 32 34 15 between 9.30am and 2.30pm, Monday to Friday, to schedule an in-person appointment. On account of the public health situation, appointments are required. No inquiries or applications will be accepted after the established date.

Once applications are submitted, the admissions process will proceed as follows: The provisional list will be made public on 9 February, after which a period of claims will follow from 9 to 11 February. The definitive list of acceptees will be published on 16 February and enrolment will take place between 17 at 21 February. Children will be able to start attending in March.

The Sant Ferran escoleta opened its doors in September. Today it serves 27 one- to three-year-olds and employs 5 workers. Sa Miranda escoleta currently serves 82 children under three, 7 of whom are babies. Councillor Labrador voiced her hopes that the new period of enrolment would bring the centre's waiting list for babies to zero, as typically occurs with other age groups. She also pointed out that the Sant Ferran escoleta was designed to expand to adapt to growing enrolment.

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