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Dear Parents,

Even at this time of hardship and uncertainty, we should think about the future, and especially the future of your sons and daughters.

Three year old girls and boys, in fact, usually begin their school career by attending a kindergarten, which can be state-operated, officially recognised, or private.

In particular, based on an agreement entered into many years ago, our City has established relationships of collaboration with the private managers of numerous officially recognised schools, and, in particular, with many schools adhering to the Italian Federation of Kindergartens (F.I.S.M.) and the Jewish School.

The agreement provides for financial contributions designed to maintain the fees paid by the families below a given threshold determined jointly by the City and the schools themselves.

Moreover, the relationships established have permitted a broad exchange of good practices and views on educational and organisational aspects.

Hence, for children aged 3 to 5 , we have a system offering educational services managed by different subjects (i.e., State, Municipality, private operators of subsidised schools), all of them committed to the construction of a city-wide school system based on educational principles that can help children establish positive relationships with their peers and with adults, and promote exploration and knowledge of the environment.

Since, while retaining their specific features, the individual schools are all part of the city's educational system, in order to simplify the enrolment process for the next school year, all families can submit a single application, irrespective of the school (or schools) of their choice (as long as the school is included in the categories listed above).

I wish to inform you that, thanks to the collaboration with Turin's Territorial District (formerly Board of Education) and the relative school representative committees, and based on the aforementioned agreement with F.I.S.M. schools and the Jewish school, registration for these services will be possible only online.

Besides being safer in this medical emergency period, this method will enable the families to save time by compiling the applications at home, without having to visit the offices/premises of the various institutions.

***For the registration, you will need the Public Digital Identification System (SPID) credentials.** With these credentials you will be able to access the services of the City and all the other offices of the Italian Public Administration. If you are not already in possession of your SPID credentials, you can find full information on this issue at <https://www.spid.gov.it/>.*

Enrolment applications must be submitted from 4 to 25 January 2021.

Shortly, enrolment modalities and further information on how to submit an application for the 2021/2022 school year will be published on website <http://www.comune.torino.it/servizieducativi/>.

If interested in enrolling their child for the 2021/2022 school year, the families who submitted an application for the 2020/2021 school year and are still on a waiting list must submit a new application.

Wishing that this difficult period will soon be over and in the hope of having provided information that will help you in making your decisions, I send you my best greetings

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