

The Formentera Council's education department reports that educators and children of the island's two early learning escoletes returned to classrooms today. A total of 112 children aged zero to three filed into nine classrooms today, with 17 teachers and one aide to help oversee them. Both schools say space remains available for two- to three-year-olds—Sa Miranda has got space for eleven and Camí Vell for five.

Recent weeks saw the school's educational teams and the Council's work brigades doing maintenance and upgrades to get the facilities in shape in time for the new school year. In addition to fresh coats of paint in the interiors of the two schools, changes included new mosquito nets in common areas, thorough cleanings of courtyards, checks of A/C units, grout in potentially leaky spots and other service upgrades.

Working strategies are identical at the two escoletes and activities are organised jointly in weekly meetings of Sa Miranda and Camí Vell teachers. They share cooking staff, with a chef and kitchen assistant preparing daily meals for the two schools.