

The Consell de Formentera reports that the island's early-childhood learning centres —*escoletes* — will close their doors for two weeks from Monday 16 March. It is the latest in a line of precautionary measures aimed at local containment of Covid-19, following on the heels of the Govern balear's announcement it will suspend on-site learning at the pre-K, primary and secondary levels as well as the University of the Balearic Islands. Accredited instruction at the Formentera School of Music will also be suspended from Monday.

Children will be received tomorrow, Friday 13 March, at Formentera's two escoletes, though parents and guardians who are able to avoid leaving their young ones at school are encouraged to do so. The president once again voiced her hope that "calm minds prevail during this exceptional situation" and appealed anew to islanders' sense of "personal responsibility in minimising risky behaviour and protecting our most vulnerable".

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