Childcare, education and other family matters

School is not compulsory until the age of 6 in Spain, but nursery education offers a solution for parents who need to research or teach during school hours.

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In Spain, once children turn six years old, it is mandatory to enroll them in any of the following training centers (whose academic year runs from September to June): (a) Public schools (which do not apply registration fees), (b) Concerted centers; and (c) Private schools (which require payment of tuition and are generally run by religious entities). The City Council of Jaén makes available a complete list of schools in Jaén regardless of whether they are public schools or subsidized schools. You can also check the existing range of centers in Jaén (or in Linares) on the website of the Junta de Andalucía. From the age of six, compulsory education is divided into the following stages according to the Spanish Educational System:

Types of education

Primary education	**Secondary education**
From 6-12 years old	From 12-16 years old

Once they have completed compulsory secondary education (ESO), pupils can enrol for the Baccalaureate (from 16-18 years old) if they wish to pursue university studies. Pupils aged 15 and over can also enrol on a Professional Training programme to learn a trade with the option of pursuing university studies at a later point.

The so-called Territorial Delegation of Education, Sports, Equality, Social Policies and Conciliation in Jaén –which is in charge of administrative matters related to official registration– is located at C / Martínez Montañés, 8. Please make sure you can Provide all the official documentation that is required to prove identity and family ties: birth certificates, family books, etc.