

## Who is the home in Veržej meant for?

Educational home functions in the framework of the public educational institution “Elementary School Veržej” which consists of elementary education and home upbringing. It is meant for the education and re-education of school-aged children with emotional and behavioural difficulties from all over Slovenia. It is at the same time “the school of life and work” with its main intention of interrupting children’s growth standstill and to ensure the right environment for their further development.



The Home offers its hand to children in need of special social-pedagogical treatment. Teachers with supplementary special education are taking care of professional educational work at school. At Home there are special pedagogues working as educators, psychologist, a hospital nurse and other technical staff. There are six groups in which we try to create a relaxed atmosphere of “open hands” and try to ensure the right conditions for acquiring vital experiences and to develop a positive self-image.

## When do we help?

When a child finds him/her self in a distress for various reasons like not attending school, fighting, running away, conflicts in social environment and related learning psycho-somatic difficulties, when parents are educationally helpless or when standard forms of advisory work are not efficient anymore or the child needs more intense and effective help.

The child is appointed to our Home by the CSD (Centre for Social Work) when there are special measures requested by the education and protection of the child and when a healthy personal growth is endangered in accordance with the law.



## How do we help?

The treatment in our Home is mixture of everyday life like sleeping, eating, dressing, washing, learning and social-pedagogical education, psychological and medical nursing. The Home is well integrated in the life of the nearby village. We organize a whole range of free time activities, workshops, and different projects that satisfy the children’s needs and awake their interests.

## How do we spend the days?

We spare no pains for our children to be comfortable and feel useful. We plan our days together so that life is interesting, relaxed and at the same time educational. We provide them with new behavioural patterns, new perspectives and always offer our hands to them.

The morning school classes are followed by the afternoon free time activities. We have sports classes (football, basketball, volleyball, table tennis, skiing, ice-skating, cycling, swimming, fishing ...), recital and drama classes, art classes, design and creative classes, chess, beekeeping and many more. Children can also dance, knead, sew, draw, bake, get to know different places, talk, learn to live with each other and accept the different. A lot of interesting things happen. Every child can find a field which interests him or her.



## How long are the children in our Home?

We try to shorten the time spent in our Home as much as possible. We also try not to truncate their relationships with their parents. Not rarely we re-establish their relationships or bring them to a higher level. The cooperation with parents is vital and that is why we devote a lot of our attention to taking care of family ties.

## Where are we?

Veržej lies on flat lands of the right bank of the river Mura by the regional road Ljutomer - Murska Sobota. The location enables good road, train and bus connections. Rich nature, cultural and historical heritage is interwoven with the contemporary life of people by the river Mura which is the heart of the region. Veržej is well known for the Babič's mill on the river Mura and thermal spa Banovci.



# Educational home

## Veržej

By the elementary school Veržej



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»We are not here to do what others do; we are here to do what others cannot, because they think it is impossible. We are here to open the doors of the future for the kids belonging to the future. Everything else is not worth the trouble.«