

**OPCAT Visit**  
**to Francis II Rákóczi Children's Home of Somogy County**

**18 February 2021**

On 18 February 2021, the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights of Hungary, responsible for the tasks of the National Preventive Mechanism (hereinafter referred to as: "NPM"), and his colleagues paid a visit to the Francis II Rákóczi Children's Home in Fonyód.



The purpose of the visit was to check the implementation of the measures taken to prevent the spread of the coronavirus infection (COVID-19) and to remedy the harmful effects of the pandemic. The NPM inspected the conditions of placement in the special and additional needs, as well as the integrated groups of the 48-bed children's home, he conducted interviews with the children and their carers. He also inquired about the changes that have been caused in the operation of the children's home by the state of danger declared in Government Decree No. 40/2020. (III. 11.) and the protection from the coronavirus infection. He also checked the measures taken to prevent the spread of the epidemic.

The visiting group was composed of the following members:

- dr. Ákos Kozma, Commissioner for Fundamental Rights of Hungary
- dr. Rita Rostás, Psychologist, Education Expert
- dr. Norbert Mézes, Lawyer
- Mrs. Tóthné Klaudia Kiss, Psychologist

The National Preventive Mechanism will prepare a report on the visit.