

Istanbul Greek school down to just one student

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Valendi Mihailidis is seen in a classroom of the Kadiköy Greek Elementary School, where he is the only student. Only 10 out of 22 Greek schools in Istanbul have students. Radikal photo, Mine TUDUK

If 10-year-old Valendi Mihailidis forgets his pen or notebook at home, there is no one at his school he can borrow one from. The fourth-grader is the only student at the Kadiköy Greek Primary School in Istanbul, one of 22 schools in the city serving just 214 pupils.

When asked if he ever gets bored without other students around, Valendi told daily Radikal, “I want to have friends too, but there are also good sides of being alone.”

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