

Early Learning and Childcare Admission Policy - Policy Criteria

Priority One – allocate in priority order		
(A)	Any child considered in need of protection	Children on the child protection register or identified through child protection procedures.
(B)	Request for assistance from social work where a child is deemed to be in need	Request for assistance from Social Work where either: The placement would help the child remain within the family environment rather than be looked after by the local authority; The child is currently or has been subject to a statutory order, looked after, under a kinship care order or with a parent appointed guardian; The placement would support the child's return to the family; Children born to parents under 16 years of age or in formal full-time education to allow the parents to return to education.
Priority Two – allocate in priority order		
(A)	Request for assistance from social work or health professionals for children with complex or multiple needs	Children who require substantial direct and continuing intervention from at least one other agency out with education and whose additional support needs are putting the child at an educational and social disadvantage, including children born pre-term below 30 weeks.
(B)	Request for assistance where it has been identified that a high level of family support is required	Children and families who have been identified as requiring substantial support through an integrated assessment, or other multi-agency approaches.
(C)	Request for assistance for children and families experiencing acute stress and/or requiring high levels of support	Children and families experiencing acute stress, and/or requiring high levels of support: - Children of asylum seekers; Refugees; Children living in bed and breakfast, transient or who have a pattern of homelessness; Military families; and Children of parents who have been looked after and accommodated.
(D)	Request for assistance from other professionals for children with less significant additional support needs or where there are concerns about the circumstances of the child, parents or family	Children who require support because of circumstances which are placing the child, parent or family at an educational, social or health disadvantage. This includes children who are adversely affected by the disability of any other person in the family or where there is a high level of support required for English as an additional language. This priority refers to children of parents who have previously been looked after by the local authority and are in employment education or training. The professionals who would request assistance within this priority includes to are: education establishments; health agencies; social work services; voluntary sector agencies

Priority Three - allocate in priority order		
(A)	Early learning and childcare entitlement for eligible two-year olds.	Eligible two-year olds whose parents are in receipt of qualifying benefits stated within section 1.10 of the policy guidance.
(B)	Early learning and childcare entitlement for 3 to 5 year olds	(a) Children born in January or February with an entitlement to an additional year or where a deferred year has been approved for children born between September and December.
		(b) Children transferring from English reception class.
		(c) Children in their pre-school year residing in Renfrewshire within the admission panel designated area.
		(d) Children in their ante pre-school year residing in Renfrewshire within the admission panel designated area.
		(e) Children in their pre-school year residing in Renfrewshire from outwith the admission panel designated area.
		(f) Children in their ante pre-school year residing in Renfrewshire from out with the admission panel designated area.

Priority Three - priority is given to children whose parents or carers are: in employment and in receipt of income support, income-based job seekers allowance, working tax credits or universal credit; or in employment, education or training.

Priority Four – allocate in priority order

Children aged 0-3 years residing in Renfrewshire.

Priority Four - priority is given to children whose parents or carers are: in employment and in receipt of income support, income-based job seekers allowance, working tax credits or universal credit; or in employment, education or training.

Priority Five

Children aged 0-5 years residing out with the Renfrewshire area.