

Renfrewshire Council
Early Learning and Childcare Admission Policy

Priority One – Child protection and children in need (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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 18 years of age who are in full-time education provided within a secondary school or to allow the parents to return to education.
Priority Two – Referral for Children and families identified as requiring support (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 32 weeks.
(B)	Request for assistance where it has been identified that substantial family support is required.	Children and families who have been identified as requiring substantial support through a multi-agency child’s plan meeting.
(C)	Request for assistance for children and families experiencing acute stress requiring high levels of support.	Children and families experiencing acute stress due to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asylum seekers; • Refugees; • Living in bed and breakfast, transient or who have a pattern of homelessness; • Military families; • Children of care experienced parents; and • Other acute family circumstances.
(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. The professionals who would request assistance within this priority includes education settings; health agencies; Social Work services; voluntary sector agencies.

Priority Three: children entitled to early learning and childcare (allocate in priority order)

(A)	Early learning and childcare entitlement for eligible two-year olds.	<p>Eligible two-year olds - includes children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • who are currently or have previously been looked after by a Local Authority (i.e. looked after at home under a compulsory supervision order, in foster care or kinship care), are currently the subject of kinship care or with an appointed guardian: or • who have a care experienced parent; or • whose parents are in receipt of qualifying benefits, as specified within the Scottish Government website - https://www.mygov.scot/childcare-costs-help/funded-early-learning-and-childcare
(B)	Early learning and childcare entitlement for children aged 3 to starting school.	(a) Children born between August (if a child is still 4 years old on the date they are eligible to start school) and February with an entitlement to an additional year.
		(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 out with 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 – Further priority is given to children whose parents are: (NB allocate in priority order)

- in receipt of qualifying benefits in line with free school meals and or clothing grants: www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/3338/Free-school-meals-and-clothing-grants
- Both parents / lone parent is in employment, education, or training.
- One of two parents are in employment, education, or training.

Priority Four – children from birth to 3 years (not entitled to funded early learning and childcare)

	<p>Children from birth to 3 years residing in Renfrewshire.</p> <p><i>(wraparound care charges apply for places allocated within this priority)</i></p>	<p>Priority is given to children whose parents are: (NB allocate in priority order)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in receipt of qualifying benefits in line with free school meals and or clothing grants- www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/3338/Free-school-meals-and-clothing-grants • Both parents / lone parent in employment, education, or training. • One of two parents are in employment, education, or training.
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Priority Five: children from birth to starting school residing out with Renfrewshire (allocate in priority order)

(A)	Early learning and childcare entitlement for eligible two-year olds.	<p>Eligible two-year olds - includes children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who are currently or have previously been looked after by a Local Authority (i.e. looked after at home under a compulsory supervision order, in foster care or kinship care), are currently the subject of kinship care or with an appointed guardian: or • who have a care experienced parent; or • whose parents are in receipt of qualifying benefits, as specified within the Scottish Government website - https://www.mygov.scot/childcare-costs-help/funded-early-learning-and-childcare
(B)	Early learning and childcare entitlement for children aged 3 to starting school	<p>(NB allocate in priority order):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 August and December • Children transferring from English reception class • Children in their pre-school year • Children in their ante pre-school year. <p><i>Further priority is given to children whose parents are:</i> (NB allocate in priority order):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in receipt of qualifying benefits in line with free school meals and or clothing grants- www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/3338/Free-school-meals-and-clothing-grants • Both parents / lone parent in employment, education, or training. • One of two parents are in employment, education, or training.
(C)	<p>Children from birth to 3 years</p> <p><i>(wraparound care charges may apply for places allocated within this priority)</i></p>	<p>Priority is given to (NB allocate in priority order):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child protection and children in need (in line with priority 1 • Children and families identified as requiring support (in line with priority 2) • Children from birth to 3 years who are not entitled to funded early learning and childcare (wraparound charges apply). <p>Priority is given to children whose parents are: (NB allocate in priority order):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in receipt of qualifying benefits in line with free school meals and or clothing grants: www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/3338/Free-school-meals-and-clothing-grants • Both parents / lone parent in employment, education, or training. • One of two parents are in employment, education, or training.