

How are places allocated?

A set of criteria is used to make sure that early learning and childcare places are allocated fairly. All places will be allocated using the priority criteria below:

Priority Criteria

Priority 1	East Renfrewshire resident where one of the following conditions has been met: child protection, prevention, or additional support needs. Automatic entry will be given to any child considered by the Social Work Department to be in need of protection, who is looked after by the authority, or whose admission will prevent reception in to care.
Priority 2	East Renfrewshire resident deferring entry to primary school with no existing Early Learning and Childcare provision in place (Note - this does not include families who have intentionally left an existing allocation).
Priority 3	East Renfrewshire resident in pre-school year with no existing Early Learning and Childcare provision in place (Note – this does not include families who have intentionally left an existing allocation).
Priority 4	East Renfrewshire resident residing within the Early Learning and Childcare Community of the setting.*
Priority 5	East Renfrewshire resident where a sibling attends the establishment and will continue to do so in the next session.*
Priority 6	East Renfrewshire resident where the child is part of a single parent/carer family and where it would be advantageous to the care and welfare of the child and/or family to attend the requested setting.*
Priority 7	East Renfrewshire resident with no other listed priority.
Priority 8	Non East Renfrewshire resident.

Please note:

* The criteria will be applied in the order shown above. If for any category the number of requests exceeds the number of places available, the next succeeding criteria will be used to prioritise these requests and so on until all priority criteria have been exhausted. For example if the number of applications within priority 4 exceeds places available, applications meeting criteria 5 then 6 will be considered. If, after this process, two or more requests cannot be distinguished as having priority, then a ballot will be held to allocate the places available. This ballot will be organised by the Local Admissions Panel (LAP).