

Priority banding

Priority criteria for free early years learning and childcare is as follows:

Priority 1

- children in need as defined by the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 or children with complex additional support for learning needs as defined by the Educational (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004.
- looked after by a local council (Foster Care or Compulsory Supervision Order)
- subject of a kinship care order
- subject of a guardianship order
- parent who is 'care experienced'
- child who meets the conditions of Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- in North Ayrshire this also includes children who are **currently** on the Child Protection Register

Priority 2

- all eligible two-year-olds living within the boundary of North Ayrshire
- deferred entry children
- pre-school children with a sibling in the same school or ELC establishment

Priority 3

- all pre-school children living within the boundary of North Ayrshire
- children with an identified developmental/additional support need where support has been identified and provided by more than one agency

Priority 4

- ante pre-school children with a sibling in the same school or ELC establishment living within the boundary of North Ayrshire
- children who have previously received a period of support through a Request for Assistance from a HSCP professional in the past 12 months

Priority 5

- all ante pre-school children living within the boundary of North Ayrshire

Priority 6

- all eligible 2-year-old children living out with the North Ayrshire boundary area
- all pre-school children living out with the North Ayrshire boundary area

Priority 7

- all ante pre-school children living out with the North Ayrshire boundary area