

## Education Resources South Lanarkshire Council Early Learning and Childcare Admissions Policy 2021

Current Policy Children aged 0- 3 years	New Proposed Policy Children aged 0-3 years	Current Policy Children aged 3- 5 years	New Proposed Policy Children aged 3-5 years
Priority 1	Priority 1	Priority 1	Priority 1
Children affected by Abuse Children with additional support needs Looked after and Accommodated Children from birth up 2 years old Children who at any time from the age of 2 years have been a) Looked after and Accommodated or b) subject to a Kinship Care Order Children affected by Domestic Violence Children affected by Substance Misuse Children affected by a disability within the home		Children affected by Abuse Children with additional support needs Children who at any time have been a) Looked after and Accommodated or b) subject to a Kinship Care Order Children affected by Domestic Violence Children affected by Substance Misuse Children affected by a disability within the Home	
All applications within Priority 1 must be substantiated by a wellbeing assessment/single agency assessment *2 year olds as required by relevant legislation from time to time applying		All applications within Priority 1 must be substantiated by a wellbeing assessment/single agency assessment as required by relevant legislation from time to time applying	

Current Policy Children aged	New Proposed Policy Children	Current Policy Children aged	New Proposed Policy Children
0-3 years	aged 0-3 years	3-5 years	aged 3-5 years
Priority 2	Priority 2	Priority 2	Priority 2
New applications		Children in their pre-school year – new applications Deferred entry children Aug/Dec - approved Transfer application pre-school year children	those not receiving their first choice of provision
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Priority 3	Priority 3	Priority 3	Priority 3
Transfer applications	those not receiving their first	Transfer applications ante-pre-	those not receiving their first
change in circumstances	choice of provision	school year	choice of provision
		change in circumstances	
Priority 4	Priority 4	Priority 4	Priority 4
Transfer applications – parental choice		Transfer application pre-school year children - parental choice Transfer applications ante-pre-school year – parental choice	
Priority 5	Priority 5	Priority 5	Priority 5
All children resident outwith South Lanarkshire Council who are within a catchment area of a primary school within the Council Area		All children resident outwith South Lanarkshire Council who are within a catchment area of a primary school within the Council Area	
	Priority 6		Priority 6
	All children resident outwith South Lanarkshire Council		All children resident outwith South Lanarkshire Council

The allocation of any place within an early learning and childcare establishment must be allocated using the following policy.

## Additional Hours Allocation Criteria

Category 1 All Priority 1 Children

Category 2 Children whose parents and/or carer are in employment or education and those exempt for charges

Category 3 All other children

- Priorities 1-5 are children who are resident within South Lanarkshire Council Area and those children who are catchment pupils for a South Lanarkshire Council Primary school
- All children (non SLC primary school catchment children) residing outwith the Council no matter the circumstances are considered priority 6
- Eligible children will have access to Early Learning and Childcare regardless of age, gender, race, religion or need.
- Early Learning and Childcare will be provided on a non-denominational basis.
- Securing a place in a school nursery class does not guarantee a primary school place within the same primary school
- Children deferring entry from Primary 1 January and February birthdays Council are considered returning children
- Children deferring entry from Primary 1 August to December birthdays who have been approved for a deferred year of funding are considered returning children
- Additional hours are only considered once all eligible children have been allocated their entitlement Transfer applications no matter when received will only be applicable within one academic year.
- Siblings and multiple birth families will be offered the same pattern of attendance/Session within the same nursery.
- All applications from parents for Cross Border funding will be considered by the Cross Border Funding Protocol Admissions Group
- Blended models agreed between two providers