

In Early Years Centres where there are more applications than places available a ballot will take place where the admissions criteria indicated below will apply.

PRIORITY 1	Children in need (as defined by the Children in Scotland Act 1995 and identified by Social Work, Psychological Services and Health Visitors etc.) a Priority One placement <u>must</u> be initiated by a Request for Assistance form and where appropriate a Wellbeing Assessment.
PRIORITY 2	Children who are deferring entry to Primary School.
PRIORITY 3*	Children who reside in South Ayrshire currently attending the Early Years Centre applying for a place within the same centre.
PRIORITY 4	Children who reside in South Ayrshire who will have a sibling(s) accessing early learning and childcare in the same centre.
PRIORITY 5**	Children in Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) decile 1-2 who reside in South Ayrshire.
PRIORITY 6	Children in Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) decile 3-10 parents/carers in work, study or formal training who reside in South Ayrshire (employment/training details of ALL parents within the household to be completed – within online application).
PRIORITY 7	All other children who reside in South Ayrshire.
PRIORITY 8	Children who reside out with the boundary of South Ayrshire Council but within the catchment area of a South Ayrshire Primary School.
PRIORITY 9	Children who reside out with the boundary of South Ayrshire Council.

* Priority 3: **Excludes** 2 year olds who have **purchased** sessions.

** Priority 5 There may be circumstances where places are allocated by the Early Years Forum as a result of Requests for Assistance made by Social Work or Health Visitors.

The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (**SIMD**) provides a wealth of information to help improve the understanding about the outcomes and circumstances of people living in Scotland. To find out more information about SIMD visit the link: <https://www2.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/SIMD>