**Admissions Policy Priorities for Children aged 3-5**

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| 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 must 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 **SIMD** decile 1-2 who reside in South Ayrshire. |
| PRIORITY 6 | Children in **SIMD** decile 3-10 parents/carers in work, study or formal training who reside in South Ayrshire (declaration to be completed). |
| 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. |

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

\* 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>