



The allocation of funded places will be made in the order of priority listed below. Once a child is identified as eligible from the age of 2, priority will be given for them to receive a place when aged 3. This reflects the requirement in the Act for the entitlement to remain and the importance of smooth transitions for our youngest citizens.

1. Children resident in Edinburgh who require additional support to enable them to reach their full potential (*Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2009*), or who meet the eligibility criteria as identified in the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.
2. Children resident in Edinburgh accessing a retained year (i.e. children of statutory school age who are assessed as requiring another year of pre-school education).
3. Children resident in Edinburgh who have been granted deferred entry to Primary School.
4. Children resident in Edinburgh who are eligible for funded early learning and childcare and have a sibling already attending the setting.
5. Children resident in Edinburgh in their pre-school year in order of their birth date, oldest first.
6. Children resident in Edinburgh who have reached their third birthday and are born within the dates of eligibility, in order of their birth date, oldest first.
7. Children resident in Edinburgh who have reached their third birthday and are not yet eligible based on the eligibility date but who have been assessed through the Child's Planning Process as meeting the criteria in section 4.2.
8. **Children who are not Edinburgh residents.** Attention will be paid to the numbers of children on the waiting list from Edinburgh throughout the year who meet the above criteria and require places before the allocation of places for children out with Edinburgh will be considered.