

Pre-school Learning Alliance Children's Centre Policies

CC11 Standard Admissions and Waiting List Policy

Aim

Pre-school Learning Alliance centres are accessible to children and families from all sections of the local and wider community. We aim to ensure that all sections of the community receive accessible information and that admissions and waiting lists procedures are fair, clear and open to all parents who apply for places

Links to Every Child Matters Outcomes

- Enjoying and achieving
- Making a positive contribution
- Achieving economic well-being

Objectives

- The Pre-school Learning Alliance endeavours to ensure that its centres operate in an inclusive manner which enables all children and families to access its services.
- The Pre-school learning Alliance also has regard for the needs of families who are:
 - Fathers
 - Teenage parents
 - Minority ethnic families
 - Disabled children
 - Disabled parents
 - Partners and families of prisoners
 - Parents with drug or alcohol problems
 - Families in temporary accommodation
- Centres work in partnership with the Local Authority and other agencies to ensure that provision is accessible to all sections of the community.
- Services are widely advertised and information is accessible to all sections of the community.
- Where the number of families wanting to access services exceeds the number of places available a waiting list is operated using clear criteria for allocation of places.

Legal basis

Childcare Act (2006)

Background reference

Sure Start Children's Centre Practice Guidance

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