

Thanet Early Years Project

Admissions Policy

Thanet Early Years Project (TEYP) is committed to providing good quality childcare and education that is both affordable and accessible to all families living and working in the local community. However, TEYP recognise that places for children in its early year's settings are often oversubscribed and therefore make a commitment to take a fair and equitable approach to the allocation of childcare places within the nursery environment.

TEYP use the following criteria when allocating places in its early years' settings:

- ✓ Children with siblings already attending the setting
- ✓ Referral from outside agency, such as Health Visitor, Social Worker or GP.
- ✓ Child in receipt of Free Early Education (FEE), this includes 2 and 3 & 4-year-old funding and children entitled to 30 hours funding.
- ✓ Working parents
- ✓ Living in Children Centre catchment area (where applicable)

- ✓ Children recognised with SEN

- ✓ Name placed on the waiting list

Thanet Early Years Project takes its responsibilities to Equal Opportunities seriously and ensures that all its settings are inclusive in their approach to providing good quality childcare and education. Consequently, TEYP give regard to the following pieces of legislation when allocating childcare places:

The legal framework for this policy is:

- Children Act 2004
- Disability Discrimination Act 2005
- Childcare Act 2006
- Every Child Matters 2008
- Equality Act 2010
- Children and Families Act 2014
- Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice: 0 to 25 2014 & 2023
- EYFS 2023

It is TEYP policy that children who are related to staff members will NOT be offered a place in their relative's place of work. This includes nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and

grandparents and stepchildren. However, childcare may be sought in one of our other childcare settings – Discretionary to Project Manager.