

### **Priority of East Willoughby Preschool Guidelines:**

Children who are enrolled at the service or whose families are seeking a place at the service will be given Priority of Access in accordance with the guidelines that have been established by the Department of Education and Communities.



Below are the Priority of Access levels which the Service will follow when enrolling/filling vacancies.

1. Returning students already enrolled at preschool.
2. Eligible children (receiving Start Strong state government funding) turning 4 years old before 31 July of enrolment year
3. Equity children (at least 3 years of age) with Aboriginal background and families requiring financial support.
4. Children with English Language needs.
5. Children with disabilities (the individual cases need to be discussed with the Director prior to enrolment interviews).
6. Children at risk of significant harm (from a child protection perspective).
7. Children of a single parent/guardian who satisfies, or of parents/guardians who both satisfy the work/training/study test under Section 14 of the Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care) Act 2010.
8. Siblings of the child already enrolled at the service. Children of parents active in the Preschool Committee.
9. Other children from preschool waitlist in order of waitlist application.

Within these categories priority is also given to the following children:

- Children in families which include a disabled person.
- Children in socially isolated families.

\*As a Community Preschool, the management may also take under consideration the specific enrolment needs of the service in any particular year (based on the Start Strong funding model guidelines for community preschools).