



NARNIA EARLY LEARNING

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(Administered by St. Philip's Christian Education Foundation Ltd.)

PRIORITY OF ACCESS PROCEDURE

Introduction

This policy has been developed to ensure Narnia Christian Preschool and Early Childhood Centre complies with the *Priority of Access Guidelines* set by *Family Assistance Law* and defined by *NSW State Government Funding Agreements*. Failure to meet these Guidelines is a breach of the conditions of continued approval for receiving Child Care Benefit and State Government funding.

Aim

Our centre will follow the *Priority of Access Guidelines* at all times when enrolling children. The waiting list application will reflect these guidelines to ensure that care is provided to families using these priorities.

Implementation

The centre will use the *Priority of Access Guidelines* to prioritise the waiting list and to allocate available education and care places to families.

The *Priority of Access Guidelines* followed by Long Day Care and Outside School Hours Care services are set by *Family Assistance Law*. These are:

- **Priority 1:** a child at risk of serious abuse or neglect
- **Priority 2:** a child of a single parent who satisfies, or of parents who both satisfy, the work/training/study test under Section 14 of the 'A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Act 1999'
- **Priority 3:** any other child.

Within these three priority categories, precedence should also be given to children in:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families
- Families which include a person with a disability
- Families on lower incomes
- Families from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
- Socially isolated families
- Single parent families

We will endeavour to meet the needs of the children and families in our school and community while complying with the above guidelines.

This policy links to the following:

National Quality Standards: 6.1.1, 6.3.3, 7.3.2

Education and Care Service National Regulations 2011: 157

Child Care Benefit Determination 2000 (subsection 2051 Family Assistance (admin) Act)