

## Admissions Policy

Bunnahone Bunnies Cross Community Playgroup implements an Equal Opportunity Policy in all aspects of our operation including our Admissions Policy. We welcome all members regardless of race, religion, culture, class, disability and will not accept prejudice or discrimination shown towards any individual.

Admissions policy for the EA Pre-School Education Group (PEG) funded places is based on the criteria listed in the PEG's application process. Statutory Criteria is as follows:

1. Children from socially disadvantaged circumstances turning 4 years of age between 2nd July – 1st July
2. Children turning 4 years of age born between 2nd July and 1st July

*Note: Children from 'socially disadvantaged circumstances' means a child whose parent is in receipt of (i) Income Support, or (ii) Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, or (iii) an award of Income Support which has been converted into an Employment and Support Allowance and the level of benefit remains the same, or (iv) Universal Credit. When parents apply for places for their child on this basis they must provide Benefit Verification to confirm that they are in receipt of a qualifying payment. This should be provided to the Pre-School of first preference and the application procedure for Pre-School will outline how this can be submitted.*

Places will be allocated to children in their pre pre-school (non PEGS) in the following order:

- Children who will be four years of age in July/August and whose parent is in receipt of Income Support or Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (as per above)
- Children who will be four years of age in July/ August
- Children who are 3 years giving priority to the older children
- Children's names on the waiting list will be taken on age basis.

Families who have just moved into the area and families whose need is urgent will be given special consideration. In addition, children referred by Social Services, Health Visitor or other professionals will also be given special consideration.