



FRIEND STREET KINDERGARTEN INC.

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Friend Street Kindergarten Selection Criteria

Eligibility

All children must meet No Jab, No Play Legislation requirements.

4 Year Old Group – a child must turn four years of age by April 30 in the year they are to attend to coincide with school entry age requirements

3 Year Old Group – A child must have turned three years of age by April 30 in the year they are to attend to coincide with school entry age requirements

3 Year Old Group – A child must be three years of age before they can commence the program as per Education and Care Services National Regulations 2012.

High priority children	Process that could be used to verify need(s)
Children at risk of abuse or neglect, including children in Out-of-Home Care	The child is: Attending a three year old kindergarten program through Early Start Kindergarten or Access to Early Learning, or Referred by: child protection child and family services (family services referral and support team, Child FIRST/integrated family services/Services Connect case worker)maternal and Child Health nurse, or Out-of-Home Care provider.
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children	As part of the enrolment process, service providers must respectfully ask families 'is your child Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?' and record this information in KIM.
Asylum seeker and refugee children	An appropriate visa that identifies the child and/or parents as a refugee or asylum seeker.
Children eligible for the Kindergarten Fee Subsidy	A child or parent holds a Commonwealth Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card, Veteran's Affairs Card, or multiple birth children (triplets, quadruplets).
Children with additional needs, defined as children who: Require additional assistance in order to fully participate in the kindergarten program. Require a combination of services which are individually planned. Have an identified specific disability or developmental delay	The child: is assessed as having delays in two or more areas and is declared eligible for a second funded year of kindergarten holds a Child Disability Health Care Card has previously been approved for Kindergarten Inclusion Support Package, or referred by: The National Disability Insurance Scheme, Early Childhood Intervention Service Preschool Field Officer, or Maternal and Child Health nurse.

*as taken from DET Kindergarten Guide

2016 <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/childhood/providers/funding/The%20Kindergarten%20Guide%202016.pdf>

If there are more applications than places available, the following selection criteria will be applied:

Repeating children – Funded 4 year old only

- Children who have attended the funded 4yo program at Friend Street kindergarten and are eligible and have DE approval for a second year of funded 4yo kindergarten as recommended by the Early Childhood Teacher.
- Repeating 4 year old without funding approval is not available as per DE guidelines.
- Children can access one year only of 3yo funded kindergarten. Children are not eligible to apply for a repeat 3yo year nor are able to have a self-funded repeat year as per DE guidelines.

All children will then be prioritised according to the following Local Factors:

1. Link to the Kindergarten

- **Three – Four-Year-Old Group Continuation** – All children who attend the 3 year old program will be offered a position in the 4 year old group the following year.
- **Siblings** – Brothers/Sisters of previous or current attendees.

2. Proximity

Closest distance from the child's address to Friend Street Kindergarten. For the purpose of this clause, freemaptools.com will be used to calculate distance as the crow flies.

Due to Friend Street Kindergarten's location equal priority will be given to residents of Whitehorse, Boroondara and Manningham.

Where children live an equal distance from the kindergarten, a random selection process will be conducted.

Once local factors have been considered, the following criteria will then be applied:

Special Circumstances – Families can submit in writing (prior to the 30th June preceding the intended year of enrolment), to the kindergarten committee, any circumstances which they feel worthy of consideration. This will be reviewed by the committee before offers are sent out.