

Parent applications for delayed/deferred entry into Year R

Deferred admission

Parents can choose to defer their child **joining our Year R** class until the seasonal term after their 5th birthday.

- Parents must still apply for a place by the normal January deadline.
- Admission to Year R cannot be deferred beyond Term 5 (April after Easter)
- If the place is not taken by the start of Term 5, it will be lost

Delayed admission

Children born between 1st April and 31st August do not have to start school until the following September.

Parents can delay their child's entry and request that their child **starts in our Year 1 class**.

- Parents must make a fresh application for a Year 1 place.
- The child will be joining in Year 1 and not reception.
- There is no guarantee that your preferred school will have a place in Year 1 and therefore it would then be a case of finding a school that does have a place.

Summer born children

If a child is born between 1st April and 31st August, parents can put in a request to the Head Teacher that their child **starts in Year R** but the following year i.e. out of their chronological age group.

- Parents must still apply for a place by the normal January deadline.
- At the same time parents need to write to the Head Teacher giving written reasons for requesting that their child starts in Year R, out of his/her chronological age group.
- If the request is agreed, the application for the normal age group may be withdrawn before a place is offered. If the request is refused, a parent must decide whether to accept the offer of a place for the normal age group, or to refuse it and make an in-year application for admission to Year 1 for the September following the child's fifth birthday.
- Where a parent's request is agreed, they must make a new application as part of the main admissions round the following year.
- One admission authority cannot be required to honour a decision made by another admission authority on admission out of the normal age group. Parents, therefore, should consider whether to request admission out of the normal year group at all their preference schools, rather than just their first preference school.
- When parents look to make applications for secondary school, at the start of Year 6, they may find that schools will only accept the child if he/she joins back in their chronological age group i.e. Year 8.

How is the decision made?

If parents make a request in writing to the Head Teacher to take a child out of their chronological age group:

- A panel meet to discuss the application (minimum of: Head Teacher, a governor, a member of SLT).
- The panel may seek the view of the full governing body.
- Parents will be notified within one week of the application.