# Deferred / part time / summer born delayed admission

**Deferred Admission**
Parents can choose to defer their child's start for a term or two (until they are of compulsory school age.) Applications must be made online as usual by the closing date. Once a school place has been allocated, parents will need to write to the Principal to arrange the deferred admission.

The table below shows the options available:

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| Children with their fifth birthday between<br><br>**1 September and 31 December**<br><br>(autumn born) | Compulsory school age from the following January:<br><br>A school place will be available from the September but can be deferred until **January** – the school place will be held once parents have agreed this with the school. |
| Children with their fifth birthday between<br><br>**1 January and 31 March**<br><br>(spring born) | Compulsory school age from the following April:<br><br>A school place will be available from the September but can be deferred until **January or April** – the school place will be held once parents have agreed this with the school. |
| Children with their fifth birthday between<br><br>**1 April and 31 August**<br><br>(summer born) | Compulsory school age from the following September **(which is then year 1 and not reception)**:<br><br>A school place will be available from the September but can be deferred until **January or April** – the school place will be held once parents have agreed this with the school. |

The child must take up the school place that has been allocated within this year group. If they do not take up the place, they will need to reapply again and the child will be allocated a place in Year 1 (not Reception).

**Part time Admission**
Parents can choose to send their child to school on a part time basis. This may be preferable to deferring the child's entry until later in the school year as this will give them the opportunity to settle in gradually and start to make friends at the same time as other children in the class.

Applications must be made online as usual by the closing date. Once a school place has been allocated, parents will need to write to the Principal to arrange the part time admission.

**Delayed Admission – summer born**

Parents of summer born children (born between 1 April and 31 August) may not want their child to start school until the September following their fifth birthday. However, these applications will be considered for Year 1 not Reception. If a parent wants their application to be considered for Reception, they may **request** that they are admitted outside of their normal age group – to reception rather than Year 1.

A separate written request must be made at the same time as making the online application for the child's actual age group. Supporting documentation can be uploaded if you wish to do so (use document type – out of cohort).

Parents are encouraged to discuss how their child's needs can be met in the Reception class at age 4 with the Principal. They should also read the Department for Education's advice for parents.

Child can access their reception year in any setting that is registered with Ofsted and meets the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework statutory requirements. This can be a childminder, pre-school, Day Nursery or school reception class.

The admission authority for each school will decide based on the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child. The request must set out the reasons why the request is being made and must be accompanied with relevant evidence which may include;

- The parents' views
- Recent information about the child's academic, social and emotional development
- Recent medical history and the views of medical professional
- Whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group
- Whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely

The views of the Principal will be an important part of this consideration. WE may also gather information from any professionals involved with the child e.g. nursery education provider, educational psychologists, to consider whether any of the following apply;

- Whether the child shows significant delay in intellectual development/education skills, across all subject area, to an extent that curriculum differentiation (with appropriate SEN resources) is not reasonable
- Whether the child's physical maturity places them in a position of being developmentally different from their peer group
- Whether the child shows an equivalent delay in emotional development and social skills, appropriate for a younger peer group

The application will be processed and a school place will be secured. This place can later be withdrawn if the request for delayed admission is approved. If it is agreed that the child can delay entry, a new application will need to be made for the following September and this will be considered along with all the applicants for admission in that year. It is not possible to reserve a place for the following year. Therefore, there can be no guarantee of a place being available at the school, as this is dependent on the number of applicants that year.

If the request is not agreed, parents must decide whether to accept the place offered in the child's normal age group or refuse it and make an in-year application for the September following the child's 5th birthday.

Parents have a statutory right of appeal against the refusal of a place at the school for which they have applied. This right **does not** apply if the child is offered a place at the school but it is not in the preferred age group.