

Request:

I would like to submit the following Freedom of Information request relating to deferred entry to primary school for summer born children.

In the below request, I refer to summer born children as those born between April 1st and August 31st.

All questions below relate specifically to parental requests for summer born children to be admitted to reception, rather than year one, at the age of 5, ie out of their normal age group. Questions 1-4 relate to in local authority maintained schools.

1. How many requests for deferred entry in to reception for summer born children were received in each of the following academic years: 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19? Please provide a break down by year.

2016-2017 - 1

2017-2018 - 2

2018-2019 - 8

2. How many requests for deferred entry in to reception for summer born children were granted in each of the following academic years: 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19? Please provide a break down by year.

2016-2017 - 1

2017-2018 - 2

2018-2019 - 8

3. How many requests for deferred entry in to reception for summer born children were turned down in each of the following academic years: 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19? Please provide a break down by year.

2016-2017 - 0

2017-2018 - 0

2018-2019 - 0



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4. How many children were required to skip a year later in their education in order to join their normal age group in each of the following academic years: 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19? Please provide a break down by year.

2016-2017 - 0

2017-2018 - 0

2018-2019 - 0

5. If possible, please could you provide the same information for schools that are not local authority maintained in your area; for example free schools, academies and voluntary aided schools.

6. How many appeals by parents of summer born children were made to the independent admission appeal panel or through the school complaints procedure between 2016 and 2018? Of these, how many were successful? How many were unsuccessful?

No appeals

7. Please provide any further relevant information regarding the council's policy on deferred school entry of summer born children; for instance whether requests are automatically agreed or parents must present strong evidence.

Requests are not automatically agreed. The Local Authority is advised by the Headteacher of the school if they agree to accept the request for deferred entry and they discuss the reasons directly with the parent. Parents are advised in the first instance to check with the school that they will be applying for if the Headteacher is in agreement to the submission of an application. The application will then be considered in the normal procedure