

## Response to Request for Information

Reference      FOI 002327  
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### *Deferred Entry for Summer Born Children*

#### **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 1<sup>st</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup>.

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.  
[2016-17 – 2](#)  
[2017-18 – 4](#)  
[2018-19 - 1](#)
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.  
[2016-17 – 1](#)  
[2017-18 – 2](#)  
[2018-19 - 1](#)
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.  
[2016-17 – 1](#)  
[2017-18 – 2](#)  
[2018-19 - 0](#)

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.

In respect of question 4, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as

Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

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.

Question 1

2016-17 = 0

2017-18 = 2

2018-19 = 1

Question 2

2016-17 = 0

2017-18 = 2

2018-19 = 1

Question 3

2016-17 = 0

2017-18 = 0

2018-19 = 0

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?

DfE guidance 'Advice on the admission of summer born children' says parents do not have a right of appeal if they have been offered a place and it is not in the year group they would like.

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 will be considered on an individual basis and decisions will be reached taking into account of the parent's views, information about the child's academic, social and emotional development, where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional, whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group if it were not for being born prematurely. The view of the Headteacher of the school concerned will also be sought as part of the decision-making process.