



Reception & Primary Admissions - Delayed Year 1 admissions/ 'summer born' deferred entry requests.

Guiding Principles

- We follow the Oxfordshire County Council guidance on admissions as they manage our admissions at Reception.
- Timelines for applications are set out on the Oxfordshire County Council website and we follow these. Separate discussions with schools do not change these timelines.
- EPA Trust is the Admissions Authority for all EPA schools and so makes the decision. They will discuss requests/cases with the Headteacher in making any decision with each case judged on its merits.
- Beyond Year 1: Unless there are specific special needs requirements which the school has assessed themselves, or after a discussion with the parent the school believes that a 'summer born' child would benefit from a continued placement in a 'earlier' year group then all children will enter the standard appropriate age group for their age by the start of Key Stage Two. We will assess the needs of the child.
- In all cases if a child has been offered a place in the appropriate age group there is no right of appeal in terms of Admissions Procedures. Parents can however use the EPA Complaints Process.

Useful Sections from Oxfordshire County Council Admissions

If a parent wishes to defer their child's admission to Reception at a primary or infants' school, they should discuss the implications with the school concerned but the legal position is that a parent may defer their child's entry to school until the beginning of the term after they are 5.

If a child is already of statutory school age and the child's parent requests that the child is admitted to Reception rather than Year 1 there is no right of appeal if a place has been offered in Year 1. If a place is not available in either year group there would be a right of appeal. However, the appeal would be for the year group that the admission authority had decided was the appropriate year group for the child.

If a child is educated outside of the normal age group whilst in primary school on applying for a secondary school place, it will be for the admission authority of the secondary school to decide whether to admit the child outside of their normal age group.

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