

Admission of summer born children

The DfE define summer born children as those born between 1 April and 31 August.

Parents of summer born children may request that their child be taught out of the normal age group. This request may be supported by professional evidence such as a speech and language therapist or it may simply be the parent's statement as to why they are making their request.

Parents wishing to make a request are advised to follow this process:

- Apply for a place for their child's normal age group at the usual time
- Submit a request for admission out of the normal age group at the same time
- Admission authorities will respond to the request before national offer day
- If the request is agreed the application will be withdrawn before a place is offered
- If the request is refused the 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 5th birthday
- Where a parent's request is agreed the parent 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.