

**Deferred entry for summer born children NCC-031474-18**

Dear Requester,

Further to your recent Freedom of information request, please see below in response to your questions and attached where noted.

We hope this now satisfies your request. Should you have any further enquiry please do not hesitate to contact me directly on the details below.

In addition to this and for future reference Nottinghamshire County Council regularly publishes previous FOIR,s and answers on its website, under Disclosure logs. (see link) <http://site.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/>

You can use the search facility using keywords.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information Team, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or email [complaints@nottsccl.gov.uk](mailto:complaints@nottsccl.gov.uk) .

Kind Regards

To whom it may concern,

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.

Numbers relate to requests made prior to the child's admission to a Nottinghamshire school where the child was eligible for a school place in the admission year but the parent requested admission to the reception year at compulsory school age

2016-17 36 (requesting admission to reception in September 2017)

2017-18 41 (requesting admission to reception in September 2018)

2018-19 52 (requesting admission to reception in September 2019 to date)

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.

All requests from parents of summer born children who requested first admission to the reception year at compulsory school age in a Nottinghamshire school were agreed. (numbers as above)

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.

No requests were turned down where the request was made prior to first admission to the reception year group.

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.

Our records indicate that 2 parents whose request for deferred entry from September 2016 to September 2017 was agreed subsequently requested admission to the normal age group.

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.

Nottinghamshire County Council processes all requests for admission to the reception year group at compulsory school age for summer born children. Where the request is agreed the parents make an application for admission in the year that the child reaches compulsory school age. This application for Nottinghamshire schools is considered as part of the main admission round alongside all other applications for admission to the reception year group.

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?

Parents do not have the right of appeal against a decision to refuse admission outside then normal age group.

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.

Section 1.2, on page 7 of Nottinghamshire County Council's Determined admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools 2018-2019 available at

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/media/121659/final-determined-admission-arrangements-2018-2019-june.pdf>

gives information about this process. A copy of NCC's factsheet for parents is attached.

I look forward to hearing from you within working 20 days.

Best Wishes,

