

Admissions - Supplementary Policies

At this school we believe all children should be admitted to their normal age group and at the normal start time for our school. We believe this is in the best interests of the child: socially, emotionally and academically. However we recognise that there may be exceptional circumstances. These supplementary policies are written to address these issues.

Changes to admission in any of these circumstances should be requested on the form in the appendix.

Children not of compulsory school age.

Compulsory school age is the term after a child's fifth birthday. Children in Leicestershire start the autumn after they turn 4.

We believe that children not of compulsory school age should still start school at the same time as their normal age group with a full-time timetable. This allows for them to make friends with their peers and to start learning at the same rate and pace. However, the law allows for these children to start later (but "not beyond the start of the final term of the school year" – School Admissions Code of Practice section 2.16b.) As school operates 3 terms this would be the start of the summer term after the Easter holidays.

Children not of compulsory school age are allowed to start on a part-time timetable until compulsory school age. Where this has been agreed it will be formally reviewed half termly. We recommend that the part-time timetable should be every day and usually the mornings. It may include lunchtimes and should be considered only if in the best interests of the child. We strongly recommend all children start fulltime.

Summer Born children

These will be covered by the above options but parents may also consider deferring entry by 1 year with the child being taught in the year group below throughout the school and leaving school a year later than their normal year group. Presently this can cause many difficulties and can only be considered in exceptional circumstances and with documentary proof. Exceptional circumstances that may be considered are medical needs or if the child was born prematurely and if they had not, would have been born in the lower year group. The school will make its decision on what it believes to be the best interest of the child.

Difficulties that could arise are that this admissions authority's decision cannot be guaranteed with another admission authority so transition times between schools could prove difficult. Parents could choose later to move the child to their own age group which may not be possible because of class sizes and would mean the child missing a year of education.

Should a parent wish to request their child is taught in a year group below they must do this before the normal admission time for their child so that they can apply for normal admission time should they be refused. (We would need requests before 1st December prior to the year of normal age admission to have time to consider the request properly.) Should permission be granted in exceptional circumstances they will need to apply with the first time admission round for the year

group into which they wish to join. They will not be granted any preferential treatment and therefore cannot be guaranteed a place. (Parents must bear this in mind.)

Gifted and talented children

Admission to an older age group would only be granted in exceptional circumstances and with documentary proof. The child would need to be gifted and talented in all areas. As a school we would also need to carefully consider the social implications for the child. Should they not be granted permission to enter an older age group they may sometimes and for some subjects be taught with an older age group as deemed appropriate by the school.



Thurlaston CE (Aided) Primary School

Form for requesting alternative admission arrangements in exceptional circumstances.

Name of child Date of Birth

Address

Parent or guardian details

Name/s

Address if different to above.....

Type of request (please tick box and complete details)

Defer start

Normal start date: autumn Requested start date : term year.....

Part time timetable

Please tick morning or afternoon on each day

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mon am | <input type="checkbox"/> Tues am | <input type="checkbox"/> Wed am | <input type="checkbox"/> Thurs am | <input type="checkbox"/> Fri am |
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Admission to lower year group

Normal start date: autumn Requested start date : autumn

Admission to higher year group

Normal start date: autumn Requested year group:

Please complete a letter stating your reasons and attach any documentary evidence you wish to be considered.

Thank you.