

## **Request to delay admission to reception class (Islington community schools only ) Children born between 1 April and 31 August**

1. If you wish to defer your child's admission to reception class **within the same academic year**, please discuss this directly with the head teacher of the **community school** where your child has been offered a place. The head teacher has the discretion (acting reasonably) to defer your child's entry to reception class or not.
2. If, however, you wish to delay your child's admission **into the reception class for the following academic year**, you must submit a formal request to the local authority using this form as head teachers are not able to make this decision.
3. In considering requests for Islington **community** schools, the Director of Children's Services delegates the decision to a panel of professionals with expertise in child development. The panel will take into account the following factors:
  - the individual needs of the child;
  - in the case of children born prematurely, the fact that they may have naturally fallen into the lower age group if they had been born on their expected date of birth;
  - whether delayed social, emotional or physical development is adversely affecting their readiness for school;
  - relevant research into the outcomes of summer born and premature children.
4. If the request to delay admission is agreed, you will need to reapply for a reception class place the following year. **Please note that you cannot reserve your place at the school you were originally offered, and there is no guarantee that your child will be offered a place at the same school when you reapply.** We would like to highlight the following:
  - your child reaches statutory school age in the term after they turn five and **Must** start school at that point;
  - your child remains entitled to a funded early education place 15 hours a week for 38 weeks until they begin reception. However, your child may not be entitled to 30 hours funding. For more information, please visit [www.islington.gov.uk/fis](http://www.islington.gov.uk/fis) or call 020 7527 5959.
  - under current rules, one admission authority cannot be **required** to honour a decision made by another admission authority on admission out of normal age group;
  - there is **no** statutory barrier to children being admitted outside their normal age group but parents **do not** have the right to insist their child is admitted to a particular age group;
  - the government's intention is to give summer-born children the right to start in reception at the age of 5 and therefore where a parent makes such a request the presumption is that it will be agreed, unless it is **not** in the child's best interest.

In making your case you should address each of the points above and where possible provide supporting professional evidence e.g. Early Years provider/practitioner, doctor, social worker, therapist etc.

Please type or use **BLOCK CAPITALS**

<b>Child's First Name(s)</b>	
<b>Child's Surname</b>	
<b>Date of Birth</b>	
<b>Gender</b>	
<b>Child's Current Nursery</b>	
<b>Parent/Carer Name</b>	
<b>Parent/Carer phone number</b>	
<b>Other contact number</b>	
<b>Home Address</b>	

**CRITERION 1: MISSING RECEPTION CLASS**

**Evidence of impact on them entering Year 1 without having first attended the reception class**

- Please tell us about your child's needs and why you feel they are exceptional

**CRITERION 2: CHILDREN BORN PREMATURELY**

**Where applicable, evidence that your child was born prematurely and may have naturally fallen into the lower age group if they had been born on their expected date of birth.**

- Please explain how your child would benefit from starting reception class in September 2020



**CRITERION 3: SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL/PHYSICAL READINESS****Evidence of delayed social, emotional or physical development that is adversely affecting their readiness for school.**

- Please explain why you feel that your child will not be ready to start reception in September **2019**

**CRITERION 4: OTHER INFORMATION/EVIDENCE**

- Please use this space to provide any additional information to support your case (e.g. relevant research)

**Is professional evidence attached?****YES / NO****Signature of Parent/Carer****Name of Parent/Carer** *(Please Print)***Date****Please email the completed form and professional supporting evidence to:**[admissions@islington.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@islington.gov.uk)**Islington School Admissions Team**

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