

# Deferred entry to mainstream schools

Parents have the right to delay their child's start date (known as deferred entry), until later in the school year, but not beyond the beginning of the term after they turn 5 and not beyond the beginning of the final term of the school year in April.

Children may also start part time later in the school year, but not beyond the beginning of the term after they turn 5.

Children who are subject to an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) are not subject to the current admission arrangements.

## Role of parent

They must still apply at the usual time for primary or infant school places. They should also speak to the schools they are applying for, to discuss when they would like their child to start school.



For any child to start reception year in the following September, a full year after they were first entitled to start, parent/s will need agreement from the admissions authority of the school and the Headteacher and a new paper application will need to be made.

To request admission to Year 1 with their peers, parent/s should decline their offer of a place and reapply through the In Year Process during July prior to the September start.



Parents are required to meet with the Headteacher to discuss deferred entry.



School writes to parent/s and KCC admissions to notify them when the child will start and in which year group.

## Role of EY Setting

Notify parent/s of the process should they wish to defer.



If SENIF is required, a Request for SENIF should be made by making the request including the required evidence as detailed on the SENIF page of Kelsi <https://www.kelsi.org.uk/special-education-needs/special-educational-needs/senif/how-to-apply-for-senif>

If the child does not have a Final Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) which names the pre-school setting, in addition to the required evidence, a copy of the agreement letter from the mainstream Primary school confirming deferred entry has been agreed and when the school will offer a place from is required.

SENIF can only be agreed in line with the Early Education Entitlement so the child **MUST** continue to be in receipt of this in the pre-school setting and not on the roll of the school. SENIF, if agreed, will only be agreed until the end of the term in which the child turns five to be in line with the Early Education Entitlement.