

# Admissions

## Early Years Admissions

As of September 2011, admissions for all schools in the Foundation Stage changed.

Parents have the right to request that, regardless of their child's date of birth, they start school full time in September.

Parents can also request that their child starts school at a later time during the school academic year. The law also states that children do not have to start school until the term after their fifth birthday, which is when children reach compulsory school age.

Parents may also request that their child attends part-time until they reach compulsory school age.

The full details of determined admissions can be found at the web link below.

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions/Pages/Determined-Admission-Arrangements.aspx>

## Admissions Policy

The Local Authority (LA) is the admissions authority and is responsible for all aspects of pupil admissions and appeals.

Parents/Carers can apply for their child's school place online using the Essex Online Admissions Service at: <http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions/Pages/Admissions.aspx> or by phone 0845 7430430.

## Summer Born Delayed Admissions Requests

If parents are considering a delayed admissions request Essex's policy has changed for admissions from 2020/2021. Parents are required to approach schools directly to seek the Headteacher's views on their delayed admission request in writing. Parents are then required to submit the written response from the Headteacher with their formal application to the LA. Schools should respond directly to the parent with their view on the delayed admission request. For foundation, voluntary aided schools and academies, the decision on whether to agree the request for delayed admission rests with the governing body/academy trust.

It is important that Headteachers confine their comments in responses to parents solely to the issue of whether they agree that it would be in the child's best interests to start in Reception at the time requested by the parent – there should be no guarantee of the offer of an actual place. It will be the responsibility of the parent to submit the Headteacher's response to the LA.

The link below links to the webpage with the Primary Education in Essex 2020/21 booklet and pages 9-11 inclusive contain the relevant information.

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions-booklets-policies-and-forms/admission-booklets>