

FORM B - Request for delayed entry to a Year Reception Class

This form is to be filled and signed by the parent when:

- a) The child is born between 1 April and 31 August
- b) The family do not wish the child to join Reception class the term after their 4th birthday
- c) They intend to make an application for a Year Reception place for the September term after their 5th birthday

Parents are advised to refer to the following documents:

- 1. Department for Education – Summer Born Children – Starting School: Advice for Parents September 2020
- 2. Dorset Council - Guidance on the Placement of a Pupil Outside His or Her Normal Age Group – September 2021

Name of child _____ Date of birth _____

Name of School: _____

Having read both the Department for Education and Dorset Council Guidance on summer born children I wish to delay entry into mainstream education. I wish to make a **request** for the admission of my child into the Reception Year group for September _____ (enter appropriate year) after their 5th birthday.

I confirm that I understand the following:

- I understand I need to submit a Year Reception place application for the September after my child's 4th birthday while at the same time I need to submit this request at the time of making that application.
- I understand that I need to submit a Form B for each school that I wish to consider my application for a Reception Place for the September after my child's fifth birthday
- I need to discuss the proposal with all my preference schools
- I will need to provide evidence – by attachment to this form – detailing why I feel that my child needs to start reception in the September after their 5th birthday.
- I understand that schools are not obliged to accept the request and if none of my preference schools agree, then I can:

- Withdraw my application for a reception place in the September after my child's 4th birthday and submit an application for a Year 1 start the following September – see Section 8 and submit Form A to the Local Authority
- Allow my application to go forward for a reception start for September after my child's 4th birthday.
- I accept that if in the allocation round the following year I do not gain a place at the preference schools that have agreed the back yearning, I may have to make further requests to other schools for this arrangement or submit an application under Section 8 of this policy for a Year 1 start in the September after my child's 5th birthday and accept the risks detailed around an In-Year application to Year 1.
- A school's agreement to place a child in reception in the September after their 5th birthday is not a guarantee of a place. The application will be subject to the normal Coordinated Scheme process and the school's oversubscription criteria.

Parent's name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

A copy of this to be retained by the school, a copy to be retained by the parent and a copy to be sent to Dorset Council School Admissions