



30 May 2018

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 684/18

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request & Response:

I would like to submit the following Freedom of Information request relating to deferred entry to primary school for summer born children.

In the below request, I refer to summer born children as those born between April 1st and August 31st.

All questions below relate specifically to parental requests for summer born children to be admitted to reception, rather than year one, at the age of 5, ie out of their normal age group. Questions 1-4 relate to in local authority maintained schools.

1. How many requests for deferred entry in to reception for summer born children were received in each of the following academic years: 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19? Please provide a break down by year.

Answer:

Rutland County Council received the following number of requests for deferred entry in to reception for summer born children in each of the following academic years.

2016-17 – 0
2017-18 – 1
2018-19 – 5

2. How many requests for deferred entry in to reception for summer born children were granted in each of the following academic years: 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19? Please provide a break down by year.

Answer:

Rutland County Council granted the following number of requests for deferred entry in to reception for summer born children in each of the following academic years.

2016-17 – 0
2017-18 – 1
2018-19 – 5

3. How many requests for deferred entry in to reception for summer born children were turned down in each of the following academic years: 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19? Please provide a break down by year.

Answer:

Rutland County Council turned down zero requests for deferred entry in to reception for summer born children in each of the following academic years: 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19.

4. How many children were required to skip a year later in their education in order to join their normal age group in each of the following academic years: 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19? Please provide a break down by year.

Answer:

Rutland county Council received no notification of any child that had been required to skip a year in any of the following academic years: 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19

5. If possible, please could you provide the same information for schools that are not local authority maintained in your area; for example free schools, academies and voluntary aided schools.

Answer:

2016-17 – 3

2017-18 – 0

2018-19 – 1

6. How many appeals by parents of summer born children were made to the independent admission appeal panel or through the school complaints procedure between 2016 and 2018? Of these, how many were successful? How many were unsuccessful?

Answer:

Rutland County Council received zero appeals by parents of summer born children made to the independent admission appeal panel or through the school complaints procedure between 2016 and 2018.

7. Please provide any further relevant information regarding the council's policy on deferred school entry of summer born children; for instance whether requests are automatically agreed or parents must present strong evidence.

Answer:

The only requests Rutland County Council have received so far are requests for deferred entry linked to children who have special educational needs or who were born prematurely. Currently, parents requesting deferred entry are asked to provide supporting documentation, including supporting documentation from relevant professionals linked to the child.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please contact the Data Protection Officer, Rutland County Council, Catmose, Oakham, Rutland LE15 6HP
You can also complain to the Information Commissioner at:

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Yours faithfully

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