FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 920/18

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request / Response:

I wish to clarify my FOI request sent on the afternoon 22nd May relating to deferred reception starts for summer born children.

All questions below relate specifically to parent/legal guardian requests for summer born children to be admitted to reception, rather than year one, at the age of 5.

Questions 1-3 relate to local authority maintained schools. I refer to summer born children as those born between April 1st and August 31st.

1. How many summer born children had a request made by their parents/guardians to defer their reception start to a delayed start date of:

   September 2017 (request made during academic year 2015-16. Original expected start would have been September 2016)

   Answer: 1 summer born child had a request made by their parents/guardians to defer their reception start to a delayed start date of September 2017.

   September 2018 (request made Jan 2017 or academic year 2016-17. Original expected start would have been September 2017)

   Answer: 1 summer born child had a request made by their parents/guardians to defer their reception start to a delayed start date of September 2018.

   September 2019 (request made Jan 2018 or academic year 2017-18. Original expected start would have been September 2018)

   Answer: 5 summer born children had a request made by their parents/guardians to defer their reception start to a delayed start date of September 2019.
Please provide this information broken down by year of requested delayed start; September 2017, September 2018, September 2019. Please also only count each individual child once and please do not count multiple requests to different schools relating to the same child. If it is not possible to do this, please state clearly that multiple requests relating to the same child have been included.

2. In relation to question 1 above, how many of these requests were granted? Please break this down by year of requested delayed start; September 2017, September 2018 or September 2019

Answer: 
September 2017 – 1 request was granted.
September 2018 – 1 request was granted.
September 2019 – 5 requests were granted.

3. In relation to question 1 above, how many of these requests were turned down? Please break this down by year of requested delayed start; September 2017, September 2018 or September 2019

Answer: 
September 2017 – 0 requests were turned down.
September 2018 – 0 requests were turned down.
September 2019 – 0 requests were turned down.

4. If possible, please could you provide the same information in questions 1, 2 and 3 for any schools that are state funded, but not local authority maintained in your area; for example free schools, academies and voluntary aided schools, including a breakdown of those granted and requested by year of requested delayed start; September 2017, September 2018 or September 2019.

Answer: 
September 2017 – 2 requests – both granted.
September 2018 – 0 requests were made.
September 2019 – 0 requests were made.

5. In each of the following years, how many children started or are expected to start reception in a local authority maintained school: September 2017, September 2018 or September 2019

Answer: 
September 2017 – 79 children started reception in a local authority maintained school.
September 2018 – 116 children are expected to start reception in a local authority maintained school.
September 2019 – 115 children are expected to start reception in a local authority maintained school.

6. In each of the following years, how many children started or are expected to start reception in a state funded but not local authority maintained school (criteria as per question 4): September 2017, September 2018 or September 2019

Answer: 
September 2017 – 296 children started reception in a state funded but not local authority maintained school.
September 2018 – 273 children are expected to start reception in a state
funded but not local authority maintained school.
September 2019 – 304 children are expected to start reception in a state
funded but not local authority maintained school.

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Yours faithfully

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