

Nursery Admissions Appendices:

Staggered Intake

The governing body recognise that a well-structured and supportive transition into school is paramount to children's emotional wellbeing. In order to ensure a smooth transition Seaton Delaval First School operates a staggered intake [usually completed by the end of the first week after a holiday]. The rationale behind when each child starts will be unique with consideration given to previous childcare, emotional development, number of hours attending and any other relevant circumstances.

We operate this arrangement in the best interests of the children. If this does not meet your current needs please consider carefully before applying for and accepting a place.

No right of appeal

There is no right of appeal for parents refused a place in a Nursery class.

Attendance & Engagement

We expect that parents and children in our Nursery comply with our expectations for parents of children who are statutory school age. This includes engaging with us to support their child's learning and attending on time every day unless they are too unwell to be in school. If this is not the case, the offer of a Nursery place may be withdrawn either before the start of term or during term time.

Deferment

Nursery education is not statutory but we offer this as we strongly believe that it provides the foundation and beginning for all future learning and builds on children's early experiences.

If it is the case that a child is struggling in the Nursery and demonstrates that they are not yet ready to get the most out of this experience, we may suggest deferring entry to the Nursery until a point when the issues have been resolved or adaptations have been made.

Eligibility

Children are eligible to access Nursery provision the term after their third birthday. This may mean that some children are entitled to 5, 4 or 3 terms of education. We do not use age or date of birth as criteria for admission to our Nursery. Seaton Delaval First School follows the 'Admission Policy' whenever a place becomes available.