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Dear Mr Rowlands,

Petition P-05-832 to amend the School Admissions Code Relating to Summer-Born Children

Thank you for your questions in relation to Cardiff Council's management of deferred/delayed admissions and, specifically, to summer-born children.

Cardiff Council's Education Directorate holds a policy on Out of Chronological Age admissions. The policy explains that parents who are requesting their child be placed into a year group that is outside of their chronological age at the point of admission must request this to the Local Authority. The parent's request must evidence why their child should be placed outside of their chronological age. The parents can submit written reports from medical, psychological or social worker professionals. A meeting will be held with the parents and representatives from Cardiff Admissions and Inclusion teams. The purpose of the meeting will be to ascertain the individual needs of the child where all evidence is weighed to determine the best interests of the child. Recommendations are made by the Local Authority representatives and this is sent to the Director of Education for approval.

Cardiff Council does not hold a policy that is specific for summer-born children.

Please see the table below for data on Cardiff Council admissions outside of a child's chronological year group.

	16-17	17-18	18-19*
Total requests received	1	2	5
Total requests granted	1	0	3
Total requests rejected	0	2	2
Summer-born children requests received	1	2	3

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Summer-born children requests approved	1	0	3
Summer-born children requests rejected	0	2	0
Summer-born children admitted outside their year group	1	0	3

*2 requests in academic year 18-19 were for twins

The data above shows that Cardiff Council receives very few requests for placements outside of a child's chronological year group. We receive even fewer requests based on children being summer-born. Some requests from parents of children who are summer-born were approved due to other circumstances not related to being summer-born. For example, one request approved in 18-19 was based on their language, home environment and capacity to excel within Welsh-medium education and not due to them being summer-born.

For your convenience and information, I have attached our policy on Out of Chronological Age admissions.

Please do not hesitate to get in contact should you have any further questions or queries on this matter.

Yours sincerely



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