

P-05-832 To Amend the School Admissions Code Relating to Summer-Born Children, Correspondence – Bridgend County Borough Council to Chair, 01.03.19

Dear Mr Rowlands AM

Thank you your letter regarding Petition P-05-832 To Amend the School Admissions Code Relating to Summer-Born Children. Please accept my apologies for the delay in my response.

The local authority publishes its School Admissions Policy and Arrangements on an annual basis. There is no specific provision in this policy for summer-born pupils. However, the following section applies:

20. ADMISSION OUTSIDE THE NORMAL AGE GROUP

Occasionally the parents/carers of gifted or talented children will seek a school place for their child outside their normal age. The local authority will consider each case individually and make its decision in consultation with the school and parent/carer.

Other circumstances where a school place will need to be considered outside of a child's normal age range may include where a child has experienced problems or missed part of a year due to ill health.

Where the local authority considers that an out of year group application is appropriate but that application is refused due to no places being available at the school, the parent/carer will be offered a right of appeal. However, there is no right of appeal if a place has been offered, but not in the desired year group (ie where the place offered is in the correct chronological year group for the child's age).

Therefore, as the local authority does not identify summer born pupils as a special category of learner, a decision would be made on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration the circumstances of each case and in consultation with the parents and the school, and specifically in relation to what is most beneficial to the child. I can confirm there have been no requests made for deferred admissions in the last three years.

I trust this information will be of assistance to you.

Yr eiddoch yn gywir/Yours sincerely



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