



**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**NEWBOTTLE & CHARLTON CEVA PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**ADMISSION POLICY 2023 – appendix**



**Admission of children below compulsory school age and deferred entry to school**

Children are required to start their compulsory education from the beginning of the term following their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday (based on a 3 term year with terms starting in September, January and April). In Newbottle & Charlton School, children are entitled to a full year in Reception i.e. the school place is available from the beginning of the school year in which the child has their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Deferred entry**

Parents/carers can request that *entry to the School* is deferred until later in the same school year (i.e. a child born in the Autumn term could defer starting school until January and a child born in the Spring or Summer term could defer their start until after Easter). If such a request is made the School is required to *hold the place* for the child; the place cannot be offered to another child but it cannot be kept open beyond the beginning of the Summer term.

Any parents/carers considering deferring their child's admission to school are recommended to discuss this with the Headteacher.

Where parents/carers wish, children may attend part-time until later in the school year but not beyond the point at which they reach compulsory school age. Please discuss this with the school directly once you have received an offer of a school place.

**Admission of children out of their normal age group**

Parents/carers may seek a place for their child out of their normal age group e.g. if the child is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health. Additionally;

Parents/carers of a summer born child (i.e. a child born in the period from 1 April to 31 August) may not want to send their child to school until the September following their 5th birthday and may request that they are admitted out of their normal age group – e.g. to Reception rather than to Year 1 – *please refer to the section on Summer Born children below.*

**Process for requesting a place out of normal age group (not Summer Born)**

Parents/carers may seek a place for their child out of their normal age group as stated above. If parents/carers wish to do so, they must contact the headteacher at the School.

The Admissions Committee of Newbottle and Charlton School's Governing Board will convene a meeting to consider the request and will make decisions on the basis of the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned. This will include taking account of:

- ❖ the parent's/carer's views;
- ❖ information about the child's academic, social and emotional development;
- ❖ where relevant, the child's medical history and the views of a medical professional;
- ❖ whether the child has previously been educated out of their normal age group;
- ❖ whether the child may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely;
- ❖ the Headteacher's views.

**Please note** – if the Admissions Committee does not agree to this request to be admitted out of cohort, there is no right of appeal against that decision.

**Requests for admission out of normal age group (*Summer Born children*)**

- Parents/carers who wish to apply for a place in Reception out of the normal age group should make a request to the Governing Board, as the Board is the admissions authority. The request needs to be accompanied by reasons for such a request and should be made by **1 December** of the year prior to the year the child should enter Reception if they had not requested to defer applying.
- The Admissions Committee of the school's Governing Board will convene a meeting to consider the request and will make decisions on the basis of the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned. This will include taking account of:
  - ❖ the parent's/carer's views;
  - ❖ information about the child's academic, social and emotional development;
  - ❖ where relevant, the child's medical history and the views of a medical professional;
  - ❖ whether the child has previously been educated out of their normal age group;
  - ❖ whether the child may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely;
  - ❖ the Headteacher's views.