

Can a child with a 1 March to school start date in August birthday have a deferred pre-school place at a partner provider or nursery class?

If an additional **funded** year of Early Learning and Childcare is granted, our aim is to try to provide this at the centre of your choice. However, you should be aware that this may not always be possible. A **Non-funded** place is **not** available within a local authority nursery class.

Will I be able to appeal against the refusal?

There is no legal right of appeal against decisions made by the Admissions Panel. However, the Admissions Panel will consider any additional information not previously made available to them at the time they made their decision.

If I have not reached a decision about deferring my child's entry by the school enrolment date, what should I do?

In this situation, parents/carers are strongly advised to make an application for a primary school place as well as applying for deferred entry. However, parents must decide before 15 March to accept a P1 place as thereafter they would lose any priority for their catchment school.

My child has had no experience of early Learning and Childcare, and I would like her to attend our local primary school's nursery or similar this year. Is this possible?

You should make contact with the local Early Learning and Childcare provider. Staff there will be able to advise you about your child's placement there.



For more information about Deferred Entry to Primary School in Dumfries and Galloway please contact:

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