

## What if my child has special educational needs?

Special Educational Needs Disability Information Advice Support Service coordinators can be contacted on 01609 536923, if you are concerned about any special needs your child may have; more information can be found by visiting the 'local offer' at [www.northyorks.gov.uk](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk)

## Summer born children

Where a child is born between 1 April and 31 August they are not required to start school until a full year after the date at which they could first have been admitted. This will be when other children will be starting in Year 1. The Authority is required to provide for the admission of all children in the September following their fourth birthday but for summer born children there is flexibility for children whose parents do not feel they are ready to begin school at this point.

If a parent feels that their summer born child is not ready to start school in September 2018, they still need to complete and submit an application at the usual time before 15 January 2018. They must also at the same time, submit a request for admission out of the normal age group directly to the Local Authority. Parents will be advised of the outcome of the request

Please remember to apply online at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions) no later than **15 January 2018**



for delayed entry prior to the primary national offer date (16 April 2018).

## What if I don't get a place at the school I want?

We try hard to offer parents the school they prefer but if we can't do this, you have the right to appeal to an independent appeal panel. Further information can be found at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/admission\\_appeals](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/admission_appeals)

### IMPORTANT

Even if you have already put your child's name down at a certain school or you already have a child at that school, you still need to complete a North Yorkshire common application form or a form from your home authority if you live outside North Yorkshire.

You can apply online by logging onto our website at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions)

### Contact us

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If you would like this information in another language or format please ask us.  
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# Starting school in North Yorkshire

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Starting school is an exciting time for you and your child. North Yorkshire County Council's Children and Young People's Service wants to help make that step as easy as possible. Often parents are not sure how or when they should apply for school places. We hope this leaflet will help to answer any questions.

### When will my child start school?

By law, all children must start full-time education by the beginning of the term following their fifth birthday. However, if your child was born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014, they may start at a North Yorkshire school between September 2018 and August 2019.

For further information on pre-school provision, please contact the Families Information Service on 01609 533 483 or visit their website at [www.nyfamilies.info](http://www.nyfamilies.info)



### Remember

Attendance at a nursery, nursery class or pre-reception class located at a particular primary school, does not guarantee your child a place in the reception class at that school, and an application form needs to be submitted for consideration.

school admissions team (see back cover) for a paper application form.

Some schools (particularly voluntary-aided, foundation, trust schools and academies) may ask you to complete a supplementary information form. The school will tell you whether this is required. The local authority decides on admissions to all voluntary-controlled and community schools and coordinates admissions for voluntary-aided, foundation, trust schools and academies within North Yorkshire and with other local authorities.

### When do I apply for a place?

It may seem a long way off until your child is due to start full-time education, but in order to plan ahead, your application form must be submitted by **15 January 2018**.

### What if I do not apply in time?

Your preferred school may have reached its admissions limit and we may not be able to offer a place there. There are also rules about the size of infant classes which might stop us from offering your child a place. Unless exceptions apply, classes at key stage 1 (reception, year 1 and year 2) must not have more than 30 pupils with one qualified teacher. We will need to take account of this when we offer places in reception and infant classes. For further information go to [www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions).

### Which school will my child attend?

Parents may express a preference for the school that they would like their child to attend. If your preferred school is not your local or nearest school, you may be responsible for transporting your child to that school. Please note a child will not normally be eligible for free home-to-school transport until the term in which they turn five. Please contact the team (see back cover) for further information. You can get details of all the schools in your area from our website at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions) or contact the team (see back cover) for a copy of this information. You can arrange to visit any school by contacting the head teacher.

### How do I apply for a place?

You can apply online at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions). If you do not have internet access then contact the