

**DE1** (to be completed by parent/carer of child)

**Deferred School Entry and Eligibility for Children  
who have Reached School Age/Intention to Defer Entry**

**Section 1**

Deferred entry for Mid-August\* - February Birthday (\*birth dates after the school commencement date in August - after 12 August 2026) **Intention to Defer**

Deferred entry for March - Mid-August\* birthday (\*birth dates before the school commencement date in August - 12 August 2026) Deferred school entry and eligibility for Children who have reached school age

Parents of children with a birth date on or between 1 March and the school commencement date (12 August 2026) are not entitled to defer their child's start at primary school for a year, as the child has reached school age. However, there may be circumstances where the education authority considers that a further year in early learning and childcare would be more appropriate than providing the child with education in primary school.

**Section 2**

Child's Name

Date of Birth

Address

Postcode

Tel No:

Name of Parent/  
Carer

Address:

Postcode

Name of current ELC provision:

Address:

Postcode:

Name of Parent/Carer:

Signed Parent/Carer:

Date:

This form should be returned to the ELC provider that your child currently attends. This will allow them to retain a place for your child in the next session.

I have received this request for automatic deferred entry (to be signed by ELC provider).

Name:

Designation:

Date:

You should still enrol your child at your catchment primary school. Please detail the name of your catchment school where you intend to enrol your child:

School Name:

If you intend to submit a placing request, please detail the name of the placing request school:

**Please inform your ELC provider that you intend to defer your child to allow them to retain a place for your child in the next session.**