

WHEN DOES MY CHILD START SCHOOL?

Every child is eligible to start school in the September following their 4th birthday. **All Reception 2019 children can start school in September 2019**, but parents may defer entry to school, if they prefer, until the start of any term until they reach statutory school age, usually at the start of the term following their 5th birthday. **An offer of a place cannot be held over until the next academic year**, but it may be possible, in specific circumstances, to defer your child's application (**note - not their offer of a place**) to the following year. Such requests should have been made by 15 January 2019 but if you would like to be considered for a deferred application, please contact Shropshire Council without delay for advice.

Parents should note that the government will not allow parents to have both a school place (even part time) and a funded nursery place. **Nursery funding will only be available for anyone not on roll in Reception at school either full time or part time.**

Parents who do not wish their child to start school in September but later in the year, should contact the allocated school as a matter of urgency. Parents should also contact the school if they are considering their child attending school on a part time basis. Part time attendance is open to local agreement between the parents and school.