



## Busill Jones Primary School

### Process for Deferring Entry to Busill Jones Primary Reception Class

Deferring entry to the reception class at Busill Jones Primary is an option available to parents/carers who feel it would be in the best interests of their child. In line with the Walsall Council guidelines, children reach compulsory school age on the first day of the term following their fifth birthday. Parents have the choice to enrol their child in the school at the beginning of the September term, prior to their fifth birthday, or to defer their start date until the first term after their fifth birthday.

To initiate the deferral process, the following steps should be observed:

1. **Communicate with the School:** Parents/carers wishing to defer their child's entry, to Busill Jones, must write a letter directly to Busill Jones Primary. This letter should specify the desired start date for the reception class.
2. **Complete the Online Application:** Despite deferring the start date, it is essential to complete the online application form before the stated deadline. This ensures that your child's place is secured.
3. **Understand the Nursery Provision:** It is crucial to note that having a place in the nursery class does not guarantee admission to the reception class. A separate application must be submitted for a place in reception even if you are applying for a deferral.
4. **Special Considerations for Summer Born Children:** For children born between 1 April and 31 August, who are classified as 'summer born', there is the option to defer their admission until the following year, enabling them to start in Year 1 instead. If parents want their summer born child to commence in reception instead of Year 1, a request for admission outside of their normal age group must be made to Walsall Council, and the admission authority will consider this request.
5. **Applications to Academy Schools:** For parents considering Busill Jones (part of Shine Academies), it is necessary to apply directly to the preferred school and also inform the local authority, ensuring that a local authority application is submitted.

For more information please see the Walsall Council website on starting school in Walsall - <https://go.walsall.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-in-walsall/school-admissions/starting-school-in-walsall>