



LANDKEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY ACADEMY SINGLE POINT ENTRY OFFER (RECEPTION 2020-21)

The time is fast approaching and we are looking forward to welcoming you and your child to Landkey Community Primary Academy in the Academic Year of 2020-21.

You are probably aware that following a review of the Primary Curriculum in April 2009, it was recommended that children should ideally start school in the September following their fourth birthday. For this reason, a single point entry offer was implemented in September 2011, in order that all children in a school year group have equal access to school and the curriculum, regardless of their date of birth. This ensures that Summer born children are not disadvantaged in any way.

Parents will now have a choice regarding the start date for their child at Landkey Community Primary Academy as follows:

1. All children have the option to attend school full time from September 2020 for 25 hours per week, regardless of their birth date.
2. Children under the age of 5 may start school part-time for Mornings only, amounting to 15 hours per week from September.
3. Parents of children under that age of 5 may choose to defer entry into school until the term following their 5th birthday, but must inform the Headteacher of their decision to do so as soon as possible.

When making your choice, it is important to remember that children **MUST** be in school full time the term following their 5th birthday, eg. If your child turns 5 in February, they would need to be at school in full time education for the Summer Term (after Easter). This is a statutory requirement. In addition, we ask that all children are fully toilet trained before attending school, unless there is a medical condition.

In order that there is minimal disruption to all of your children, we strongly advise and recommend that all children start school in September 2020 - I am sure you appreciate that children joining at various points throughout the year can be disruptive to the children already in the Reception Class and quite disconcerting for your child, if others are already well settled into the routines of the school. It is also recommended that all children are at school full-time by January 2021. These recommendations are in line with Government guidance and ensure that all children have equality of opportunity and full access for a whole year to the Foundation Stage Curriculum. Not doing so could prove to be detrimental to your child's education.

In previous years, the vast majority of children have started school full-time in September.

It is important to point out that it is your choice, however, and that we and the Government can only give advice and make recommendations regarding the Single Point Entry Offer. Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate other requests in regards to part-time schooling - for the benefit of all children and in terms of staffing, it is policy at Landkey Community Primary Academy to offer the part-time option for mornings only.

As soon as you receive this letter, we ask that you contact the school and inform us of your decision regarding the point of entry. If in the meantime you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours Sincerely

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