



HIGH NEEDS BASE PANEL RECEPTION AGE PROTOCOL

The High Needs Base panel was established in 2017 to ensure there is consistent and transparent decision making for the allocation of High Needs Base places for children aged two to four years old. Children are not allocated places for their reception year or the academic year in which they turn five. Therefore, a child who is deferring their reception year cannot access a high needs base place.

In extra ordinary circumstances Reception children may be allocated a place when the child would not turn 5 during their period of attendance. Such children will normally have a summer term birthday

Examples of such extenuating factors may be:

A specialist place has been allocated however there is delayed opening to the school

International new arrivals (within the last 6 months) with significant, complex and enduring needs

Such places would only be allocated where capacity allowed on a case-by-case basis with priority given to N2, N1 and N0 children