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Please could you share data on school deferral requests for children beginning P1?

What percentage of children with August-December birthdays deferred, and what percentage of children with January-February birthdays deferred.

Please could you provide this information for the five years up to the current 2025/26 school year?

We are unable to provide the information requested prior to 2023/24 because it is not held by the Council. The information requested for the past three years is provided below.

2025/2026 session total number of deferrals received is 822 & total number of P1 starts August 2025 was 3892

Total P1 August birthdays: 30/ 294 number 11th - 31st Aug 2020 children? 294

Total P1 September birthdays: 47/ 290 number of Sep 2020 born children? 290

Total P1 October birthdays: 78/ 291 number of Oct 2020 born children? 291

Total P1 November birthdays: 96/ 232 number of Nov 2020 born children? 232

Total P1 December birthdays: 141/ 191 number of Dec 2020 born children? 191

Total P1 January birthdays: 218/ 113 number of Jan 2021 born children? 113

Total P1 February birthdays: 212/ 112 number of Feb 2021 born children? 112

- 822/2345 children eligible to defer did so. Same question asked a different way: 2345/3,892
- ~894/3892 (~22.9%) P1s were deferred children, assuming all went to a state school after further year nursery/kindergarten.

2024/2025 session total number of deferrals received is 894 & total number of P1 starts August 2024 was 3933

Total P1 August birthdays: 21/ 224 number 11th - 31st Aug 2019 born children? - 224

Total P1 September birthdays: 64/289

Total P1 October birthdays: 73/301

Total P1 November birthdays: 117/262

Total P1 December birthdays: 143/177

Total P1 January birthdays: 213/119

Total P1 February birthdays: 263/106

- 894/1254 children eligible to defer did so.
- ~806/3933 (~20.5%) P1s were deferred children, assuming all went to a state school after further year nursery/kindergarten.

2023/2024 session percentage of deferrals per month received – total number of deferrals received is 806 & total number of P1 starts August 2023 was 4030

Total P1 August* birthdays: 17 deferred /225 (could have deferred but started P1) 225

Total P1 September birthdays: 50/264

Total P1 October birthdays: 73/350

Total P1 November birthdays: 88/259

Total P1 December birthdays: 139/194

Total P1 January birthdays: 240/150

Total P1 February birthdays: 199/102

- 806/1544 children eligible to defer did so.