

WALKERVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

RECEPTION ADMISSION POLICY

CONTEXT

The Education Act and DECD Regulations state that:

- children having their fifth birthday before May 1 may commence schooling in the previous January to begin their reception school year.
- children having their fifth birthday on or after May 1 will commence schooling in the following school year.
- In any case, all must be enrolled and attending prior to their sixth birthday.

TERMS IN JUNIOR PRIMARY

The length of time a child is in junior primary (reception to year 2) will no longer vary and will be 12 school terms.

TRANSITION

A series of orientation visits are arranged for children and parents near the end of the school year immediately preceding the child's start to school.

The principal will also convene an orientation meeting for new parents to coincide with the first visit.

Visit 1 - Wednesday 9.15am to 10.30am

Visit 2 – Wednesday 9am to 11am

Visit 3 – Wednesday 9am to 12 noon.

EXCEPTIONS

- Gifted Children

Children can be admitted in the previous intake under DECD policy.

Children need to be assessed by a registered psychologist or guidance officer and test results indicated that they are at least in the 95th percentile or above overall, preferably in the 97th percentile or above. Further, the professional must recommend an earlier start to school as part of their official report.

Ultimately, the final decision rests with the school principal after taking available advice into account.

ATTENDANCE

Once children have commenced school they are under compulsion to attend. Normal school times are 8.55am to 3.25pm Monday to Friday.

Enrolment forms must be completed and lodged with the front office prior to commencement.

Parents may negotiate a shorter school day in the early weeks if they feel their child needs this. This should be negotiated with the class teacher.

Children may also vary attendance times as part of an official Negotiated Education Plan process. This agreement would include the parents, teacher and senior staff.

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