



Consultation: Bourne Education Trust school admissions arrangements for 2026/27

School: The Mead Infant and Nursery School

Introduction

The Mead Infant and Nursery School (the school) is an infant school in Bourne Education Trust (BET / the Trust). Bourne Education Trust delegates its role as the admissions authority for The Mead Infant and Nursery School along with the task of determining the school's admissions arrangements, to the school's Local Governing Committee (LGC) in line with the Trust's scheme of delegation.

Consultation for The Mead Infant and Nursery School Admissions Arrangements 2026/27

The school is consulting to amend its admissions arrangements with effect from the 2026/27 academic year to include more detail under the *Admission of children outside their normal age group* section.

Currently, the Trust has a separate policy for the education of children outside of their chronological year group. This is published on the Bourne Education Trust website [here](#).

The inclusion of this information within individual school admissions arrangements from 2026/27 aims to provide more clarity on the process for parents who may wish to consider an application for accelerated or decelerated entry to school. The intention is then to withdraw the separate Trust policy from 31st August 2026.

In summary, the additional information provides clarity on:

- Where parents can find guidance from the Department for Education and Surrey County Council in relation to summer born children and the education of children outside of their chronological year group
- How parents can apply for accelerated entry to school for their child (ie. to start earlier than other children in their chronological age group)

- How parents can apply for decelerated entry to school for their child (ie. to start later than other children in their chronological age group)
- Details of who to contact at the school, and where to send supporting evidence, when making an application for accelerated or decelerated entry

Please note:

The nursery provision within The Mead Infant and Nursery School has a separate admissions policy and is not included within this consultation.

Deadline for responses:

The consultation begins on 18th November 2024 and runs for six weeks, with a closing date of 20th January (Please note, the consultation period does not include school holidays.) Please provide any comments on the consultation by email to office@mead.surrey.sch.uk