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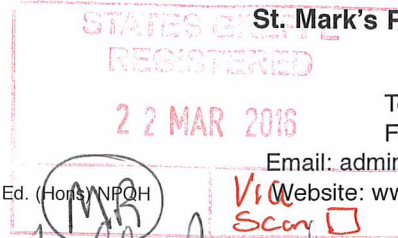
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>Returns from Springfield parents
re School starting age.

Mr. Cooper

18.3.16.

With Compliments



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Year Group of Child(ren): Reception

Comments:

My child's birthday is September therefore he was very ready to start in reception. He has coped extremely well and is exceeding targets set, however this may be different if he was born a few days before (with an August Birthday) and had started reception a year earlier.





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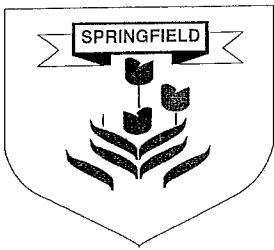
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Year Group of Child(ren): 5 x 3

Comments:

I feel that this age is correct, with boys with February & late July birthdays we have had different experiences. I feel school starting age worked very well for both my children.

I did have strong feelings when nursery tried to start teaching my youngest and had to sign something to say not to teach him. When he arrived in reception class I felt this was early enough for 'formal' learning & teaching.



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"Well needed"!

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Year Group of Child(ren): 1 and 4

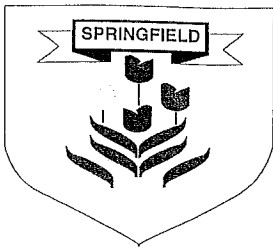
Comments: Our daughter would have benefited greatly to start a year later being born in August. She struggled every year catching her peers and is only catching up this year in year 4. Equally she had major surgery before reception

and we were given no option by nursery or school at the time despite paediatrician supporting us. I believe doctors & parents should be given the opportunity to delay school start of 1 year. Children mature at different stage & education route on start of reception should depend on child being ready for it and not the age.

other european countries start later & children are more ready for it.



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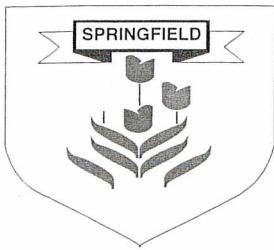
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Year Group of Child(ren): *Reception*

Comments: *I think that the school starting age is right for most children as any children who may have educational difficulties can be identified and helped as early as possible and any children who do not need extra support can be pushed to achieve in a variety of subjects and areas.*



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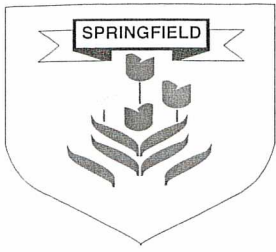
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Year Group of Child(ren): Y1 and Y4

Comments: I don't have a problem with starting school at 4. Reception prepares children with the essential skills + tools for learning, social skills development etc. I do however think there is a huge leap into year 1 and that the expectation by the end of Y1 (to meet the secure requirement) is potentially too great for many children to achieve, thereby creating a system where children are set up to 'fail' and teachers feeling this too. In my opinion KS1 should focus less on meeting unrealistic objectives and more on the development of the 'whole child', social skills, resilience, creative thinking, independence etc. Then KS2 to build on this while setting high standards to achieve the age appropriate objectives + to finish KS2 with the same

academic results... in an ideal world.
yours faithfully
A parent and a KS1
teacher.



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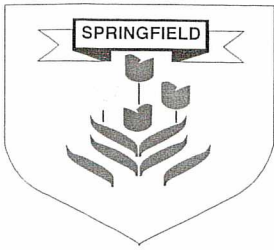
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Year Group of Child(ren): YEAR 3 (CURRENTLY)

Comments:

CURRENT AGE FOR STARTING SCHOOL IS INAPPROPRIATE, I FEEL THE CHILDREN ARE NOT READY MENTALLY & PHYSICALLY TO BEGIN SCHOOL AT THE AGE 4. LOOKING AT MY BOTH CHILDREN, ONE WENT TO SCHOOL WHEN WAS 5, OTHER WHEN 4 → THIS WAS A BIG DIFFERENCE IN THEIR AGE & READINESS FOR SCHOOL. WHEN LOOKING AT "THESE BABES" WHO ARE EVEN UNABLE TO CARRY THEIR BOOK BAGS & LUNCH BOXES I FEEL THAT IT IS A BIG EXAGGERATION TO SEND THEM TO SCHOOL AT THE AGE 4. STATES OF JERSEY SHOULD ALSO SUPPORT SOME ASSISTANCE FOR 1:1 (child & teacher) TO IMPROVE WRITING, READING & PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES TO ACHIEVE Pupil's GOALS.



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Year Group of Child(ren): Year 1

Comments: I have no comment about the starting age, the only thing I think is that the school could help the kids more than the parents at home.



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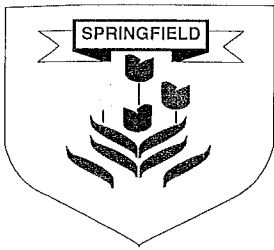
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Year Group of Child(ren): 5

Comments:

Agree with current starting age.
Firm believer in early years education (pre-school) as it provides socialisation from a young age and a stimulating environment that is great for a developing brain. Shame not all parents can access it but understand the financial implications. Nursery fees are expensive but worth it. It's good to see that Springfield will have a nursery. Investing time and money with early years, getting that bit right for every child, sets them on the right path.



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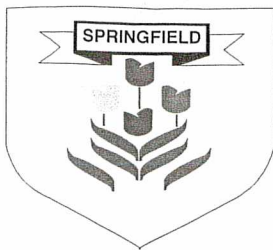
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Year Group of Child(ren): reception

Comments:

I think if your child is born in September or August it should be up to the parent to decide. My daughter was born in September and she was more than ready to start school a year earlier than she did. She did 2yrs in pre-school and was bored.



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Year Group of Child(ren): RECEPTION

Comments: My child started school at the age of 4 yrs & 5 months. He was definitely ready for this process. He was finding nursery enjoyable, playing with his friends but by the time he was 4, he didn't find it challenging enough. He has thrived at the learning opportunities Springfield have given him and we look forward to when his sister can come along to pre-school nursery at Springfield to start the process sooner.