

Cohort Entry Information

Why cohort entry

- To allow students to settle quicker to school
- Evidence shows that starting school alongside others can help foster relationships and supports smoother entry to school
- Less disruption for class teachers as they can plan for groups of students doing both school visits and starting school
- Allow for easier planning of staffing requirements
- Allow for a more beneficial jump start programme
- Easier report tracking

What does cohort entry mean?

Children will start school with Cohort entry at the start of term or mid term closest to their 5 birthday, or the beginning of a later term (decided by school policy).

NOTE: The precise mid-term dates for each term are set by the ministry and published in gazette and Ministry of Education website.

GUIDELINES

The MoE identify [mid term dates](#). These dates are the mid-point between the start of term and the start of the next term. If a child's birthday falls before the mid-term date, they cannot start until the mid term cohort entry date. If their birthday falls after the mid-term date then they can start school at the beginning the next term.

Eg. 10 week term with the mid-term beginning identified as week 6

- If the child's birthday falls week 6-10 of the term before or in the holidays leading up to the term the child will start **week 1 of the term**
- If the child's birthday falls between Week 1-5 of the term they will start **week 6 of the term**

DATES for 2019

TERM	START OF TERM DATE	MID TERM DATE	END OF TERM
1	7/02/2019	20/03/2019	14/04/2019
2	29/04/2019	10/06/2019	5/07/2019
3	22/07/2019	02/09/2019	27/09/2019
4	14/10/2019	11/12/2019	20/12/2019