Application for deferred admission to Class 1
(Summer born child)

Important note to Parent/Carer:

☐ At our school children remain in Kindergarten until the school year in which they turn 6. They start Class 1 at the beginning of the academic year in which they turn 7. The academic year runs from 1st September to 31st August.

☐ You should complete this form if your child is summer born (turning 6 between 1st April and 31st August) and you wish him/her to defer admission to Class 1 for a year to work and learn outside his/her chronological age group.

☐ The closing date for applications is the last day before the February half-term break.

☐ If we don’t receive your application before the closing date or if your request is not agreed, your child will need to start Class 1 at the beginning of the following academic year.

☐ If your child has an EHCP or is being assessed for one, you should not complete this form. Your request will be managed via the EHCP process.

Please be aware that this application will only be agreed if SDSS is satisfied that it is in your child’s best interests to work outside his/her normal age group. It is not an automatic right.

There are a number of factors which might mean that working outside their normal age group will not be in a child’s best interests and you are strongly advised to consider these before applying:

☐ As the child grows older, he/she may feel resentment at being treated differently and may worry that this decision reflects on his/her ability and/or behaviour.

☐ It may affect the child’s ability to participate in external sporting/social activities with classmates as many organisations base their age categories around standard school year groups.

☐ Your child will still be eligible to leave school on the last Friday in June of the academic year in which he/she turns 16, even if this is at the end of class 9 rather than class 10, and may choose to do so.

☐ If your child needs to change school for any reason (e.g. house move, chosen transition to another school etc.), the admission authority for the new school may not agree to continue the arrangement to work out of year group.
PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS IN BLOCK CAPITALS

Child Details
Surname: 
Forenames (in full): 
Boy/Girl Date of birth: 
Child’s home address

Proposed date of admission to Class 1

Parent/Carer Details
Name (in full) 
Address (if different from child)
Contact telephone number
Email address

Reasons for wishing to defer admission to Class 1 until the September following your child’s 6th birthday:

Please attach any supporting evidence – please note this should relate directly to your child. Please do not give general information about summer born children eg research and statistical data as we will already be aware of this.

I certify that I have read and understood the attached notes and that I would like to apply for my child to be admitted to Class 1 outside his/her normal age group. I understand that this will be subject to review and may not continue if I apply for another school for my child.

Signed: ................................................................. (parent/carer)

To be completed by SDSS Education Manager:
I do/do not support …………………………….’s request for …………………………… to be admitted to Class 1 outside his/her chronological age group for the following reasons (or attach a letter):

Signed: ........................................................................................................... Education Manager of SDSS.