



Cohort Entry and when to enrol your child

From the start of 2024, Chaucer School will be operating a 'Cohort Entry' system of enrolment specifically for **new entrant students enrolling when turning 5 years of age**.

There will be two intakes of enrolments per term of new entrants.

This means that, after turning five, children will start school in a group at the start or in the middle of a new term.

Start dates for 2024:

TERM	START OF TERM DATE	MID-TERM DATE
1	07/02/2024	11/03/2024
2	29/04/2024	04/06/2024
3	22/07/2024	26/08/2024
4	14/10/2024	18/11/2024

Your child **must** start school on one of these dates, after his or her fifth birthday and before his or her sixth birthday.

Why do we use this system?

There are many benefits to cohort entry, including:

- Improved opportunities for students and their whānau to build relationships with each other right at the start of their time at our school
- An improved transition visit system for new students and their whānau
- Easier transitions for new students - evidence shows that starting school alongside others helps children build relationships and supports a smoother entry to school life
- Less disruption for existing classes and teachers as they welcome new students in groups rather than individually

We still require as much notice as you are able to provide of when your child will be starting school so that we can arrange transition visits, so please complete our enrolment forms at least four school weeks before your child's start date.