

# Cohort Entry



Cohort entry is about helping children to settle better in school. There's evidence that starting school alongside other children helps children build relationships and supports a smoother entry to school life.

We believe it offers our tamariki the best start to their school life. It also means less disruption for our new entrant teachers who can prepare for groups of children arriving on a specific date, rather than on an individual and ad hoc basis throughout the year. New entrants start school as a group after they have turned five, and there will be two entry points per term (beginning and mid-point).

## 2021 Mid-Term Dates for Schools with Cohort Entry

TERM	START OF TERM DATE	MID-TERM DATE	END OF TERM DATE
1	04/02/2021	15/03/2021	16/04/2021
2	03/05/2021	08/06/2021	07/07/2021
3	26/07/2021	30/08/2021	01/10/2021
4	18/10/2021	15/11/2021	16/12/2021

The mid-term date is the mid-point between the start of the term and the start of the next term.

- If your child's birthday is before the **start of term date**, then they can start school at the **beginning of that term**.
- If their birthday is between the **start of term date** and the **mid term date**, then they can start school on the **mid term date**.
- If their birthday is between the **mid term date** and the **start of the next term's date** then they can start school at the beginning of the next term.