



# Cambridge Primary School

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## Cohort Entry Survey – Response Required

**The Education Act Update 2017 has allowed for schools to officially have cohort entry, i.e., New Entrant children starting at the beginning of the school term closest to their birthday.**

Cambridge Primary School is considering cohort entry for children entering school as a New Entrant. Our current model is continuous enrolment.

We see educational advantages in cohort entry for Cambridge Primary School; these include:

- Children starting together on the same day with several other children, rather than arriving into a new class and school environment as an individual within a term.
- Attending the 6 sessions of our transition to school programme as a collective (with other children starting on the same day). This transition to school programme involves two sessions between 11.00am-12.30pm, two sessions between 8.45am-12.30pm and two sessions for the whole day. These take place on a Friday.
- This will also allow the new entrant classes to be uninterrupted for the other 4 weeks of the term, where currently every Friday has additional transition children coming into class and therefore a change in flow to the normal programme.

Attached to this survey is a Question and Answer sheet from the Ministry of Education to help answer relevant questions. If you have other questions please email them through to [admin@cambridgeprimary.co.nz](mailto:admin@cambridgeprimary.co.nz), attention Mike Pettit, Principal, or speak to Mike, or any of the junior class teachers, Nic Pettit, Anna Asplin or Cat Clark in person.

*Under the Act parents must be given one term's notice of any change to school entry, hence we are conducting consultation in term 3. Notification to our parent and pre-school community would be by the beginning of term 4. If the school moves ahead with cohort entry it would come into effect from the beginning of term 1, 2018.*

After reading all the detail and clarifying any remaining questions, we ask you fill out this one question survey (see below). This will help give us direction with how to proceed.

Michelle Jenkins  
Chairperson  
Cambridge Primary School Board of Trustees

***Please submit your response to the following question by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September:***

**Do I support New Entrant cohort entry into Cambridge Primary School? (Please circle one)**

Yes

No

Neutral