ADMISSIONS POLICY

September 2026

Eureka Primary School

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1 Introduction

The governing body of Eureka Primary School applies the regulations on admissions fairly and equally to all those who wish to attend this school.

Eureka Primary School, as a local authority school, follows Derbyshire County Council's Admissions Policy and Procedures. (Please visit their website at www.derbyshire.gov.uk for more information).
These procedures are in line with the DFE's Schools Admissions Code September 2021.

2 Aims and objectives

We are an inclusive school that welcomes children from all faiths and abilities.

All applications will be treated on merit and in a sensitive manner.

The only restriction we place on entry is that of number. If the number of children applying for entry exceeds the places available, we enforce the procedure set out below in order to determine whether a child is accepted or not.

In deciding on admissions to all community and voluntary controlled schools in Derbyshire, the following order of priority will be adopted:

1. Looked after children and children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order).

2. Children living in the normal area served by the school at the time of application and admission who have brothers or sisters attending the school at the time of application and admission.

3. Children living in the normal area served by the school at the time of application and admission.

4. Children not living in the normal area served by the school but who have brothers or sisters attending the school at the time of application and admission.

5. Other children whose parents have requested a place.

Where, in the case of 2, 3, 4 or 5 above, choices have to be made between children satisfying the same criteria, those children living nearest to the school (measured by a straight line) will be given preference.

It is our wish to allow parents / carers the right to have a place at the school of their choice. However, this is not always possible, due to excess demand on the school places available.

The level of ability of a child or any special needs that s/he may have plays no part in the admissions policy of this school.

3 How parents / carers can apply for their child to be admitted to our school

As our school is a Local Authority School, the school determines the admission arrangements in line with the LEA. The LEA is therefore the 'Admissions Authority' for our school. The regulations for entry to each school, where the Admissions Authority is the LEA, are published each year by the LEA. Parents / carers can receive a copy of these regulations directly from the LEA.

The LEA publishes a composite admissions prospectus each year, which gives information about how parents / carers can apply for a place in the school of their choice. Parents / carers have a right to express a preference for the school of their choice and they should do so on the application form. Expressing a preference does not, in itself, guarantee a place at this school.

Application are available online and should be completed by the date stipulated. The authority notifies parents / carers about the school place on National Offer Day, 16th April or the next working day.

In Derbyshire, children enter school in the academic year they become five.

They join the school at the start of the academic year (early September).

4 Admissions appeals

If parents / carers wish to appeal against a decision to refuse entry, they can do so by applying to the LA.

An independent appeals panel then meets to consider all appeals by parents / carers who have been refused a place at our school and who wish to appeal against this decision.

An appeals panel's decision is binding for all parties concerned. If the appeals panel decides that we should admit a child to our school, then we will accept this and continue to do all we can to provide the best education for all the children at our school.

(Details of appeal arrangements are set out in the School Admissions Code Appeals, which came into force in October 2022.)

5 The published admission number (PAN)

The published admission number is the number of children the school is able to admit in to each year group. At present, the published admission number for our school is 30 for Reception. This number is subject to review by the Governing Body and the LEA.

6 Infant class size

We teach the children in classes that have a maximum number of 30 children (this can be above 30 if directed by the Local Authority).

7 Review

This policy will be reviewed annually with the Admissions Authority in the light of any changed circumstances in our school or the local area.