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Determined School Admission Arrangements for Derby City Maintained and Voluntary Controlled Schools 2023-2024

Purpose

- 1.1 The Council is the Admissions Authority for all maintained and voluntary controlled schools within Derby City, and therefore, must comply with the statutory duty to consult on any changes to its admission arrangements on behalf of those schools before they are determined and published in the year preceding admission.
- 1.2 The School Admissions Code 2021 requires that consultation on admission arrangements for the academic year 2023-2024 must last for a minimum 6 weeks and must take place between 01 October 2021 and 31 January 2022. All admission arrangements must then be determined (set) by the statutory deadline date of 28 February 2022.
- 1.3 No objections or comments relating to the proposed admission arrangements have been received during the consultation period between 15 October 2021 and 26 November 2021.
- 1.4 The proposal is for the admission arrangements for the 2023-2024 academic year set out in Appendix 1, to be considered and approved as the determined (set) admission arrangements by Council Cabinet.

Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 To approve the proposed admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled infant, junior, primary, and secondary schools as set out in Appendix 1 as the determined (set) admission arrangements for the 2023-2024 academic year.
- 2.2 To approve the published admission numbers as set out in Annex 3.

Reason(s)

- 3.1 To ensure that fairness, equity, and transparency is retained, and that Derby City is fully compliant with the mandatory requirements of the School Admissions Code 2021, School Admission Appeals Code 2012, relevant legislation, and regulations.

Supporting information

- 4.1 The requirements of the DfE School Admissions Code (2021) are incorporated within the proposed admission arrangements set out in Appendix 1.
- 4.2 The purpose of the School Admissions Code 2021 is to ensure that all school places for maintained schools (excluding maintained special schools) and Academies are allocated and offered in an open and fair way. Admission authorities and local authorities must also comply with the regulations and legislation set out by the Code. When drawing up admission arrangements, admission authorities must ensure that the practices and criteria used to decide the allocation of school places are fair and clear. Parents should be able to look at a set of arrangements and understand easily how places for that school will be allocated.
- 4.3 The table below sets out the admission authority for each type of school in England.

Type of School	Who is the admission authority?	Who deals with complaints about arrangements?	Who is responsible for arranging/providing for an appeal against refusal of a place at a school?
Academies	Academy Trust	Schools Adjudicator	Academy Trust
Community Schools	Local Authority	Schools Adjudicator	Local Authority
Foundation Schools	Governing body	Schools Adjudicator	Governing body
Voluntary aided Schools	Governing body	Schools Adjudicator	Governing body
Voluntary controlled Schools	Local Authority	Schools Adjudicator	Local Authority

- 4.4 The proposed Admission Arrangements for 2023-2024 detailed in Appendix 1 were consulted on between 15 October 2021 and 26 November 2021. The proposal is for the arrangements to be considered and determined at the Council Cabinet meeting on 9 February 2022.
- 4.5 Derby's proposed admission arrangements are consistent with other local authorities' admission arrangements for maintained and voluntary controlled schools and meet the legal requirements of School Admissions Code and School Admissions Appeals Code.
- 4.6 The only change to the proposed admission arrangements for 2023-2024 from those determined last year for the 2022-2023 academic year, is the improved communication of the decision to parents. Parents who apply by telephone or using the Common Application Form paper format and supply an email address, will receive an electronic version of the decision letter via the email address provided; the letter will also be posted to their home address.

- 4.7 No objections or comments relating to the proposed admission arrangements have been received during the consultation period of 15 October 2021 until 26 November 2021.

Public/stakeholder engagement

- 5.1 Derby City Council's proposed admission arrangements as set out in Appendix 1 were consulted on from 15 October 2021 until 26 November 2021 with the following groups and partners: -
- Dioceses of Nottingham Education Service.
 - Church of England Diocesan Board.
 - Parents.
 - Community groups and other people within the City who may have an interest in the proposed admissions.
 - Derby's own admission authority schools (including Academies and Free Schools).
 - Derbyshire County Council.
 - Nottingham City Council.
 - Nottinghamshire County Council.
 - Leicester City Council.
 - Leicestershire County Council.
 - Staffordshire County Council.

Other options

- 6.1 Not to undertake a consultation where there are no changes proposed for a period of up to seven years. However, all admission authorities must publish their determine admission arrangements every year, even if they have not changed from previous years. It is considered that the annual consultation process provides parents, carers, and stakeholders with a regular opportunity to review and comment on the proposed admission arrangements each year.

Financial and value for money issues

- 7.1 As school budgets are largely determined by pupil numbers, there will be a financial impact for those schools where changes in admission criteria result in changes to actual numbers.

Legal implications

- 8.1 The procedure for consulting upon and determining admission arrangements, notification, publication, variation, and alteration of them is set out in the School Admissions (Admissions Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations and came into force on 19 December 2014. The Council remain fully compliant with all statutory requirements arising from the Code, which has been updated from 2014 to September 2021.

Climate implications

9.1 Not in this report.

Other significant implications

10.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment was undertaken as part of the 2021-2022 Admissions Consultation with stakeholders.

This report has been approved by the following people:

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Background papers:

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DERBY CITY SCHEME FOR THE ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR INFANT, JUNIOR,
PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS
2023 – 2024

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This scheme for admission to infant, junior, primary and secondary schools is a mechanism that will ensure that every parent resident in Derby who has applied by the required date for a school place for their child in the normal admission round receives a single offer of a school place on the relevant National Offer Date. The scheme also applies to parents who apply for a school place as an 'in-year' applicant.
- 1.2 The scheme is an administrative process to make admission to school easier, more transparent, and less stressful for parents, as all applications are made through one body.
- 1.3 In order to provide every parent with an offer of one place Derby City Council will be working collaboratively with the governing bodies of voluntary controlled, voluntary aided, trust, foundation, academies and free schools, the neighbouring local authority of Derbyshire and any other applicable local authority.
- 1.4 Derby City Council will be the only body to transmit an offer on behalf of all other admission authorities to a Derby resident of a single place at any infant, junior, primary, or secondary school for applications received during the normal admissions rounds. These applications will be assessed by using the address the child resides at, at the closing date, or for in-year applications, at the time of application.
- 1.5 The scheme's admission arrangements will not affect the duty of the governing bodies of academies, voluntary aided, trust, foundation, and free schools to set and apply their own admission arrangements.
- 1.6 Children with a statement of special educational needs are not covered by this scheme. They will be given priority admission over all others.

2. Applying for a school place

- 2.1 All applications for the normal admissions round from Derby residents for admission to any school must be made online, using the common application form, or by telephone to the Local Authority.
- 2.2 **Reception intake and junior transfer** - parents of children attending Derby schools will receive information on how to submit their application form via their child's nursery, infant or primary school on or around 05 November 2022.
- 2.3 **Secondary transfer** - parents of children attending Derby schools will receive information on how to submit their application form via their child's primary/junior school at the beginning of Year 6.
- 2.4 Parents who reside outside Derby should request information on how to make an application from their home authority in the first instance.

2.5 Parents can state preferences for any combination of the following schools:

- Community
- Voluntary Aided
- Voluntary Controlled
- Foundation
- Academy
- Trust
- Free

2.6 Parents are invited to state three preferences for primary and junior transfer and four preferences for secondary transfer online; on the common application form, or by telephone to the Local Authority in their rank order and give reasons for those preferred schools.

2.7 Parents will apply direct to their home authority.

2.8 **Reception intake and junior transfer** - in all cases applications must be received by the closing date of 15 January 2023. Parents cannot change their preferences after the closing date, unless they have changed address, which changes their catchment area, or have had a move fall through – proof will be required. Such changes may result in an ‘on-time’ application being re-classified as a ‘late’ application.

2.9 **Secondary transfer** - in all cases applications must be received by the closing date of 31 October 2022. Parents cannot change their preferences after the closing date, unless they have changed address, which changes their catchment area, or have had a house move fall through – proof will be required. Such changes may result in an ‘on-time’ application being reclassified as a ‘late’ application.

3 The offer of a place

3.1 **Reception intake and junior transfer** - parents can receive an electronic version of the decision letter, if when making the application they include an email address. Parents will also be sent a letter by second class post detailing a single offer of a school place for admission to an infant, junior or primary school from Derby City Council on 17 April 2023. Parents who applied online will also be able to view the decision online on 17 April 2023 by logging into their account.

3.2 **Secondary transfer** – parents can receive an electronic version of the decision letter, if when making the application they include an email address. Parents will also be sent a letter by second class post detailing a single offer of a place for admission to a secondary school from Derby City Council on 1 March 2023. Parents who applied online will also be able to view the decision online on 1 March 2023 by logging into their account.

4 Applications outside of the normal admission round

- 4.1 All school admission applications for a school within Derby City made outside the normal admission round must be applied for using the relevant common application form or by completing the e-form available at [Online in-year application form](#).
- 4.2 Parents will be invited to state three preferences for in rank order on the common application form/e-form.
- 4.3 All admission authorities will be asked to consider the applications against their own oversubscription criteria.
- 4.4 The offer of a place at any maintained Derby City school (excluding Free Schools, UTC Derby Pride Park and Landau Forte College) will be made by Derby City Council on behalf of the admission authority concerned.
- 4.5 Applicants will be issued with a decision letter from Derby City Council within 15 school days of their application being submitted.
- 4.6 There are some cases when a school may refuse admission even if it has places available. These are:
 - twice permanently excluded children within two years of the last exclusion
 - children with challenging behaviour making in-year admissions. Schools must refer this to the local authority to be dealt with under the Fair Access Protocol.

5 Right of Appeal

This scheme does not alter the parents' right to appeal. Any parent, whose child is refused a school place for which they have applied that is ranked higher than their final offer, has the right to an independent appeal. The right to appeal also applies at times other than the normal times of entry to school (e.g., when families move into an area during the year), and in respect of admissions at other than the normal age (such as a year early or a year late for transfer from infant to junior school). Parents who have missed the normal deadlines for applying for admission, or who have had an offer of a place withdrawn also have a right to appeal if they are refused a place.

6 Late applications

- 6.1 Late applications (received after the relevant national closing date) will be considered after all other provisional offers have been determined.
- 6.2 Places will be allocated where no application has been received after those who have made late applications.

- 6.3 Parents will not be allowed to change their preferences after the relevant national closing date, unless they have moved address into a different catchment area or have had a house move fall through for which documentary evidence may be required.

7 Waiting lists

- 7.1 Derby City Council will establish a waiting list for each school where the number of applications for those schools has exceeded the places available in the relevant Year group. Only those unsuccessful preferences ranked higher than the final offer will be added to the waiting list.
- 7.2 The waiting lists will be established on the offer day and will be maintained up to the end of the Autumn Term and ranked according to each admission authority's oversubscription criteria. Lists will then be passed to foundation, trust, academy, free and voluntary aided schools, who may, or may not, continue with the waiting lists. The Local Authority will continue to keep a waiting list for community and voluntary controlled schools throughout the academic year of entry. Should parents wish their child to remain on a waiting list for the following academic year, they should contact the Admissions Team on 01332 956988 from the 15 June each year.
- 7.3 This waiting list ranking for any school may change due to late or unsuccessful applications and any subsequent offers.

8 Information required by voluntary aided and free schools

- 8.1 Voluntary aided and free schools may require additional information which is not contained on the common application form and may relate to the church of which they are a member, or to the religious character of the school.
- 8.2 In addition to the common application form each voluntary aided or free school may have their own supplementary information form for prospective applicants to complete. Details are provided in the school's own prospectus and these forms are to be returned direct to the schools.
- 8.3 These supplementary forms are **not** application forms for admission to voluntary aided or free schools. The forms are considered an important part of the admission process as they are **essential** to enable these schools to apply their own criteria. Schools requiring additional information should make it very clear that receipt of such a form does not constitute an application.
- 8.4 Parents who intend to express a preference or preferences for voluntary aided or free schools must follow the procedure set out below:
- (a) **All applications** - obtain a copy of the supplementary information form from the school(s) for which they intend to express a preference on the common application form. Schools may include this form in their prospectus pack.

- (b) **Reception intake and junior transfer** - complete and return the Common Application Form to Derby City Council by the 15 January 2023; return the supplementary information form(s) to the preferred voluntary aided/free school(s) by 15 January 2023.
- (c) **Secondary transfer** - complete and return the Common Application Form to Derby City Council by the 31 October 2022; return the supplementary information form(s) to the preferred voluntary aided/free school(s) 31 October 2022.

- 8.5 The supplementary information provided by parents will be used by the school in applying their admission criteria. This information is in addition to the standard information supplied on the Common Application Form.
- 8.6 Where the required supplementary information form is not submitted to the school in support of the Common Application Form, it may affect the consideration of the preference expressed by the governing body of that school.
- 8.7 The completion and return of the supplementary information form does not guarantee a place at the school.

9 Fraudulent or Misleading Applications.

- 9.1 All cases of potential fraudulent or misleading applications are investigated rigorously. For applicants who move into Derby City who cannot provide sufficient proof of their address when requested by the Council, the residency will be calculated using the furthest point to the city boundary from the school applied for.
- 9.2 The minimum original documentation required to determine residency will be end of tenancy or proof of sale of the original property, tenancy agreement or proof of purchase of the new property, for example a solicitor's letter about the completion of the sale and the exchange of contracts.
- 9.3 If a family also owns a property within 20 miles of the school(s) stated on the application form, the property closer to the school may not be accepted as the basis for a legitimate residence qualification, even if the former property is rented out to a third party
- 9.4 If there are still reasons to doubt the validity of the application, the Local Authority reserves the right to request further information and evidence which can include ad-hoc visits to the properties in question.
- 9.5 Those found to have submitted a fraudulent or misleading application will have their offer withdrawn and be advised of the right of appeal against the decision. If a child has already started a school and it then transpires that the place was gained fraudulently or misleadingly the place will be withdrawn. If this child has been at the school for more than one term, the place will not be withdrawn, but any future siblings will not benefit from the 'sibling link' criteria.

10 Changing Address

- 10.1 If a child moves before the closing date and can provide proof that they were resident at that address before the closing date, the application will be assessed from their new address.
- 10.2 If a child moves after the closing date but before the offers have been made, The Council will assess the application from where they lived at the closing date. Once the decisions have been made on National Offer Day, we will update the address for waiting list purposes if we haven't been able to offer you your preferred school.
- 10.3 If a child changes address after the National Offer Day and wants to keep the place at the school they have been offered, the application will be reassessed from their new address, to see if they would have been offered a place. If a parent would not have been offered a place from their new address the application may be withdrawn.

11 Fair Access Protocol

- 11.1 All schools within Derby City are partners within the Fair Access Protocol. Pupils who are the subject of a direction by a local authority or who are allocated to a school in accordance with the Fair Access Protocol must take precedence over those on a waiting list.

12 Placement of pupils out of their chronological age group

- 12.1 Where a parent requests their child is admitted out of their normal age group, the school admission authority is responsible for making the decision on which year group a child should be admitted to. They are required to make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child concerned.
- 12.2 There is no statutory barrier to children being admitted outside their normal age group, but parents do not have the right to insist that their child is admitted to a particular age group.
- 12.3 All parents can request that the date their child's admission into school is deferred until later in the academic year or until the term in which the child reaches compulsory school age and can also request that their child takes up a place part-time until the child reaches compulsory school age. Such requests will be considered in consultation with the school and/or the Local Authority.
- 12.4 **IMPORTANT** the year group with which a child is taught has implications for a child's social as well as educational development. There are also implications for; the points at which a child starts primary education; transfers to secondary, to post 16 and to higher education; for the timing of public examinations; and for the stage in the child's education at which he or she reaches the end of compulsory school age.

- 12.5 **Summer born children** -The School Admissions Code requires school admission authorities to provide for the admission of all children in the September following their fourth birthday. However, a child is not required to start school until they have reached compulsory school age following their fifth birthday (*A child reaches compulsory school age on the prescribed day following his/her fifth birthday or on his/her fifth birthday if it falls on a prescribed day. The prescribed days are 31 December, 31 March, and 31 August*). For summer born children this could be a full school year (into Year 1) after the point at which they could first be admitted.
- 12.6 For summer born children starting school parents can request that their child attends part-time until they reach compulsory school age or that the date their child is admitted to school is deferred until later in the same academic year. (*All children born from the beginning of April to the end of August reach compulsory school age in the September following their fifth birthday. It is expected that most requests for children to be admitted out of their normal year group will come from parents of children born in the later summer months or those born prematurely*).
- 12.7 Parental requests for summer born children to be admitted to reception rather than year one at the age of five are different from any other parental request for admission out of the normal age group, as it is only in these circumstances that the child is being admitted to school for the first time.
- 12.8 **Delayed entry into reception class for summer born children** - where a parent considers sending their summer born children to school in the September after their fifth birthday and requests that they enter the reception class instead of the Year 1 class, **they must put this request in writing to us during the normal admissions round (05 November 2022 to 15 January 2023)**. **All requests for summer born children to have delayed entry will be agreed.**
- 12.9 **Placement of children above/ below their chronological age group – Secondary - above** - consideration of exceptional circumstances for placement of pupils above their chronological age group may be applied where the pupil demonstrates exceptional intellectual interests, skills, and achievements in all subject areas, to an extent that it is not reasonable to expect curriculum differentiation within his/her chronological year group.
*At a minimum they have achieved exceptional levels in *all* areas of the National Curriculum.
- 12.10 **Below** - a child ceases to be of compulsory school age on the last Friday of June in the year they become 16. If a child is educated outside their normal age group (i.e., in year 10 when this date is reached) the school will continue to receive funding for that child, but the child will no longer be of compulsory school age during the school year in which most children will take their GCSE examinations.

- 12.11 **Secondary Transfer** – it will be for the admissions authority of the secondary school to decide whether to admit the child out of their normal age group
- 12.12 **Next Steps** -The local authority and head teacher at the school concerned should carefully consider all determining factors of each case before making a recommendation for early/ delayed admission/ transfer. For a child with Special Educational Needs, it is reasonable to expect the school to take advice from outside specialists, for example, an Educational Psychologist.
- 12.13 For children with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) any requests for early or delayed transfer should be considered through a review of their Statement of SEN or EHCP.

*Supporting documentation from professionals involved may be required

13 Further information on School Admissions

- 13.1 **School Leaving Age** the government has changed the law so that all young people are required to continue in education or training until the end of the academic year in which they will turn 18. Young people will have a choice about how they do this. It could be through full time education in school or college, an apprenticeship or full-time employment combined with part time education. The school leaving age (referred to in paragraph 11.12) will remain the same.
- 13.2 Derby City Council, Children and Young People, School Admissions Section, The Council House, Corporation Street, Derby, DE1 2FS Tel: 01332 956988 Email: Admissions@derby.gov.uk
- 13.3 Visit the website at [Derby City Council - School Admissions](#) to access further information, useful forms and the Admissions Handbooks.
- 13.4 The School Admissions Code 2021
[School Admissions Code 2021](#)
- 13.5 The School Admission Appeals Code 2012
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/275897/school_admission_appeals_code_1_february_2012.pdf

13.6 DfE advice on the admission of summer born children

[Admission of summer born children: advice for local authorities and school admission authorities - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/admission-of-summer-born-children-advice-for-local-authorities-and-school-admission-authorities)

[Statement for local authorities, schools and admission authorities on the admission of summer born children to school, from Gavin Williamson, Secretary of State for Education - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/statement-for-local-authorities-schools-and-admission-authorities-on-the-admission-of-summer-born-children-to-school-from-gavin-williamson-secretary-of-state-for-education)

NB: Please note that all the dates and processes contained in this scheme are subject to alteration due to the implementation of any subsequent School Admissions Code which would supersede this scheme.

Admissions Arrangements

If the school is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with a Statement of Special Educational Need, or an Education Health and Care Plan (EHC) where the school is named in the Statement or EH&C plan, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in order:

1. A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in section 22(1) of the Children Act (1989).
2. Children who appear to Derby City Council to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society.
3. Children who are both living in the catchment area served by the school and have brothers or sisters of compulsory school age still attending the school at the time of their admission.
4. Other children living in the catchment area.
5. Children who do not live in the catchment area served by the school but who have brothers or sisters of compulsory school age still attending the school at the time of their admission.
6. In the case of voluntary controlled church schools, children whose parents request a place on religious grounds as stated on their application form.
7. Other children whose parents have requested a place.
8. Children whose parents did not request a place by the closing date.

Tiebreaker When choices have to be made between children satisfying the same criteria, children living nearest to the school measured by a straight line have priority. The line will be measured from the centre of the home address to the school using the national Ordnance Survey set points. If two measurements are the same, we will give priority to the child living nearest the school measured by the shortest walking route from the home address to the school's main entrance. In the unlikely event the two walking routes measure the same distance, the place will be allocated using an independently verified random allocation process. The 'home address' is the address of the primary carer of the child, as shown by who receives the Child Benefit.

Once the closing date has passed, the preferences cannot be altered – subject to any new Code of Practice changes. Multiple births will be allocated a school together within the boundaries of Infant Class Size Legislation. There will be no changes to the relevant area or community school catchment areas for the 2023/24 admissions round. Catchment area maps are available to view from the School Organisation and Provision Team, The Council House, Derby, or by going to www.derby.gov.uk/admissions

For applications made outside the normal round within categories 2 to 7 who are unplaced (see Annex 2; Definition of an unplaced child) will be given priority followed by children on the waiting list living nearest to the school using the Council's measuring system. Waiting lists for all community and voluntary controlled schools will be maintained for all year groups.

Definition of a brother or sister is having one or both natural parents in common, are related by a parent's marriage or who are adopted or fostered. Brothers and sister must be living at the same address. The 'sibling link' will not apply where the place of the sibling at the school in question was obtained by fraudulent means.

Closing dates for applications: 31 October 2022 (Secondary)
15 January 2023 (Primary)

Littleover Community School - Applying for places at Sixth Form

Littleover Community School Sixth Form offers a wide range of AS and A Level courses. We aim to recruit approximately 175 students into Year 12, and we welcome applications from students who have studied their GCSEs in other schools. In a typical year approximately 60 students will be from schools other than Littleover Community School and all applications are considered on an equal basis.

Applications should be made via our on-line application form, available on the school website. Applications open after the Sixth Form Open Evening in mid- October and close at the end of the first week in December.

The minimum entry criteria for Littleover Community School Sixth Form are Maths and English Language graded 5 or above and at least 3 other GCSE's graded 5 or above, students must also achieve a grade 6 or above in subjects that they wish to study at A Level.

Where students plan to study subjects that they have not studied at GCSE level it is expected that they achieve grade 9-6 in subjects that have a similar skill set.

Students wishing to study Further Maths must have an 8 or 9 in GCSE Maths and students wishing to study Maths must be graded 7-9 in GCSE Maths. Students who wish to study A Level Physics, chemistry or Biology must have a grade 9-6 in GCSE Maths, as well as in the relevant Science GCSE.

Students joining us from schools other than Littleover will be required to provide evidence of their GCSE grades in the form of GCSE certificates or official results notification documents from their current school. Places in the Sixth Form will only be confirmed once this evidence has been received and students who fail to declare their GCSE results accurately will be refused places or removed from roll.

More details of courses offered, entry requirements and the application process are available from the Sixth Form section of the school website, where a PDF version of our full prospectus is also available. See link below.

<http://www.littleover.derby.sch.uk/sixthform.php>

You can get more information on how the new GCSE grading system works at [AQA: Understanding the new GCSE and A Level structure](#)

Over Subscription Criteria

The school aims to offer a place to all students who meet the academic entrance criteria. However, should this not be possible due to the number of applications meeting the criteria exceeding capacity, priority will be given to looked after students or students who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order. A looked after student is a student who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in section 22(1) of the Children Act (1989).

Tiebreaker When choices have to be made between students satisfying the same criteria, students living nearest to the school measured by a straight line have priority. The line will be measured from the centre of the home address to the school using the National Ordnance Survey set points. If two measurements are the same priority will be given to the student living nearest the school measured by the shortest walking route from the home address to the school's main entrance. In the unlikely event the two walking routes measure the same distance, the place will be allocated using an independently verified random allocation process. The 'home address' is the address of the primary carer of the student.

Definition of an unplaced child

If an application is received for a child outside the normal admission round first priority will be given within categories 1 -7 to pupils who have not been on a City roll during the academic year of application, and must meet one of the following criteria:

- a) Children leaving the criminal justice system or a Pupil Referral Unit who need to be reintegrated into mainstream education.
- b) Children who have been out of education for two months or more.
- c) Children of Gypsies, Roma, Travellers, refugees, and asylum seekers.
- d) Children who are carers.
- e) Children who are homeless.
- f) Children with unsupportive family backgrounds for whom a place has not been sought and.
- g) Children with Special Educational Needs, disabilities or medical conditions but do not have a Statement of Special Educational Need.

Note:

A child will **not** be considered unplaced if the Council has allocated a school place within the normal admissions round or is able to offer a school place within a reasonable distance outside of the normal admissions round.

Published Admission Numbers (PANS's) 2023-2024

School Name	Published Admission Number	Number of Nursery Places
Alvaston Infant and Nursery	90	26
Ashgate Primary	45	
Becket Primary	30	26
Cavendish Close Infant	90	39
Dale Community Primary	75KS1/ 81 KS2	
Gayton Community Junior	90	
Littlelover Community School	295	
Markeaton Primary – Enhanced Resource School	60	
Meadow Farm Community Primary	30	26
Mickleover Primary	60	
Oakwood Infant	90	39
Parkview Primary	30	26
Pear Tree Infant	90	
Portway Infant	90	
Ravensdale Infant	90	30
Redwood Primary	90	50
Ridgeway Infant	90	
Roe Farm Primary	60	52
Rosehill Infant and Nursery	50	39
Shelton Infant	70	26
Silverhill Primary	60	
Wren Park Primary	54	

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Action	Primary	Secondary
Applications available from	04 November 2022	14 September 2022
Closing date for applications	15 January 2023	31 October 2022
Application exchange with other local authorities	23 January 2023	15 November 2022
Confirmation to own admission authority schools of all applications available	15 February 2023	28 November 2022
Own admissions authority schools confirmed ranking completed	06 March 2023	16 December 2022
1 st offer exchange with other local authorities	13 March 2023	06 January 2023
Final offer exchange with other local authorities	27 March 2023	10 February 2023
Allocations complete	04 April 2023	17 February 2023
National Offer date	17 April 2023	01 March 2023
Closing date for appeals	3 June 2023	17 April 2023
Community and Voluntary Controlled schools waiting list maintained until	16 June 2023	16 June 2023

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Secondary School Appeals

Action	Date
National Offer date for Secondary Schools	Wednesday 01 March 2023
Closing date for Littleover Community School Appeals, Da Vinci Academy Appeals, Derby Moor Academy Appeals and The Bemrose School (Secondary) Appeals. NB: for details of appeal closing dates for all other secondary schools please contact the school directly	Monday 17 April 2023
Littleover Community School Stage 1 Presentation	Monday 15 May 2023
Littleover Community School Stage 2 Appeals	Monday 11 May 2023 – Friday 15 May 2023

Primary School Appeals

Action	Date
National offer date for all Infant/Junior and Primary Schools	Monday 17 April 2023
Closing date for all Infant, Junior and Primary school appeals for Community or Voluntary Controlled Schools. NB: for details of appeal closure dates for Academies, Foundation Schools or Voluntary Aided Schools please contact the school directly	Friday 02 June 2023
Infant/Junior and Primary School appeal hearing dates for Community or Voluntary Controlled Schools. NB: for details of appeal dates for Academies, Foundation Schools or Voluntary Aided Schools please contact the school directly	Monday 26 – Friday 30 June 2023 w/c 26 June 2023 w/c 3 July 2023 w/c 10 July 2023 w/c 17 July 2023