

DRAYCOTT COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Introduction

The governing body of Draycott Primary School applies the regulations on admissions fairly and equally to all those who wish to attend this school. The School Admissions Code (December 2014) issued under Section 84 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 applies to admission arrangements in all maintained schools in England. It should be read alongside the School Admission Appeals Code and other guidance and law that affect admissions and admissions appeals in England.

Aims and objectives

Pupils will be admitted without reference to ability or aptitude and there will be no discrimination on the grounds of sex, race, religion, disability or status.

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. It is our wish to allow parents the right to have a place at the school of their choice. However, this is not always possible, due to the 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.

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

As our school is a community and voluntary controlled school the admissions policy is determined and administered by the county council. The LA is therefore the 'Admissions Authority' for our school. The regulations for entry to each school, where the Admissions Authority is the LA, are published each year by the LA. Parents can receive a copy of these regulations directly from the LA.

The LA publishes a guide for parents on how to apply for a place at Primary School which gives information about how parents can apply for a place in the school of their choice. Parents 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.

The easiest way to apply for a school place is online at derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions where you will find information, support and advice.

If you do not have internet access contact Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190 to make a telephone application.

If for some reason you are unable to make an application either online or by telephone ring the Admissions and Appeals Team on 01629 537479.

The result of your application will be forwarded to you by the LA either via email or post.

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.)

Admissions appeals

When parents are unable to obtain a place for their child at the school they want, they can appeal against the decision to an appeal panel independent of the council and the school. The decision reached by the independent panel will be binding on the council and the parents.

If parents wish to appeal against a decision to refuse entry, they can do so by applying to the LA. An independent appeal panel then meets to consider all appeals by parents who have been refused a place at our school and who wish to appeal against this decision. An appeal panel decision is binding on the council and the parents. If the appeal 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 Code of Practice on School Admissions Appeals.)

The published admissions number (PAN)

The published admissions number (PAN) is the number of children the school is able to admit into each year group. At present the pupil admission number for our school is 30. This number is subject to review by the Governing Body and the LA.

Infant class size

We teach the children in classes that have a maximum number of 30 children.

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.

This policy is subject to changes in law regarding pupil admissions.