

Admissions Policy – **Over-Subscription Criteria**

(update in line with School Admissions Code 2021)

Chellaston Junior School

2022-2023

Our Full Admissions Policy is in line with Derby City Council Admissions Policy, details of which can be found at...<https://www.derby.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/admission-arrangements-policies/>

Boys and girls will be admitted to school on a full-time basis at age 7 years, without any reference to ability or aptitude, from the “current catchment” area served by the school. The maximum number of new children, at age 7, to be admitted during the 2022-2023 school year has been set at 128 by the school’s Governing Board.

Over-Subscription Criteria

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 EHCP, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in order:

1. + Looked after children and all previously looked after children, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
2. 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.
3. Other children living in the catchment area at the time of admission.
4. Children who do not live in the catchment area served by the school but who have brothers or sisters* of compulsory school age attending the school at the time of their admission.
5. Other children whose parents have requested a place. Priority will be given to children who attended Chellaston Infant School.
6. Children whose parents did not request a place by 15th January 2022

+ This is a variation on the original criteria which read: “A ‘looked after child’ or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order in accordance with Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989.” We are required, by Paragraph 1.7 of the new School Admissions Code (2021), to have the updated wording which we are now using. The draft Code and associated regulations were laid before Parliament on 13 May 2021 and remain for a 40-day period, during which time it is subject to any member passing a motion to not approve it. This 40-day period is expected to expire on 1 July and, provided there is no such motion, the new Code will come into force on 1 September 2021

* For the purposes of admissions, we class a brother or sister as:

- having one or both natural parents in common;
- are related by a parent’s marriage;
- are adopted or fostered;
- living at the same address. Cousins are not classed as brothers or sisters.

The ‘sibling link’ will not apply where the place of the sibling at the school in question was obtained by fraudulent means.

- In all relevant cases we will follow Derby City Council’s published policy and definition with regards to ‘an unplaced child’.

- 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.