

Long Lane C.E. Primary School



Admissions Policy

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1 Introduction

- 1.1** Our governing body applies the regulations on admissions fairly and equally to all those who wish to attend this school.

2 Aims

- 2.1** We seek to be an inclusive school, welcoming children from all backgrounds and abilities.
- 2.2** All applications will be treated on merit, and in a sensitive manner.
- 2.3** The only restriction we place on entry is that of number. If the number of children applying for entry exceeds the places available (currently 10), we adopt the procedure set out below to determine whether a child is to be accepted or not. It is our wish for parents to find a place for their child at the school of their choice. However, this is not always possible, due to excess demand on the places available.

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

- 3.1** Our school is a community school, and it determines the admission arrangements in agreement with the LA. The Admissions Authority for our school is therefore Derbyshire LA, which publishes its entry regulations every year. Parents can receive a copy of these regulations directly from the LA or on their website at <http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/admissions>
- 3.2** The LA's annual admissions prospectus informs parents how to apply for a place at the school of their choice. Parents have a right to express their preference, but this does not, in itself, guarantee a place at that particular school. Application should be made on a form that can be obtained from the local Education Department or online at the above address, and should be returned by the date stipulated on that form. The LA will notify parents of the decision as soon as all the applications have been considered.
- 3.3** In Derbyshire, children enter school at the start of the academic year if their fifth birthday falls on or between 1st September and 31st August.

4 Appeals

If parents wish to appeal against a decision to refuse entry, they can do so by applying to the LA. An independent panel considers all such appeals, and its decision is binding for all parties concerned. If the appeals panel decides that we should admit a child to whom a place has been refused, then we will accept this decision and continue to do all we can to provide the best education for all the children at our school.

5 The standard number

- 5.1** The 'standard number' is the number of children the LA considers the school can accommodate. The standard number for each year group for our school is 10. We keep this number under review, and the governors will apply to change the number if circumstances change.

6 Sizes of classes for infants

- 6.1** We teach infant children (aged five to seven) in classes that have a maximum number of 30 children.

7 Monitoring and review

- 7.1** This policy will be monitored by the governing body and reviewed every two years, or earlier in the light of any changed circumstances, either in our school or in the local area. The policy will always take due note of guidance provided by Derbyshire Local Authority.