Crich Carr Church of England Primary School



ADMISSIONS POLICY

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Admissions Policy for Pupils Applying to the Crich Carr C of E Primary and Nursery School

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1 Introduction

1.1 The governing body of Crich Carr Church of England Primary School applies the regulations on admissions fairly and equally to all those who wish to attend the school. The School Standards and Framework Act 1998 introduced a new framework for school admissions as of September 2000. This policy conforms to the regulations that are set out in that Act and also further explained in the statutory School Admissions Code of Practice and the statutory Appeals Code of Practice.

2 Aims and objectives

2.1 We are an inclusive school that welcomes 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. 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.

2.4 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 except where a child has a statement of special educational needs (SEN) or Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan that names the school, in which case that child will be admitted.

3 How parents can apply for their child to be admitted to Crich Carr Primary school

3.1 The school will follow the Local Authority policy in determining admissions criteria.

3.2 Parents will be invited to name their preferred school(s) from November until the deadline in January.

3.3 Common application forms will be available from Derbyshire County Council or you can apply by phone or online at <u>www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions</u>.

3.4 Any parent whose child is refused a school place for which they have applied has the right to an independent appeal.

The Local Authority is required to co-ordinate admissions to all Derbyshire Primary, Infant and Junior Schools. Essentially the Authority acts as a 'clearing house' for all admissions and enables parents to express a preference for one, two or three schools and to place those preferences in rank order. Parents must make their application on a common application form, to be returned direct to the LA, and give reasons for their preferred schools. Further information about the co-ordinated admissions scheme is available in the Authority's Parents' Information Booklet – 'An Essential Guide to Primary Education'.

You are welcome to come and visit us before making any decision. An invite will be sent in the term preceding the appropriate admission date inviting parents and children to visit the school before they start. Visits are held during the Summer Term for the parents/carers and children due to start next academic year and is part of the school's induction process. This provides an opportunity to give appropriate information, check individual child's details and for parents to ask questions if they wish. We hold a new parents meeting each year.

Nursery Admissions

Crich Carr C of E Nursery School are responsible for our own admissions. We do not have a defined catchment area and all parents/carers are eligible to register their child's name on our waiting list. Children can be registered at any time from birth.

We offer places to children in the term they turn 3 until they are eligible to start reception. We accept children taking up the free 15 funded hours as well as those eligible for the extended 30 funded hours. We can also offer extended sessions on a self-funded basis. We also offer wrap around care in our Breakfast and After-School Club.

We have the following places available daily:-

- 10 places each morning
- 10 places each afternoon
- 10 places at lunchtime for school dinners

Criteria for admission

Children will be given priority according to the following criteria.

- 1. Children with educational, medical or social needs including looked after children. Applications on these grounds will have to be supported in writing by the relevant professional involved, such as Social Worker or GP etc.
- 2. How long the child's name has been on the waiting list.

For all relevant information about admissions you can visit the Parent's Guide to Primary education at <u>https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-</u> places/primary-admissions/parentsguide/parents-guide-to-primary-admissions.aspx