

NEWTON SOLNEY C E AIDED INFANT SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS POLICY 2023/2024

Introduction

This policy has been agreed by governors to be followed by them, with the Headteacher, when admitting children to the school.

The school serves the South Derbyshire parishes of Newton Solney and Bretby although applications are received from parents of children living outside the area.

The ethos of this Church of England Aided school is based on Christian principles and recognises each person as a child of God. All parents applying for a place here are asked to respect this ethos and its importance to the school community. This does not affect the right of parents who are not of the faith of this school to apply for and be considered for a place here.

1 Reception aged children

All children are admitted to Newton Solney in the September of the year in which they have their fifth birthday.

Parents have a right to defer entry until the term after the child's fifth birthday, provided the place is taken up within the same academic year, and should discuss this with the Headteacher.

Places will be offered up to the Published Admission Number of 23 pupils entering Reception class.

All children whose statement of special educational needs (SEN) or Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan names the school must be admitted.

In the event of the school being oversubscribed the following criteria will be used in order of priority:

- 1: Any children looked after by the Local Authority and children who were looked after but ceased to be because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order).
- 2: Children living in the normal area (as defined by the Local Authority)
- 3: Children who have brothers or sisters attending the school at the time of admission
The term brother or sister includes:
 - a half-brother and/or sister
 - a legally adopted child regarded as a brother or sister
 - a step-brother and/or sister residing in the same family unit
- 4: Other children whose parents have requested a place
Where choices have to be made between children satisfying the same criteria, those children living closest to the school (measured by the nearest available route as defined by the Local Authority) will be given preference.

The Local Authority (Derbyshire County Council) co-ordinates admissions to all Derbyshire Infant, Junior and Primary Schools essentially acting as a "clearing house." Parents are

required to submit a common application form, to be returned directly to the Local Authority, giving reasons for their preferred schools; a preference for one, two or three schools may be made and placed in order of choice.

Applications may be made:

- online by logging onto www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions
- by ringing Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190

Please refer to Derbyshire's Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme Intake Timetable 2021-22 available at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions

Parents will receive an offer of a place at one school only. Parents wishing to appeal against a decision are advised to contact the Local Authority who will then inform the school.

"How to apply for a place at Primary School" gives further information about the Local Authority's co-ordinated admission scheme.

Children who are not offered a place will have their names entered on the authority's waiting list, in accordance with the School Admissions Code 2014. If a place becomes available it will be offered to the first pupil on the waiting list.

2 Other Admissions

Applications for places at other times will be considered.

Visits to the school

Parents are welcome to visit school by arranging an appointment with the Headteacher.

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