



EARL STERNDALE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Admissions Policy

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We welcome applications from parents who would like their children to attend our school. Our website will give you an idea of what our school is like or you could call (01298 83263) and arrange to come in to school and have a look around and chat to staff.

Admission to Earl Sterndale CE Primary is co-ordinated by Derbyshire County Council at:

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/apply-for-a-school-place.aspx>

This is where downloadable or online application forms are available to apply for a place at our school.

Derbyshire County Council deal with all admissions issues.

Our PAN (Published Admissions Number) is 5 which means that we can admit up to 5 pupils in each year group.

Our Accommodation Limit is set at 35 pupils, but may be raised at the Governors' discretion.

Current Maximum Room Capacity: 22 at KS2 & 18 at KS1.

Derbyshire County Council has determined that all Derbyshire Community and Voluntary Controlled schools admit children full-time as follows:

- A child whose fifth birthday falls on or between 1 September and 31 August may start school in September.
- On the offer of a place the parents have the right to defer admission until the statutory school age.

We operate a one-point entry system for Reception children. This means that all children whose 5th birthday falls within the academic year can be admitted full time from September if parents wish and staff and Governors approve. Parents can also choose to defer admission until later in the year. Sometimes we suggest that 'young' starters begin with half-days to ease them into the routine then gradually move on to full days when they are ready. If your child is summer born (born between

the beginning of April and end of August) and you do not take up a reception place in the academic year and choose to make an application for the following September, the application will normally be considered for admission into year 1.

Education out of normal (chronological) age group

Children are normally educated in school with others of their age group; however, in exceptional circumstances parents/carers may seek a place outside of their child's/children's normal age group.

[Education outside the normal year group - Derbyshire County Council](#)

In Year Admission Arrangements

DCC (as part of the LA co-ordinated scheme) manages any in-year admissions arrangements for Earl Sterndale C of E Primary School.

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/apply-for-a-school-place.aspx>

Over Subscription Criteria

Admission to Earl Sterndale C of E Primary is co-ordinated by Derbyshire County Council at:

[Admissions criteria for primary schools - Derbyshire County Council](#)

In the event of over subscription, the following criteria will be applied in order:

1. Children with an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP) which names the school will be admitted.
2. Children in care.
3. Children living in the normal area served by the school who have siblings attend school.
4. Children living in the normal area served by the school
5. Children living outside the normal area but having siblings currently attending the school.
6. Children whose parents request a place on religious grounds.
7. Other children whose parents have requested a place.

In the case of 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6, choices have to be made between children satisfying the same criteria, and those children living nearest to the school (measured by straight line distance) will be given preference.

The Governors co-operate with the Local Authority's Fair Access Protocol for children who have been hard to place. The school will admit all pupils identified under the protocol above others on the waiting list even if the school is full.

The school encourages total integration. Where children with special needs are to be admitted, consultation will take place with the parents, the LA, the Educational Psychologist and any other relevant parties.

New starters will be invited to come to school for a minimum of 3 sessions towards the end of the term prior to their start date. Parents will have an opportunity to raise issues with the Infant teachers and to talk through concerns they or the child may have about starting school. It is also an opportunity for the Infant teachers to set out their expectations for new starters.

The DfE School Admissions Code which contains further detail of the school's admissions obligations can be found on the DfE website.

[School admissions code - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)