

ARRANGEMENTS FOR ADMISSION SEPTEMBER 2017

The area served by the school includes part of Swadlincote and the villages of Church Gresley, Castle Gresley and Linton. To find your normal area secondary school go to www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions and enter your postcode. A map is available on The Pingle School website www.pingle.derbyshire.sch.uk.

Entry at Year 7

The number of planned admissions for the year commencing 1 September 2017 will be 227.

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the criteria used by the governors to allocate places are listed as follows in priority order:

0. Individual children with a statement of SEN naming The Pingle School.
1. Children in public care (looked after children) and adopted children who were previously in care.
2. Children who permanently reside within the area served by the school ('permanently reside' is defined by actual day to day residence on a permanent basis, coupled with ownership of, or at least a six month rental agreement on, the premises). In the event of over-subscription of applicants meeting this requirement for entry into Year 7 and a tie-breaker being required to reach a decision, the Governors will use the shortest available route from home, as determined by postal address, to the centre of the school, (by computer aided measurement*) to decide which child lives nearest the school.
3. Children who have a brother or sister attending The Pingle School at the time of admission. Brother or sister includes a half-brother or half-sister, a legally adopted child who is regarded as a brother or a sister, a step-brother or step-sister who resides in the same family unit.
4. Children of staff employed at The Pingle School for two or more years, or who meet a skills shortage.
5. All other children not eligible under the above criteria.

In the event of over-subscription of applicants meeting the above requirements, the Governors will use the shortest available route from home, as determined by postal address, to the centre of the school (by computer aided measurement*) to decide which child lives nearest the school.

The Governors will not consider more than one application on behalf of the same child in a single academic year unless the Chair of Governors considers there is a significant change in the particular circumstances of that child.

The Governors may consider taking direct enquiries from parents to help reduce delays in finding a school place once term starts. Prompt communication with the LA will ensure there is no delay in the application process.

The Pingle School is a foundation school and is responsible for its own admissions.

If your child goes to a Derbyshire primary school, you will receive information through your child's school about how to apply for a Year 7 place. For assistance with applications and appeals please go to www.derbyshire.gov.uk. Applications for the admission of students who live outside the county are considered on an equal basis. Parents should apply to their home LA who will send the details to Derbyshire LA after the closing date for that Authority area.

In year admissions to Years 7–11

If places become available in Year 7-11 because students leave, the same criteria are applied in the same order of priority to those who apply for a place at the start of Year 7. The decision is determined by the child's situation which prevails at the time the application is made.

It is sometimes possible to accommodate a small increase in the total number of students in years 10 and 11 because of the smaller size of GCSE option groups. In such cases, the Admissions Committee will have to consider the size of particular subject groups, so may only be able to offer a restricted choice of GCSE courses to those who apply.

Admission to the Sixth Form

There are three secondary schools in the area, two 11–16 schools and The Pingle School which is 11–18. Students transfer from the other secondary schools to The Pingle School Sixth Form. The planned admissions number for external candidates admitted to The Pingle School Sixth Form each academic year is 45. Places may be available for students to transfer from nearby Staffordshire and Leicestershire schools, if there is a demand.

Entry requirements are as follows:

- the course required is available
- the candidate must meet the course requirements. Basic entry requirements for AS/A2 level and Advanced Vocational subjects are a minimum of 5 A*-C at GCSE including English and Mathematics. Some subjects require a GCSE grade B.

All candidates will have the opportunity to discuss their chosen course options with the Head of Sixth Form.

*** Computer Aided Measurement (GIS)**

Derbyshire County Council Children and Younger Adults Department has a Geographical Information System which measures the nearest available route, which is a standard walking distance calculated to within 2 metres. The measurement is taken from the postal address file, normally the house front door. For the school, the grid reference is taken from the nearest gate or entrance to the school.