

Eckington Junior School Admissions Statement 2020/2021

The Local Authority (Derbyshire County Council) co-ordinates admissions to all Derbyshire Primary, Infant and Junior Schools. Full details are given in the Guide to Parents produced annually (a copy is available in school) and may also be found on the Derbyshire County Council website. Their email address is admissions.transport@derbyshire.gov.uk.

Under the 1996 Education Act, parents have a legal right to express a preference for which school they want their child to attend. The county council and school governors have a general duty to meet this preference – as long as it does not “prejudice the provision of efficient education or the efficient use of resources”. On law there is no automatic right to a place in any particular school.

The admissions criterion for the schools in the Eckington area and Eckington Junior School is as follows:

- (i) Looked after children and children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order).
- (ii) Children attending Eckington Junior School’s main contributory infant school, that is Birk Hill Infant School and who have older brothers or sisters* attending the school at the time of application and admission.
- (iii) Children attending the main contributory infant school (Birk Hill) at the time of application.
- (iv) Children whose parents have requested a place at the school who have brothers or sisters attending the school at the time of application and admission.
- (v) Other children whose parents have requested a place.

When in the case of (ii), (iii), (iv) or (v) above, choices have to be made between children satisfying the same criteria, those children living nearest to the school (measured by straight line) will be given the preference using a Geographic Information System (GIS).

* The term brother or sister includes:

- a) a half-brother and/or a half-sister
- b) a legally adopted child being regarded as a brother or sister
- c) a step-brother and/or a step-sister residing in the same family unit

Parents/carers must make their application via Derbyshire County Council online at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions or by telephoning Tel: 01629 533190.

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