



Bolsover Church of England Junior School

Admissions Policy

Bolsover Church of England Junior School's vision is based on faithfully Christian values and the warm, loving and nurturing ethos which underpin the whole life of our school. It's a place where children grow and flourish as resilient, respectful and happy members of their community. Through support and encouragement, we aim for all children to become the best that they can be and develop a love of learning that will equip them with the knowledge and skills to succeed in a challenging and exciting world. We aim for our children to leave our school with a sense of well-being and positive memories of their experiences and achievements. We also aim for them to leave us as willing, humble and courageous citizens. Children and their families are at the heart of everything we do.

"Here I am, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Luke, Verse 38.

Bolsover Church of England Junior School has a strong link with its church (St Mary and St Laurence Church).

Derby Diocesan Multi Academy Trust (DDAT) is the Admissions Authority for the school and has delegated all matters relating to admissions to the Local Governing Body of Bolsover Church of England Junior School. It is the duty of the Governing Body to draw up and implement both the Admission Policy and admissions criteria.

The admission policy is adopted by the Governing Body and will operate from September 2021. The policy applies to all applications for the school year 2021-2022. In all cases, admissions will be made through the Local Authority's Centralised Admission System.

Published Admission Numbers

The School will admit pupils up to the Published Admission Number (PAN) in each and every year group. The PAN of Bolsover Church of England Junior School is 70.

How to apply

The Local Authority prefer parents to apply online at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions. For those parents without access to the internet, they can apply by phone by ringing Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190.

Admission Criteria

Applications for admissions must be made through the Local Authority's Centralised Admissions System. The Local Authority (LA) will submit a list of potential applicants to the school. The Governors will then rank these under the School's admission criteria. The ranked list is then returned to the LA. Once the LA has received all relevant information, places are offered and the school is informed. The LA will inform unsuccessful applicants of their right to appeal.

The school has adopted the Derbyshire County Council Admissions Criteria, as below:

Individual pupils who have a Statement of Special Educational Needs or an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school will be admitted.

In deciding on admissions to all community and voluntary controlled schools in Derbyshire, the following order of priority will be adopted.

1. Looked after children and children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order).
2. Children living in the normal area served by the school at the time of application and admission who have brothers or sisters attending the school at the time of application and admission.
3. Children living in the normal area served by the school at the time of application and admission.
4. Children not living in the normal area served by the school but who have brothers or sisters attending the school at the time of application and admission.
5. In the case of voluntary controlled church schools, children whose parents request a place on religious grounds.
6. Other children whose parents have requested a place.

Where, in the case of 2,3,4,5 or 6 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 preference.

Fair Access Protocols

Local Authorities are required to have Fair Access Protocols in order to make sure that unplaced children, especially the most vulnerable, are offered a place at a suitable school as quickly as possible. This includes admitting children above the published admissions number to schools that are already full.

Applications for twins / multiple birth children

Where a place available is offered to a child from a twin or multiple birth the Governors will normally offer places to both twins, triplets etc. even if this means exceeding the planned admission number.

Appeals

An independent panel will hear Admissions Appeals. The Derby Diocesan Board of Education will arrange appeal hearings for Bolsover Church of England Junior School. Parents should make their appeal within 20 days with Derbyshire County Council, who will pass it on to the Derby Diocesan Board of Education to arrange a hearing within 40 school days of the deadline for lodging an appeal.

Applications during the School Year

Details of the application process are available from the school and from the Local Authority. Once an application has been made, it will be passed to the Governing Body for consideration. If the respective year group total is below the published admission number for that year group, the child will be offered a place. Decision letters will be issued in writing. Offers of places may be withdrawn if they are offered in error, a parent has not responded within 10 school days or it is established that an offer was obtained through a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application.

In cases involving school transfers that do not require a house move or where there is no need for an immediate move, arrangements may be made for the child to start school at the beginning of term to minimise disruption to their own and other children's education.

If your application is refused you have a statutory right to appeal. Your appeal should be lodged within twenty school days after the date of your refusal letter.

Fraudulent Information

If the allocation of a place has been made on the basis of fraudulent or intentionally misleading information, the governors reserve the right to withdraw the place.

Signed by Chair of Governors: _____

Date: _____

Review date: _____