



# **CRICH JUNIOR SCHOOL**

  

# **ADMISSIONS POLICY**

**Agreed by Governors October 2023**

**Renewal Date: October 2027**

## **Introduction**

The Governing Body of Crich Junior School applies the regulations on admissions fairly and equally to all those who wish to attend this school. The School Standards and Framework Act 1998 introduced a new framework for school admissions as of September 2000. This policy conforms to the regulations that are set out in that Act and also further explained in the statutory Schools Admissions Code of Practice and the statutory Appeals Code of Practice.

## **Aims and Objectives**

We are an inclusive school that welcomes children from all backgrounds and abilities.

All applications will be treated on merit and in a sensitive manner.

The only restriction we place on entry is that of number. If the number of children applying for entry exceeds the places available, we enforce the procedure set out below in order to determine whether a child is accepted or not. It is our wish to allow parents the right to have a place at the school of their choice. However, this is not always possible, due to the excess demand on the school places available.

We follow LEA guidance on admissions procedures.

## **How Parents can apply for their child to be admitted to our school**

As our school is a community school, the school determines the admission arrangements in agreement with the LA. The LA is therefore the 'Admissions Authority' for our school. The regulations for entry to each school, where the Admissions Authority is the LA, are published each year by the LA. Parents can receive a copy of these regulations directly from the LA.

The LA publishes a composite admissions prospectus each year, which gives information about how parents can apply for a place in the school of their choice and they should do so on the application form. Expressing a preference does not, in itself, guarantee a place at this school. Application forms can be obtained from the Education Department of the LA and should be completed by the date stipulated on the forms. The LA notifies parents about the school place as soon as all the applications have been considered.

Please note a link to the Derbyshire County Council Admissions can be found under the 'Useful Links Tab'.

## **Admission Appeals**

If we do not offer a child a place at this school, it is because to do so would prejudice the education of other children by allowing the numbers of children in the school to increase too much.

If parents wish to appeal against a decision to refuse entry, they can do so by applying to the LA. An independent appeals panel then meets to consider all appeals by parents who have been refused a place at our school and who wish to appeal against this decision. An appeals panel's decision is binding for all parties concerned. If the appeals panel decided that we should admit a child to our school, then we will accept this and continue to do all we can to provide the best education for all the children at our school. (Details of appeal arrangements are set out in the Code of Practice on School Admissions Appeals, which came into force in September 1999.)

## **The Standard Number**

The standard number is the number of children the school can accommodate. The standard number for our school is 23 per year group. We keep this number under review and the Governors will apply to change the number if circumstances allow.

**Review**

This policy will be reviewed annually with the Admissions Authority in the light of any changed circumstances in our school or the local area.

(See Admissions Procedures for Schools in Derbyshire County Council – Guides for Parents)

Date approved by the Governing Body:

25.10.23

Date to be reviewed by the Governing Body:

October 2027

Signed:

J Twelves, Chair of Governors