



Whitwell Primary School - Admissions 2025-26

RECEPTION (FS2)

DCC Admissions criteria - Community and voluntary controlled schools

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 sister 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. ****

NURSERY (FS1)

We also have a 52 place Nursery, admission for this needs to be made directly with the school. Admission into Nursery will occur from the term after the child's third birthday, depending on places available. Our nursery school does sometimes have a long waiting list and it may not be possible to provide every child on our waiting list with a place straight away.

Applying for your child's nursery place

The school hosts its own waiting list for Nursery admissions. Children can be placed on the list at any time, and places are offered termly.

Where applications for nursery places exceed the places available in a term, the school follows the same criteria as Derbyshire County Council school admission arrangements.