

# Determined Admission Arrangements 2024-25

## ADMISSIONS CRITERIA – ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 – 25

The determined admission limit for the school for September 2024 is 280. Priority for admission to the school in September will be given to children whose parents have requested a place using the Common Application Form obtained from the [Local Authority](#) (LA the child is resident in prior to the closing date which is 31 October 2023).

1. Places will first be allocated to looked after children and all previously looked after children, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions in accordance with section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989 at the time of making an application to a school. An adoption order is an order under the Adoption Act 1976 (see section 12 adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children's Act 2002 (see section 46 adoption orders). A 'child arrangements order' is an order settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live under section 8 of the Children Act 1989 as amended by section 14 of the Children and Families Act 2014. Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).
2. Places will then be allocated to students who, at the closing date for applications, are resident within the relevant catchment area, whose parents have requested a place at the relevant academy and who, at the time of admission, will have a brother or sister attending the academy.
3. Places will then be allocated to other students who, at the closing date for applications, are resident within the catchment area and whose parents have requested a place at the academy.
4. Places will then be allocated to students who are resident outside the relevant catchment area, whose parents have requested a place at the academy and who, at the time of admission, will have a brother or sister attending the relevant academy.
5. Places will then be allocated to other students who are resident outside the catchment area of the relevant academy, whose parents have requested a place at the academy.

## OVERSUBSCRIPTIONS CRITERIA

If there are more applications than places available, an order of priority will be operated as follows:

1. Looked after children or children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).
2. Children living in the catchment area (as defined by the published area map, a copy of which is available at the school or LA) at the time of admission, including those living in another LA's area, who have brothers or sisters\* attending the school at the time of admission. The proposed new housing development on Fellow Lands Way, Chellaston will be included within our catchment area as shown on the revised catchment area map'

3. Other children living in the catchment area at the time of admission.
4. Children who do not live in the catchment area served by the school, but who have brothers or sisters\* attending the school at the time of admission.
5. Other children whose parents have requested a place.
6. Children whose parents did not request a place before the Derby City deadline date.

\*brothers and sisters are considered to be those children who live at the same address and:

- have one or both natural parents in common
- are related by a parent's marriage
- are adopted or fostered.

For the purpose of admissions cousins are not classed as brothers or sisters.

In categories 1 – 6, when choices have to be made between children satisfying the same criteria, places will be offered to children living nearest to the school, measured by a straight line. The line will be measured from the centre of the home address to the school using the National Ordnance Survey set points.

In category 6, places will be allocated in the order of priority of categories 1 – 5.

Parents will be notified of the single offer of a place by the Local Authority the child is resident in on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

Parents of children who are not offered a place will be advised of their right of appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel. The deadline for receipt of appeals is the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

The school will then keep a waiting list of children who have not been offered places. The children will be listed according to the priority order established at the time of admission. Parents will be contacted by the Local Authority the child is resident in should a place become available for their child.

### **Fair Access**

Local Authorities are required to have 'Fair Access Protocols' in order to make sure those unplaced children who live in the Local Authority, 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.

### **For all enquiries regarding admissions to Noel-Baker Academy please contact:**

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Link to the application form is: <https://secure.derby.gov.uk/forms/?formid=346>