

Determined Admission Arrangements 2026-27

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA – ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027

The determined admission limit for the school for September 2026 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 2025).

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 are WASP (Without a School Place/Unplaced *see Annex 1.
3. Places will then be allocated to students who are subject to pupil premium funding who, at the closing date for applications, are residents within the relevant catchment area.
4. Places will then be allocated to students who, at the closing date for applications, are residents 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 sibling* attending the academy.
5. Places will then be allocated to other students who, at the closing date for applications, are residents within the catchment area and whose parents have requested a place at the academy.
6. Places will then be allocated to students who are residents outside the relevant catchment area, whose parents have requested a place at the academy and who, at the time of admission, will have a sibling* attending the relevant academy.
7. Places will then be allocated to other students who are residents outside the catchment area of the relevant academy, whose parents have requested a place at the academy.

OVERSUBSCRIPTIONS CRITERIA

If an application is received for a child outside of the normal admission round first priority will be given within categories 1 – 7 to pupils who have not been on a city roll during the Academic year of application, and must meet one of the following criteria:

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. Places will then be allocated to students who are residents 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 sibling* attending the academy and are WASP/Unplaced. (see Annex 1)
3. Places will then be allocated to students who are residents 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 sibling* attending the academy.
4. Places will then be allocated to other students who are resident within the catchment area and whose parents have requested a place at the academy and are WASP/Unplaced. (see Annex 1)
5. Places will then be allocated to other students who are resident within the catchment area and whose parents have requested a place at the academy.
6. 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 sibling* attending the relevant academy and are WASP/unplaced. (see Annex 1)
7. 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 sibling* attending the relevant academy
8. 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 and are WASP/Unplaced. (See Annex 1)
9. 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.
10. Children who's parents did not request a place before the Derby City deadline date.

*siblings 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 siblings.

In categories 1 – 10, when choices have to be made between children satisfying the same criteria, places will be offered to children living nearest to the Academy, measured by a straight line. The line will be measured from the centre of the home address to the Academy using the National Ordnance Survey set points.

In category 10, places will be allocated in the order of priority of categories 1 – 9.

Parents will be notified of the single offer of a place by the Local Authority the child is resident in on 3rd March 2026.

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 17th April (These dates are dependent on future guidance from the DfE regarding School Admissions Appeal Code and may change).

The Academy 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:

Derby City Council,
Children and Young People,
School Admissions Section,
The Council House,
Corporation Street,
Derby, DE1 2FS

Tel: 01332 642726

Email: Admissions@derby.gov.uk

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

Annex 1

Definition of an unplaced child – WASP (Without a School Place)

If an application is received for a child outside of the normal admission round first priority will be given within categories 1 – 7 to pupils who have not been on a city roll during the Academic year of application, and must meet one of the following criteria:

- a) New to the country/local area (catchment) including children of Gypsies, Roma, Travellers, refugees, and asylum seekers.
- b) Children who have been out of education without a school place (not if you have removed your child from their previous setting informing them that you intend to Electively Home Educate (EHE)) for 2 months or more
- c) Children who are carers
- d) Children who are homeless
- e) Children with Special Education Needs (SEN), disabilities, or medical conditions but do not have a Statement of Special Educational Need or EHCP
- f) Children with unsupportive family backgrounds for whom a place has not been sought.

Note:

A child will **not** be considered unplaced if the council has allocated a school place within the normal admissions round or can offer a school place within reasonable distance outside of the normal admission round.

The definition of WASP in the School Admissions Code is - children who have been out of education for four or more weeks where it can be demonstrated that there are no places available at any school within a reasonable distance of their home. This does not include circumstances where a suitable place has been offered to a child and this has not been accepted; (Section 3.17 L)

For the reasonable distance, we would apply the statutory walking distance of 3 miles for children over the age of 8, which is measured by the shortest route that a child could walk accompanied (Education Act 1996: section 508A/B)