

ADMISSIONS POLICY

All applications for admission to Stretton Handley CE (VC) Primary School should be made through Derbyshire County Council. You can find information regarding this at

[Primary, infant and junior school admissions - Derbyshire County Council](#)

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The school follows the Derbyshire coordinated admissions scheme which may be subject to slight variation each year. The ethos of this school is to serve its community by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. The school promotes Christian values through the experience it offers to all of its pupils. We ask all parents applying for a place here to respect the Christian ethos of the school and its importance to the school community. This does not affect the right of parents who are not of the faith of this school to apply for a place here. Parents wishing their children to be admitted to the school, either into the reception classes or higher up the school, should complete the Local Authority admission (see link at top of page).

The Headteacher is always pleased to show parents around the school and to answer any questions. Applications for the reception class should be made to the Local Authority the year BEFORE the child is due to start school. The school will observe the co-ordinated scheme for admission to primary school, as published in the Derbyshire County Council Guide for Parents, which can be obtained from the Local Authority and on the Derbyshire County Council website www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions.

The Local Authority allocate places and inform parents.

For any parents wishing to appeal against the LEA refusal to admit a child, information and appeals forms are available at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions

Admission into Reception

The PAN (Planned Admission number) at Stretton Handley CE Primary is 8 pupils into the reception cohort each year, under a single point intake system. This means that all children who have been offered a place will be able to start full time education at the same time, in the September following their fourth birthday. The school year runs from 1 September to 31 August. However, parents of reception pupils starting at the beginning of the autumn term may request a staggered start to the term. The school will consider the request for a staggered start to the term in September and may offer a short induction period of five mornings for the first three weeks of term. The school does not offer part-time places or combinations of days/ half days or sessions for an induction period or longer.

On the offer of a place through the admissions scheme, parents have the right to defer admission until their child reaches statutory school age, provided the place is taken up within the same academic year. Although parents can defer admission we strongly encourage a

September start. Parents can request also request that their child attends part-time until the child reaches compulsory school age. However, as we are a small school we have to consider the practicalities of managing part- time places, and the best interests of all the children attending, the impact on staffing, planning, continuity of learning and resources. Therefore, we do not offer part-time places or a phased induction period if parents choose to defer admission.

In the summer term before starting school in September, parents will be invited to bring their children into school for visits and a series of induction afternoons. This helps parents to prepare their children for attending full-time in the reception group in September.

This policy will be reviewed in Spring 2024