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Admissions Policy 2028-2029

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Admission arrangements for Newhall Junior School for the 2028-2029 school year

For entry in September 2028 and in-year from September 2028. The admission authority is Lionheart Educational Trust.

The Trust is also responsible for arranging an independent appeal against refusal of a place at the school. The Trust has appointed the Local Authority (LA) to manage its admissions on behalf of the Trust.

The purpose of the policy is to ensure that places at Newhall Junior School are allocated and offered in an open and fair way.

Age Range and Year of Entry

Newhall Junior School admits pupils into Year 3 (ages 7 to 11). Children join at the start of Year 3, typically the September following their seventh birthday. Opportunities are available for families to visit the school at the start of Year 3 or for in-year transfers.

Published Admission Number (PAN)

The school has an admission number of 90 pupils for Year 3. It will admit this number of pupils if there are sufficient applications. If fewer applications are received than PAN, all applicants will be offered a place.

Application Process

A parent can apply for a place for their child at any state-funded school in any area. Parents apply to the local authority in which they live for a place at Lionheart Educational Trust Academies and any other preferred schools.

For standard entry in September to Newhall Junior School, the annual closing date is 15 January for a place the following academic year (see below for in year applications).

Children with Education Health Care Plans

All children with an EHCP where the school is named will automatically be provided with a place at the school.

Oversubscription criteria

Priority will then be given to children who meet the criteria set out below, in order.

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children
2. Siblings of pupils attending the school at the time the application is received.
3. Children living closest to the school. Distance will be measured by Derbyshire County Council using its Geographic Information System as a straight line from the postal address point for the child's home, normally the house front door, to the nearest gate or entrance to the school.

Tie-break

If two or more applicants live an equal distance from the school, random allocation will be used to determine which child will be offered a place. Derbyshire Local Authority will conduct the random allocation.

Random allocation will not be used if siblings from a multiple birth (twins, triplets etc.) are tied for a place. They will all be offered a place and we will exceed our admission number.

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Admission Outside the Normal Age Group

Parents may request their child is admitted outside their normal age group. Parents who wish to do so should include a request with their application, specifying the year group to which they wish their child to be admitted and why they believe it would be in their best interests. The academy trust will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in the child's best interests, taking into account the views of the headteacher and any information provided by the parent.

Children of UK Service Personnel (UK Armed forces)

For families of service personnel with a confirmed posting to this area, the Trust academies will:

- Allocate a place in advance, if accompanied by an official government letter which declares a relocation date and a Unit postal address or quartering area address for considering the application against the oversubscription criteria.
- Ensure that arrangements support the Government's commitment to removing disadvantage for service children.

Children from Overseas

Applications for children arriving from overseas will be considered in accordance with current legislation and relevant Department for Education and Home Office guidance.

In year applications

Lionheart Educational Trust have appointed the Local Authority (LA) as our admissions Consultants who will, on receipt of an in-year application, manage the Trust's In Year application process. Any In year applications should be made via the LA online application system:

- Allocate a place if one is available.
- Inform parents of their right to appeal against the refusal of a place.

Waiting list

The school will maintain a waiting list for Year 3 until 31 December. A parent whose application was unsuccessful may ask for their child's name to be added to the waiting list. Where places become available, they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. If a new child is added to the waiting list the list will be reranked according to the oversubscription criteria.

Appeals

Applicants who are refused a place at the school will be able to appeal to an independent appeal panel. Details of this process and the appropriate time line can be found at:
Co-ordinated admissions scheme - Derbyshire County Council

Notes

Looked after children

Children in the care of a local authority as set out in Section 22 of the Children Act 1989.

Previously looked after children

Children who were in the care of a local authority as set out in Section 22 of the Children Act 1989 but ceased to be so as a result of adoption, a child arrangement order or special guardianship order. Also, children who appear to the academy trust to have been in state care outside England and ceased to be so because they were adopted.

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Siblings
A sibling is:

- a natural brother or sister, or half brother or sister
- a legally adopted brother or sister, or half-brother or sister
- a stepbrother or sister
- other child living in the same household as part of the same family

where they are living at the same address as the applicant on the date of the application.

Home address
A child's home is the place where they normally live. Where a child's parents do not live together and the child spends part of the week with each parent, their home address will be the address at which they spend most nights from Sunday to Thursday during term time. Proof of home address may be requested during the admissions process.

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