

## Determined Admission Arrangements for 2026/2027

These admission arrangements set out how Belper School & Sixth Form Centre considers applications for places in all relevant age groups for the academic year 2026/27, including:

- Secondary School Admission - Year 7 (normal point of entry)
- In-Year Admissions (changing schools during the school year)
- Sixth Form admissions

These arrangements have been determined by the Governing Body in accordance with the School Admissions Code and the School Admission Appeals Code.

All admission applications must be made through Derbyshire County Council's co-ordinated admission scheme:

[Derbyshire County Council Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme](#)

### Published Admission Number (PAN)

The Published Admission Number (PAN) for entry into Year 7 in September 2026 is 210.

The school will admit this number of students if sufficient applications are received. Where fewer applications are received, all applicants will be admitted.

### How to Apply for a Secondary School/Year 7 Place (Normal Point of Entry)

Applications for Year 7 places in September 2026 must be made through Derbyshire County Council's on-line application form:

[Derbyshire County Council Secondary School Admission \(Year 7\)](#)

Parents/carers must:

- Apply via the DCC online system by the published deadline
- Rank their preferred schools
- Submit any required evidence by DCC's deadline

Offers are issued by Derbyshire County Council.

### Oversubscription Criteria

If the school is oversubscribed, after the admission of students with an Education & Health Care Plan where the school is named as part of their provision, priority is given to those children who meet the criteria as set out below in order:

- Children in Care (including those who are subsequently adopted and those who are subject to residence order or special guardianship order) who name Belper School & Sixth Form Centre as their choice
- All other children who live in the normal area served by the school at the time of application and admission who have siblings attending the school at the time of application and admission
- Children living in the normal area at the time of application and admission
- Children not living in the normal area, but who have siblings at Belper School & Sixth Form Centre
- Other children whose parents/carers have requested a place

Tie-break:

Where applications within any category exceed the number of places available, places will be allocated using straight line distance from the home address to the school.

If distances are equal, the place will be allocated by random allocation supervised by an independent party.

## **In-Year Admissions (changing schools during the school year)**

In-year applications (requests to join the school during an existing school year) are coordinated by Derbyshire County Council:

[Derbyshire County Council In-Year Admission \(changing schools during the school year\)](#)

Belper School & Sixth Form Centre does not issue its own In-Year application form.

The Local Authority will notify both parents and the school of the outcome.

## **Sixth Form Admissions**

Belper School & Sixth Form Centre welcomes applications from both internal and external candidates.

### **Entry Requirements**

Applicants must meet the minimum academic entry requirements which include:

- A suitable set of GCSE grades to access the chosen programme of study
- Subject-specific entry requirements as published annually in the Sixth Form Prospectus

### **Oversubscription Criteria for Sixth Form**

Where the number of eligible applicants exceeds places available, the following order will apply:

1. Looked-after and previously looked-after children
2. Internal students
3. External applicants meeting entry requirements
4. Distance from home to school (straight line measure)

### **Application Process**

External applicants must:

- Apply directly to the school using the Sixth Form application form
- Submit predicted grades and any required evidence
- Attend a guidance meeting

Offers are conditional until GCSE results are received.

## **Waiting Lists**

Derbyshire County Council maintains the waiting list for Year 7 throughout the coordinated admissions period.

Waiting lists are ranked solely according to the oversubscription criteria.

For Sixth Form, the school maintains its own waiting list.

## **Admission of Children Outside Normal Age Group**

Parents may request delayed or accelerated entry in exceptional circumstances.

Requests must be submitted in writing with supporting evidence.

The school and Derbyshire County Council will consider each request on its merits.

## **Appeals**

Parents/carers have the right to appeal an admission decision.

Appeals for Belper School & Sixth Form Centre are managed by Derbyshire County Council:

[Derbyshire County Council School Admission Appeals](#)

## Admission Appeals Timetable

- Deadline for submitting an appeal: At least 20 school days from the date the refusal letter is issued.
- Deadline for submitting additional evidence: To be confirmed by Derbyshire County Council, but “reasonable deadlines” must be given.
- Notice of hearing: Parents will receive a minimum of 10 school days’ notice.
- Appeals will take place within 40 school days of the deadline for on-time Secondary/Year 7 applications and 30 school days of the appeal being lodged for In-Year (changing schools during the school year). Appeals are not heard during school holidays.
- For Secondary/Year 7 applications submitted late, appeals will be heard within 40 school days from the deadline for lodging appeals or within 30 school days of the appeal being lodged, whichever is later.
- Decision letters: Issued within 5 school days of the hearing wherever possible.

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At Belper School & Sixth Form Centre, safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do.

To ensure every child joining our community receives the right support from day one, we gather essential information as part of our admissions process.

Before an entry meeting can take place, all relevant safeguarding and educational information must be obtained from both the parent/carer and the child’s previous school.

This helps us:

- understand the child’s previous experience and needs
- ensure continuity of support
- meet our statutory safeguarding responsibilities
- provide a smooth, well-informed transition into Belper School & Sixth Form Centre. Our approach
- ensures that every child is welcomed into a safe, supportive, and well-prepared environment.

## Derbyshire County Council Admissions Service

[Derbyshire County Council Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme](#)

[Derbyshire County Council Secondary School Admission \(Year 7\)](#)

[Derbyshire County Council In-Year Admission \(changing schools during the school year\)](#)

[Derbyshire County Council School Admission Appeals](#)