

# Hope Valley College

## Admission Arrangements 2025-26

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## 1. Making an Application

- 1.1 Chorus Education Trust 'the Trust' is the admissions authority for **Hope Valley College** 'the Academy'. During the normal admissions round Derbyshire County Council "the Local Authority" operates the co-ordinated admissions scheme which includes the Academy. Parents wishing to apply for a place should put the Academy down as a preference on the common application form.
- 1.2 The local authority also manages in-year admissions to the Academy, details of which can be found below.

## 2. Published Admissions Number (PAN)

- 2.1 **Hope Valley College has a PAN of 115 for entry into Y7 for Academic Year 2025/26.** If the number of applications exceeds the PAN then the oversubscription criteria (below) will be used to determine which applicants will be provided with a place.
- 2.2 If the school is deemed appropriate by the Local Authority for a child with an EHCP, and it is named within their plan, a place will be allocated.

## 3. Oversubscription Criteria

In deciding on admissions to all community and voluntary controlled schools in Derbyshire, the following order of priority will be adopted. (Different rules apply in Eckington and part of the Long Eaton area. These rules are set out on the Local Authority website together with a list of the schools to which they apply.)

- 3.1 A current 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order including those 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.
- 3.2 Children living in the normal area served by the school at the time of application and admission who have brothers or sisters attending the school at the time of application and admission.
- 3.3 Children living in the normal area served by the school at the time of application and admission.
- 3.4 Children not living in the normal area served by the school but who have brothers or sisters attending the school at the time of application and admission.
- 3.5 Other children whose parents have requested a place.

**Tie breaker** - In Derbyshire where there are two or more applicants in a criterion who have equal priority for admission and there are insufficient places available,

1. those children living nearest to the school (measured by a straight line distance from home to school) will be given preference,
2. then a random allocation will be used to determine which child shall be given a place. The use of random allocation will be supervised by someone independent of the Trust.

## 4. Definitions

**Living in the normal area** is defined as the child having settled residence in a property which is the child's only or main residence. Documentary evidence, including proof of residence at the property concerned, may be required e.g. council tax/utility bills, sale/rental agreements. The County Council reserves the right to withdraw any offer of a school place which has been obtained as a result of misleading or fraudulent information.

**Please note** a place cannot be guaranteed for any child, even those living in a school's normal/local area.

The 'normal area' school in Derbyshire can be found by following this link and by searching home post codes: [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/normal-area-school-search/find-your-normal-area-school.aspx](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/normal-area-school-search/find-your-normal-area-school.aspx)

**The term brother or sister includes:**

- a) a half-brother and/or a half-sister
- b) a legally adopted child being regarded as a brother or sister
- c) a step-brother and/or step-sister residing in the same family unit

**Route Measurement** The Children's Services Department has a Geographic Information System (GIS) to measure the straight line distance. It is measured by a standard straight-line distance calculated to within two metres. This measurement is taken from the postal address file, normally the house front door. For schools the grid reference is taken from the postal address file and will normally be the centre of the school for primary phase schools or the nearest gate or entrance for secondary phase schools.

## 5. Appeals

Where a child is not offered a place, the parent(s) will be entitled to an appeal against the decision to refuse admission. The letter of refusal will contain details of how to go about appealing the decision, including the deadline for lodging the appeal and who to contact.

Further information can be found on the relevant Local Authority websites:

- Derbyshire local authority appeals <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/appeals/appeals.aspx>

Parents must set out their grounds for appeal as part of their application. Where an appeal is successful, the Academy must admit the child.

## **6. Fair Access**

A place may be available under the Fair Access Protocol whereby a student meeting Criteria 3 who has been refused a place because one is not available in the year group may be admitted if the nearest secondary school to their home which has a place available is more than 8 miles away.

## **7. Waiting List**

The relevant Local Authority admissions service will maintain a waiting list for each Academy during the autumn term until 31 December in the academic year of admission. Every time a child is added to the list, it will be re-ranked in accordance with the oversubscription criteria with no priority given to the date of the application.

## **8. In-year Applications**

Details on how to apply for place outside of the normal admissions round can be found on the Academy's website.

## **9. Admission of Children Outside their Normal Age Group**

The Schools Admissions Code states that parents may seek a place for their child outside of their normal age group, for example, if the child is gifted and talented, or has experienced problems such as ill health. Where a parent is requesting a place for their child which is outside their normal age group, the school will make a decision whether or not to admit the child by taking into account the circumstances of the individual case, and what will be in the best interests of the child. This will include taking account of the parent's views, reviewing information about the child's academic, social and emotional development, their medical history and the views of a medical professional (where relevant), and taking into account whether the child has been previously educated out of their normal age group. Decisions on such matters will be at the discretion of the Principal.

## **10. Withdrawing Places**

In certain circumstances the Trust may decide to withdraw a place offered if one of the following circumstances occurs:

- Where a parent has not responded to the offer of a place, even after chasing;
- Where fraudulent or intentionally misleading information is used as part of the application; or

- Where the offer has been made in error.

## 11. Sixth Form Admissions

If the Academy has a Sixth Form, details of the admissions arrangements, open dates, deadlines, entry criteria etc for Year 12 are detailed on their website.

## 12. Key Dates

Closing date for Applications:	<b>15 January each year</b> (Primary) <b>31 October each year</b> (Secondary)
National Primary Allocation Day:	<b>16 April each year</b>
National Secondary Allocation Day:	<b>1 March each year</b>
Open Evenings:	Please check the academy website <a href="https://www.hopevalley.chorustrust.org/">https://www.hopevalley.chorustrust.org/</a> or relevant Local Authority for more information of a specific date <a href="http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk">www.derbyshire.gov.uk</a>

## 13. Local Authority Admissions Team Enquiries

Any enquiries should be referred to the Local Authority's Admissions Team:

	<b>Derbyshire</b>
Telephone	01629 537479
Email	<a href="mailto:admissions.transport@derbyshire.gov.uk">admissions.transport@derbyshire.gov.uk</a>
Address	Derbyshire County Council County Hall Matlock DE4 3AG
Website	<a href="http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk">Home - Derbyshire County Council</a>