



Our school is part of the Embark Federation.

The shared vision for our trust is to “create schools that ‘stand out’ at the heart of their communities.” Our trust has four core beliefs; Family, Integrity, Teamwork and Success that are integral to everything we do. The purpose is to enable everyone to be able to ‘Love Learning, Love Life.’

Our policies are underpinned by our vision, beliefs and purpose.



## **Pennine Way Junior Academy Admissions Policy**

The Governors of Pennine Way Junior Academy have determined the following arrangements in connection with admissions during the Academic Year 2026/27.

### **Admission Number**

The number of places for pupils of the normal age of entry to the school will be 90. In deference to a co-ordinated scheme for entry in September 2026, the school will follow Local Authority procedures for the timing of applications along with details for mid-year transfers. For further information on this, please follow this link:

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/apply-for-a-school-place.aspx>

### **Oversubscription Criteria**

If the school is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan where the school is named in the statement, priority for admission will be given to those who meet the criteria set out below, in order:

If the number of applications for admission to the school exceeds the school's Published Admission Number, the following order of priority is used to allocate the available places:

- a) Children in care (including LAC and PLAC) and adopted children as defined in the School Admissions Code (2021);
- b) Children having a brother or sister currently attending at the time of their admission. Brother or sister includes a half-brother or half-sister, a legally adopted child who is regarded as a brother or sister, a step-brother or step-sister who resides in the same family unit ;
- c) Children attending the Church Gresley Infant and Nursery School;
- d) Children living in the Pennine Way Junior Academy catchment area of the school; (catchment details can be obtained by going to the following website:  
[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))
- e) Children who have medical or social grounds provided this is supported by a written statement of evidence from a doctor or social worker at the time of the original application;
- f) Other children on the basis of proximity of the child's home to school, which is calculated as follows. *(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 meters. 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 from primary phase schools).* Proximity will also be used on a tiebreaker in the event of over subscription in any of the above criteria.



### **Appeals**

Applications who have been unsuccessful in gaining a place may appeal against the decision to an independent appeals panel. Parents wishing to exercise the right to appeal can complete the appeals form through the Derbyshire Admissions Service using the following: <https://www.derby.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/schools-admissions-appeals/appeal-decision/#page-1>

All appeals must be received within 20 days of the receipt of the letter refusing a place, in order to be heard on time.

Signature of Head teacher:

Date:

11<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Signature of Chair of Governors:

Date:



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