

Cirencester   
Deer Park School  
**Admission Criteria for 2011**

As a Foundation School admissions are the responsibility of the School Governors. The Governors have arranged with the Gloucestershire County Council for admissions procedures to be administered by the County Council but the final responsibility for deciding admissions rests with the Governors. Our published admissions number is 209.

Pupils with a Statement naming Cirencester Deer Park School will be offered a place prior to the oversubscription criteria being used to fill additional places at the School and, in the case of in-year admissions, even if the School is full.

Where applications for admission exceeds the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below, to decide which children to admit:

1. Looked After Children as defined by Section 22 of The Children Act 1989.
2. Children living in the existing catchment area of the school viz the town of Cirencester (excluding the estates bounded by London Road and the town by-pass) and the parishes of Coates and Sapperton to the west, and parishes of Siddington, Kemble, Poole Keynes, Somerford Keynes to the south. A simple map of our catchment area is available on our website and on request.
3. Children who have siblings attending the school and who will continue to do so at the time of their admission. We use the Local Authority's standard definition of 'sibling': 'a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child must be living in the same family unit at the same address.'
4. Other children: proximity of the child's home to the school, with those living nearer being accorded priority.

In the event of oversubscription in any of the above criterion, places will be allocated to children with the strongest geographical claim, measured in a straight line from the front door of the child's home address (including flats) to Reception at the School, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority. If necessary, if two or more children live at a precise equitable distance from the School, a further tie-break of random allocation based on names being drawn in a lottery at a specified time by our admissions team will be applied, although we will endeavour to treat twins and children from multiple births jointly.

If the school is oversubscribed a formal appeals procedure exists. Parents are invited to lodge an appeal in writing, addressed to the School, and their case will be heard by an independent Appeals Panel. In the case of first Admission, Appeals for places in Year 7 in September are usually heard in May. Following these appeals, parents are notified of the outcome by the Clerk of the Appeals' panel. A waiting list will be held until 31 December. The waiting list will be prioritised according to the school's oversubscription criteria above.

Applications for children for whom only this particular School is appropriate due to an exceptional medical condition will only be considered if they are supported by a written statement from the child's doctor and this must demonstrate that there is a very specific connection between the medical need and the facilities or resources at Deer Park.

The school has signed up to the In-Year Fair Access Protocols held by the Local Authority. Should a vulnerable child within these Protocols require a place at the school, they will take precedent over any child on the waiting list.

Any applications for a place at the school made outside the normal year of entry must be made directly to the Local Authority. In accordance with their statutory duty, the Local Authority will be responsible for offering school places to children on behalf of the Governing Body within their In-Year Co-ordinated Admission Scheme for the school year 2010-2011.

Pupils who live over three miles from the school (measured by the shortest pedestrian route), but within our catchment area, are usually entitled to free school transport provided by the Local Authority. Additional services to the school are provided by local bus companies for which they charge. The contacts for these are available on our school website and on request.