Admissions Policy 2027-2028

The school's vision statement is taken from Matthew 22 verse 39,

"Love Your Neighbour as yourself."

Dinting School aims to create a happy, secure, stimulating and challenging learning environment, in which each child can develop to their full potential. Dinting School aims to create a family atmosphere in which Christian care is offered to all members of the school community.
Christian values are built into the ethos and teaching at Dinting School, promoting attitudes of mutual respect and responsibility.

Admissions Principles
As an aided school, the governing board of Dinting Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School are responsible for the admissions policy and decisions on applications for admission to the school. All policies are reviewed and determined annually. They are written to comply with the School Admissions Code and School Admissions Appeals Code.

The Published Admissions Number for this school is 20.

Admissions to other year groups will be based upon the prejudice to:
(a) the provision of education and
(b) the efficient use of resources.
The Local Governing Body (LGB) have agreed an admissions limit of 20 for the other year groups, this is the number of places in classes beyond reception which reflects infant class size regulations for key stage one classes and takes into account practical limits for all other years.

Oversubscription Criteria

The school will always give priority to children living in the parish of Holy Trinity, Dinting Vale,(see attached Parish map) but is pleased to consider applications from families not

resident in the parish, unless the total number seeking admission exceeds the school's published admission number.

Before applying the over-subscription criteria, a place will be allocated for any child with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) that names Dinting Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School as the school the child must attend. This place will be allocated within the Published Admission Number, (PAN), before the consideration of any other applications, or above the PAN if places have already been offered at that time. If more parents express a preference for the school than the published number of places for new admissions, the LGB will use the following criteria to rank applications and allocate places:

1. Looked after children or children who were 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 (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989)

2. Children resident in the ecclesiastical parish of Holy Trinity Dinting: a map is available in school

3. Children who will have siblings in school on the date that they will take up the place

4. Other children whose parents have requested a place

**An adoption order is an order under the Adoption Act 1976 (see Section 12 adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (see Section 46 adoption orders). A 'child arrangements order' is an order settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live under Section 8 of the Children Act 1989 as amended by Section 14 of the Children and Families Act 2014. Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).*

Definitions

Parents

Reference to parents includes legal guardians and applies to either or both parents, or a sole parent. Where only one parent/guardian satisfies a criterion, the application will be treated equally with one where the requirement is met by two parents.

Home address

The home address is where a child normally lives. Where a child lives with parents with shared parental responsibility, each for part of a week, the address where the child lives is

determined using a joint declaration from the parents stating the pattern of residence. If a child's residence is split equally between both parents, then parents will be asked to determine which residential address should be used for the purpose of admission to school. If no joint declaration is received where the residence is split equally by the closing date for applications, the home address will be taken as the address where the child is registered with the doctor. Any other evidence provided by parents will also be considered in reaching a decision on the home address for admissions purposes. This may be necessary, for instance, where parents don't agree on the child's home address. Parents are urged to reach agreement or seek a Specific Issues Order from a court to decide which parent should or should not pursue an application. Where they do not, the admissions authority will determine the home address. If the residence is not split equally between both parents, then the address used will be the address where the child spends the majority of the school week.

Sibling

A "sibling" refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted or fostered brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of a parent's partner where the child for whom the School place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling

Allocating Places

In the event of any of the above categories being over-subscribed, the Governing Body will take those children whose home address is nearest to the school measured by the Local Authority's computerised measuring system. In the case of flats, all applicants will be treated as equidistant from the school. The Local Authority's computerised measuring system will be used to determine these distances. **

Tiebreaker

In the event that applicants for the last place(s) cannot be prioritised using distance as detailed above, above because the distance measurements are the same, the governors will use random allocation to decide which children will be offered the remaining place(s), overseen by someone independent of the board

*Footnote: ** 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.*

Multiple Births

Where possible the governors will admit all the children of a multiple birth (i.e., twins, triplets etc.). This can mean going over infant class size limits as this is a permitted exception

to the limits.

Service personnel and crown servants
Families of service personnel with a confirmed posting, or crown servants returning from overseas, will be allocated a place in advance of the family arriving in the area (as long as one is available), provided the application is accompanied by an official letter that declares a relocation date. Where the family do not yet have an intended address, or do not yet live in the area, the school will use the address at which the child will live when applying their oversubscription criteria, as long as the parents provide some evidence of their intended address. Parents may request that a Unit or quartering address be used as the child's home address when considering the application against their oversubscription criteria. The normal admissions round is the period during which parents can apply for state- funded school places at the school's normal point of entry, using the common application form provided by their home local authority.

Full or Part time attendance
A parent may apply for his/her child to start school for the first time in the September following the fourth birthday and, where a place is offered, may choose for the child to start full time from day one, or to attend on a part time basis until statutory school age, which will occur during the term following the child's fifth birthday. If a parent wishes their child to attend on a part-time basis, they must meet first withthe Headteacher to discuss their choice. The school requests to see birth certificates on entry to ensure children are admitted into the correct year group.

Deferred entry
While a child is below statutory school age, the parent may choose to defer his/her child's entry toschool until later in the school year. However, parents cannot defer beyond the point at which the child reaches statutory school age, or beyond the start of the last term in the school year.

Summer born children and delayed entry into reception for the following year
Each application for such a delay is treated by the school on an individual basis, considering the evidence supplied - this will be from professionals who know the child and from parents. If parents wish to request this, they need to apply in the chronological year (i.e., the year in which the child would normally be entering school) and at the same time submit a request to the school for delayed to reception for the following year. If the Local Governing Body agree this after reviewing the evidence for the request and, in consultation with the Headteacher and any others involved with the child, then the place cannot be held open and the parent will need to apply again the next year in the normal way. The school will then treat and rank the application according to the criteria published in admission arrangements along with all others received. Please be aware that although the deferral may be agreed,there is no guarantee of a place being available at the school for the following year.

Admission of children outside of their normal age group
Parents may apply to the Local Governing Body to 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.

Decisions for these requests will be made on the basis of the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned. This will include taking account of the parent's views; information about the child's academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group; and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely. The views of the Headteacher will also be taken into account. When informing a parent of their decision on the year group the child should be admitted to, reasons for the decision will be clearly set out.

Late Applications
Applications received after the deadline set by the Local Education Authority will be considered after places have been allocated to those applications received on time, using the over-subscription criteria as for on time applications.

Accepting a place
If a place has not been taken up after 14 days from the date of the offer, the school will write and inform the parent that the offer will be withdrawn after a further 7 days if not taken. The school will then offer the place to the next on the waiting list in accordance with the admissions criteria.

False Information

1. Where the Local Governing Body has made an offer of a place at Dinting Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School on the basis of a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application from a parent which has effectively denied a place to a child with a stronger claim to a place at the school, the offer of a place will be withdrawn.

2. Where a child starts attending Dinting Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School on the basis of fraudulent and intentionally misleading information the place may be withdrawn depending on the length of time that the child has been at the school.

3. Where a place or an offer has been withdrawn, the application will be re-considered and a right of independent appeal offered if the place is refused.

Waiting List
A waiting list will be maintained until at least the end of December of the year of application for main round applications. The waiting list is updated and ranked accordingly to the oversubscription criteria when applications are withdrawn or added.

Appeals
In accordance with the Admissions Appeals Code, applicants who have been refused a place at Dinting Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School, may appeal against the

decision to an independent appeals panel. Parents wishing to exercise this right should write to the Clerk to Governors, care of the school.

All appeals must be received within 20 days of the receipt of the letter refusing a place to be heard on time. **[Please note that places in infant classes are restricted to 30 under the infant class size regulations].**

Applying for a place
To apply for a place for September 2027, the parent must complete the Common Application Form (CAF) available from the home local authority (the authority in whose area the child resides).

In order for the application to be considered as 'on time' the CAF must be submitted to your home local authority by 23:59 hours on 15 January 2027. The CAF may be completed and submitted using the home local authority's 'on line' procedure, or as a paper form. Full details about the application process and information about the schools in the local authority area are explained in the 'Composite Prospectus' document, which each local authority must make available on 12th September annually.

Applications can be made either by calling 01629 533190 or online at https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/apply-for-a-school-place.aspx

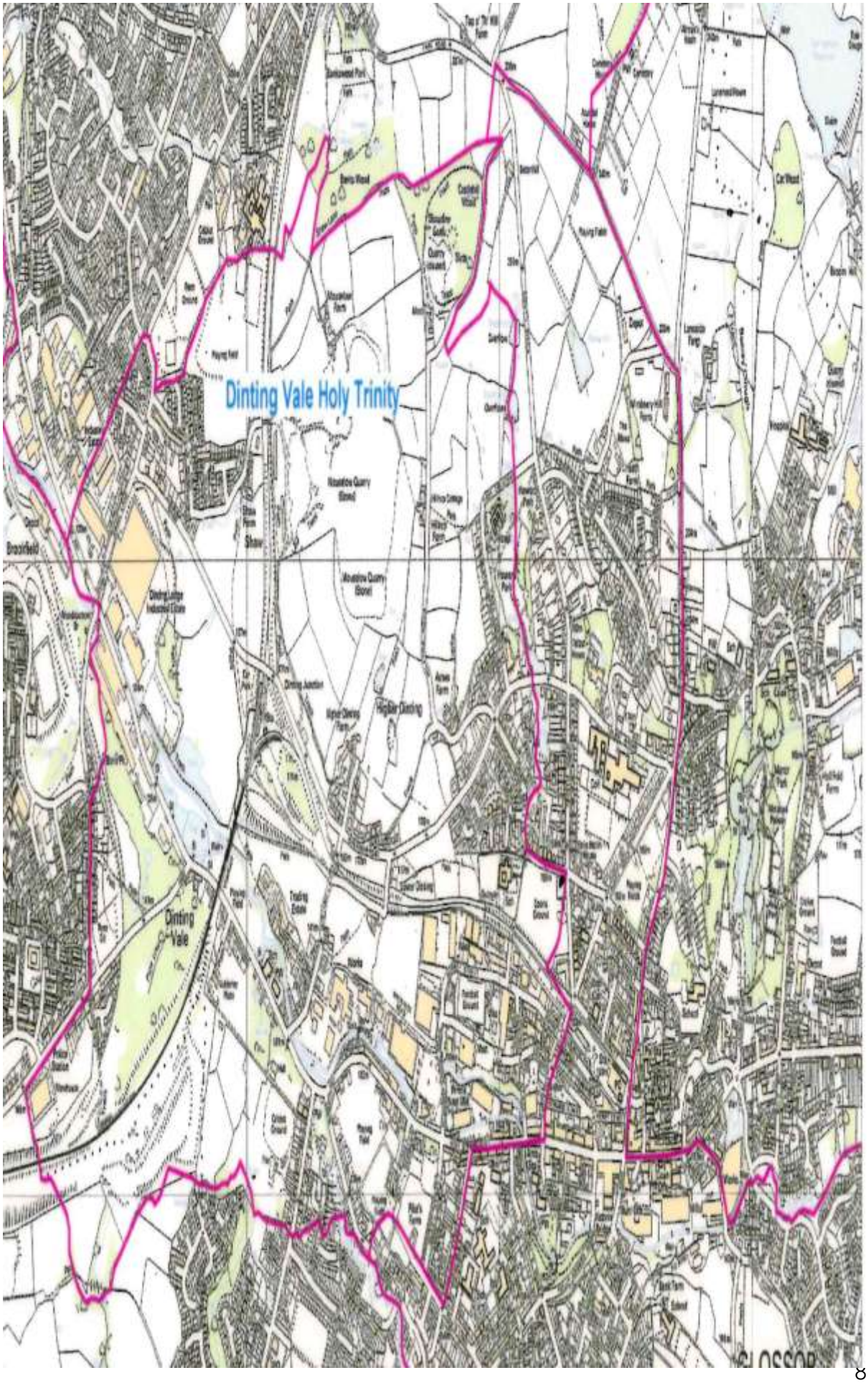
Parents will receive an admission decision in writing from the local authority on or about 16 April 2027, according to the procedure set out in the local authority's Composite Prospectus.

In year admissions
If you are moving to Derbyshire or want your child to move schools other than at the normal admission/transfer time, you will need to apply for an in-year admission. All in year admissions are managed by the Local Authority. You can apply by telephone 01629 537479, email admissions.transport@derbyshire.gov.uk

Prospective parents are encouraged to contact the school and speak with the Headteacher prior to any decision about requests for entry being taken.

Children with special educational needs and disabilities
Children are admitted to the school in accordance with the admission criteria.
We do not discriminate for or against children with special educational needs or disabilities and ask parents to fully inform the school of the nature of any known educational physical, medical or social needs when expressing a preference for their child to attend this school. This information will ensure that the child's entry to the school is as smooth as possible and help inform the level of provision the school can make to meet the individual needs of the child.

Local authority details
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