

ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS: DIAL PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/27

Four Rivers Academy Trust

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Dial Park Primary School is an academy within the Four Rivers Academy Trust. The Trust is the Admission Authority for the school. These arrangements are compliant with the Department for Education's School Admissions Code 2021 and School Admission Appeals Code 2022. They constitute the arrangements for admission to Reception for September 2026 and in-year admissions for the 2026/27 academic year.

2. NURSERY AND EARLY YEARS PROVISION

2.1 The school has a Nursery capacity of 55 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) places and a Two-Year-Old provision capacity of 20 FTE places.

2.2 These arrangements do not apply to those being admitted for nursery provision. Parents of children who are admitted for nursery provision must apply for a place at the school if they want their child to transfer to Reception class. Attendance in the school nursery does not guarantee admission to the school.

3. PUBLISHED ADMISSION NUMBER (PAN)

3.1 The Published Admission Number (PAN) for Dial Park Primary School for Reception to Year 6 is 45. The school will admit up to this number if there are sufficient applications. Where there are fewer applications than the PAN, all applicants will be offered a place.

4. OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA

When the school is oversubscribed, after placement of pupils who have an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan which names the school, places will be allocated in the following order:

- A. Looked after children and previously looked after children (including those in state care outside of England).
- B. Children considered to have 'highly exceptional medical/social reasons'.
- C. Children who live in the catchment area of the school and will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission.
- D. Children who live in the catchment area of the school.
- E. Children who live outside the catchment area of the school and will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission.

- F. Any other applicants, in order of straight line distance measured between home and the school.

5. THE PROCESS

5.1 Residents of Stockport must apply via the online system at www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions. The online system opens on 15 August 2025 and closes at midnight on 15 January 2026.

5.2 National Offer Day is 16 April 2026.

6. TIEBREAKER

6.1 If there are two or more applications with distances which are exactly the same, random allocation will be used to determine which applicant will be allocated the final place. This will be carried out in a public place.

7. WAITING LISTS AND APPEALS

7.1 Waiting lists will be maintained until 31st December of the admission year. The list is ranked strictly according to the oversubscription criteria.

7.2 Parents refused a place have the right to appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel.