



## Admissions

According to Cheshire East Council's Admission Policy, children may start school in the reception class in the September following their 4th birthday. For example, **children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016** are normally admitted to school in September 2020.

As required by law, Cheshire East Council makes arrangements for parents and carers resident within the Authority's administrative area to express up to three preferences, ranked in order of priority, using the Council's common application form and to give reasons in support of each preference.

All preferences must be made in writing (including electronic applications). Applications can be **made online** to Cheshire East Council School Admissions via [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk). Please see the website for the latest key dates for the application process.

It would be appreciated (though not essential) if parents could indicate to the school if their first preference is Dean Valley (for budgetary purposes).

The school has forged strong links with the local playgroups and nurseries which the children attend prior to starting school. The Foundation Stage (Reception Class teacher and Teaching Assistant) visit the playgroups and nurseries in order to meet the children in their familiar environment.

We organise a programme of pre-school visits during the half term before your child's admission including informal story times and afternoon sessions. They are also invited to special events in the school and to have a complimentary lunch on their last pre-school visit.

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### Allocating Places—Oversubscription Criteria

If Dean Valley is oversubscribed, i.e. where the number of preferences received is more than the Planned Admission Number (PAN), which is 30, the following criteria (for all Cheshire East Community Schools) will be used to determine which preferences have priority for admission:

1. 'Cared for Children'
2. Children for whom there are particular medical or social reasons
3. Siblings
4. Children resident within the designated catchment zone of the school, i.e. Bollington Postcode
5. Pupils living nearest to the school.

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