



Chuter Ede – frequently asked questions (FAQ)

Q1: If I live in the catchment area for Chuter Ede, does this mean that my child will automatically get a place at that school?

A1: No. The School Admissions Code 2014 says that parents may express a preference for any state funded school but admission authorities must not give any guarantees.

Q2: How do parents know the number of places available at the school?

A2: All Nottinghamshire schools have a published admission number (PAN). This is the number of places that must be offered in each relevant year group in the school. For Chuter Ede Primary School the PAN is 90.

Q3: What happens if the school receives more applications than the PAN?

A3: If there are more applications than places available, the admission oversubscription criteria are used to decide the order in which places can be allocated.

Q4: How can I find out about the admission oversubscription criteria?

A4: The admission oversubscription criteria for Nottinghamshire community and voluntary controlled schools are available in Admissions to schools: Guide for parents available at www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk

Q5: How are distances measured from the school to the child's home address?

A5: For every school, there has to be one point from which all distances are measured. For Chuter Ede, this is a point mid-way between the two sites.

Q6: Who decides which children get places at Chuter Ede Primary School?

A6: As Chuter Ede is a community school, Nottinghamshire County Council, as the admission authority, allocates places at Chuter Ede.

Q7: Can the governing body or headteacher influence decisions about who gets a place at Chuter Ede?

A7: No. Places have to be allocated according to the admission oversubscription criteria.

Q8: Are there two separate schools at Balderton and Fernwood?

A8: No. There is only one school – Chuter Ede Primary School. The school is located across two sites at Balderton and Fernwood. Fernwood is an annexe to the main building at Balderton. The same high quality of education is offered on both sites.

Q9: On my application, can I make a preference for the Balderton or Fernwood site?

A9: No, because the two sites form part of one school, which is Chuter Ede Primary School.

Q10: If my application for Chuter Ede is refused, can I go to appeal?

A10: Yes. Parents can go to independent appeal for any school where their application is refused.

Q11: If my application for Chuter Ede is successful, can I decide which site my child goes to?

A11: No. The headteacher of the school decides how children are grouped into classes, and the building in which they are taught. However, you can contact the school at any time to make your preference known.

Q12: How does the headteacher decide which children go to each site?

A12: This is decided solely on distance as the crow flies from the mid-point between the two sites. No other criteria are used.

Q13: Is there a guarantee that my child will be placed at the same site as an older sibling already in the school?

A13: No. Unfortunately the school cannot guarantee this due to the high volume of applications for places at the school.

Q14: If my child is not placed at the site I prefer (that is, the main site or annexe), can I go to independent appeal?

A14: No. Parents can only go to appeal when a place is refused at the school (in this case, Chuter Ede Primary School).

Q15: How does the waiting list for Chuter Ede work?

A15: Waiting lists are held in admission oversubscription criteria order. The School Admissions Code says that priority on a waiting list must not be given to children based on the date their application was received or their name was added to the waiting list.

Q16: What happens if a place becomes available during the school year?

A16: If a place becomes available, it is offered to the child who is top of the waiting list at that time.

Q17: Will the child allocated from Chuter Ede's waiting list automatically be placed at the same site as the child who has left?

A17: No. The headteacher of Chuter Ede will decide where children are placed.

Q18: If I put Chuter Ede as the only preference on my application, will this increase my chance of getting a place there?

A18: No. By making only one preference, parents increase the risk that they will be allocated an alternative offer at a school which may be a greater distance away.

Q19: If parents move into the area and make a late application for Chuter Ede, will their child take priority over children on the waiting list and automatically be given a place at the school?

A19: No. If there is no place available, the application will be refused. The parents will have the right to go to independent appeal and the child's name will be placed on the waiting list in accordance with the admission oversubscription criteria.