



Finchale Primary School

Admissions Policy 2024/2025

Finchale Primary School admits children according to Durham Local Authority's published admission criteria. In County Durham children can start school at the beginning of the school year in which they are five.

Please let us know in advance if you would like your child to come to our school. You can give us this information at any time and it will enable us to invite you to any meetings or events that we organise for our new starters. You can also find out about any events planned at school by looking on our website www.finchale.durham.sch.uk. Near the time when your child is due to start school the Local Authority will contact you to offer a school place for your child at the school to which they have been allocated.

Our admission limit for 2024/2025 is 30. If we are over-subscribed, in accordance with Local Education Authority policy, the following admission criteria apply:

- Children who are Looked After
- Medical reasons
- Sibling links
- Distance

This information is available in more details from <https://www.durham.gov.uk/primaryschoolplaces>

We welcome visits from prospective parents. We would be happy to show you round our school and introduce you to our staff and children. Please telephone 0191 3865187 or email finchale@durhamlearning.net to make an appointment.

If your child's birthday falls between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 your child will start Reception at an infant or primary school in September 2025.

You must make an application for your child's school place as there is no automatic transfer from nursery school to infant or primary school (Reception intake).

The closing date to apply for a primary school place is midnight on Wed 15th January 2025.

At Finchale, we hold a meeting in the autumn term for parents who have children due to start the following September. The parents of pupils who have been given a place and will be starting our school in September are then invited to a meeting in the summer term, usually in May. Here they will receive further information about our induction process, which includes a home visit from our Reception teacher and visits to school, including the opportunity to stay for a lunch so that they are familiar with the school routines. This ensures a happy and secure start to school. At the meeting, parents will have the opportunity to meet staff and have their queries answered.

Families will receive notification of the place they have been offered on Wednesday 16th April 2025 and we will be in touch with those families who accept their place after this date.

At Finchale Primary, pupils usually start Reception for the full day from the start as most pupils are already used to nursery or pre-school. This ensures they can settle quickly and meet and socialise with all other children who are in their class.

If you require any further information, please ask at the office and we will try to help.

Information regarding applications for secondary school places can be found by clicking on the following link: <https://www.durham.gov.uk/secondaryschoolplaces>