

Essential information for new arrivals in Derbyshire

children & education



In Derbyshire, there are people from different backgrounds, ages, cultures and religions, who we hope feel they belong to one community. The information provided outlines the key elements of living in a cohesive community, as well as how to engage with various services to make the most for your life in Derbyshire.

The Derbyshire Constabulary's Community Safety Team at Force Headquarters has made every effort to ensure the information provided from its own and partner organisations, is accurate at the time of publication. The information may change over time and is for guidance purposes only.

Readers are therefore encouraged to obtain copies of the other leaflets designed to help new arrivals settle into their life within Derbyshire through accessing services available.

Education

There are various types of education within the United Kingdom (UK), including pre-school, full-time education (5-16 year olds), further education, higher education, Adult education and lifelong learning.

School children

For children 16 years old and under, parents are legally obliged to ensure their children stay in full-time education (unless they receive tuition at home). Parents can express a preference for a school but there is no guarantee their child will be offered a place in that school. Once you have been offered a place at a school, the school may ask for a copy of:

- the passport with the child's details
- the child's visa (if applicable)
- proof of your address

In most cases, children will attend a school that is in their local neighbourhood and which is easier to access. If you have recently moved to the area, you will need to apply to the school directly to find out if there are any spaces for your child in the appropriate year gap.

If you are unsure of how to apply to schools for a place for your child to attend, you can contact Derbyshire County Council who can advise you further on this process as well as where local schools are located and what support is available for children with special educational needs, e.g. language difficulties, hearing impairments and learning difficulties, amongst others.

It is important to contact the school straight away if your child experiences things like bullying, racism or name-calling. Many schools across Derbyshire will have policies and procedures in place for dealing with these difficulties, so speak to your school first. In addition, each school will have an anti-bullying co-ordinator.

After the age of 16

Education after the age of 16 becomes voluntary on behalf of the student. They can choose to enter further education, training or to obtain full time employment. The four main options can be delivered:

- at school (in the sixth form)
- at further education college
- through apprenticeships
- on foundation learning courses at employer establishments

For further information, advice or guidance on what courses and options would suit your child best for their future career and personal growth, visit www.connexions-derbyshire.org or telephone free on 0800 269 468. Connexions also has nine centres within Derbyshire which can be visited (Alfreton, Buxton, Chesterfield, Derby, Glossop, Ilkeston, Long Eaton, Matlock and Swadlincote), by the public.

After the age of 18

Following further education from the age of 16, students can then choose to continue with their education through attending a University. Many universities will require students to undertake an application process and will have to meet their eligibility criteria for each specific course at different universities. Many sixth form and

education college establishments will assist their students in the application process. Within Derbyshire, there is the University of Derby which offer many strands of courses as well as offering further education at their Buxton campus site.

There are also Adult Education Centres, which can provide a number of courses for adults (aged 18 and over), many of which are free to the learner. These are held in the daytime or evening and some have crèche facilities for children aged 5 and under. Courses include basic skills, such as reading, writing, mathematics, and work-related courses. They also provide English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) courses, which enable non-native English speakers to learn and improve their language skills. This will help such residents settle into the UK and enable them to interact with their neighbours.

For a learner to qualify for Government funding for their learning programme, the learner must have the legal right to be resident in the UK at the start of their programme. There are eligibility restrictions for non-EU citizens and asylum seekers.

Children's rights

A person is considered a child if they are under 18 years of age. A young person is usually considered to be someone who is between 16 and 24 years of age. Children and young people have rights in the UK. You can find out about children's rights and responsibilities at: www.direct.gov.uk/en/parents/moneyandworkentitlements.

- The age of consent for starting a sexual relationship is 16 years of age
- It is against the law to have sex with someone who is under the age of consent
- If you are the victim of sexual abuse or rape you are advised to report this to a responsible adult or the police.

Useful contacts

You are advised that you can attend any of the 46 Derbyshire County Council's state public libraries, which have 400 public PC's with free broadband access. These will assist you in accessing some of the information which is provided on the websites listed below.

Anti-bullying www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk

Supporting your child through schooling www.parentscentre.gov.uk

Adult learning www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/adcommed

Childcare www.direct.gov.uk/en/parents/childcare

Education, training and employment www.routes-ahead.org
www.apprenticeships.org.uk www.derby.ac.uk

Local area education offices

Amber Valley, Erewash and South Derbyshire

Grosvenor Road, Ripley, DE5 3JE Tel: 01773 744741

High Peak and Derbyshire Dales

Kents Bank Road, Buxton, SK17 9HR Tel: 01629 533500

North East Derbyshire, Chesterfield and Bolsover

St Helena Centre, Sheffield Road, Chesterfield, S41 7LU

Tel: 01246 204851

Some key council services are dealt with by Call Derbyshire
(Derbyshire County Council's contact centre)

Tel: 08456 058058 (weekdays 8am-8pm and Saturdays 9:30am-4pm)
www.derbyshire.gov.uk

If you require this leaflet in Braille, large print or another format,
please write with your request and contact details to:

Force Headquarters Butterley Hall Ripley Derbyshire DE5 3RS
or Tel: 0345 123 3333.

www.derbyshire.police.uk



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