



The Ecclesbourne School is situated in **Duffield**, a south Derbyshire village in the Amber Valley district of Derbyshire. It is centred on the western bank of the River Derwent at the mouth of the River Ecclesbourne. Duffield is within the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Area and its elevated surroundings are the southern foothills of the Pennines.

Duffield is approximately 5 miles north of Derby, 15 miles west of Nottingham and just south of the famous Peak District National Park. There are a number of good access roads and public transport links, with train and bus links to the north and south and easy access to the M1 motorway.

The village centre has an excellent range of facilities, including a local supermarket, post office, chemist, several takeaways and restaurants and a regular bus service to Derby and the market town of Belper. Local recreational facilities include Duffield Tennis and Squash Club and the Chevin Golf Club.

Key Characteristics

Population: 5046

Number of Households: 2028

Population Density: 6.4 people/hectare

Approximate Area: 786 Hectares

Source: Census 2011

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Little Eaton is situated 2 miles from Duffield and is the home of one of our feeder primary schools. Nestled between the River Derwent and Bottle Brook, four miles north of Derby, Eaton means a ‘town by the water’.

Easy access to major roads and the rail network, yet set within wonderful countryside, makes Little Eaton a much sought after village to live in.

Widely used St Peter’s Park offers an expanse of green where children play, dogs are walked and cricket matches are held in front of a most impressive pavilion built as a result of local fund-raising. The village has a strong community spirit in place and facilities include a local supermarket, post office, butchers, newsagents, The Queen’s Head pub, which prepares and cooks locally sourced food, and its own telephone box library.



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The small, attractive market town of Belper is situated 8 miles north of Derby and has a population, as of the 2011 census, of 21,823 . The parish includes the village of Milford and the hamlets of Bargate, Blackbrook and Makeney.

Belper train station is situated on the Midland Main Line with regular trains between Derby and Matlock and some main line service weekday stops. The town has eight primary schools and one secondary school.

Belper was originally a centre for the nail-making industry, in Medieval times, which expanded during the early industrial revolution to become one of the first mill towns with several textile mills. As such it forms part of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site.

Despite being a place of history Belper has many modern amenities which make it an attractive place to visit and live, there are plenty of pubs, restaurants, shops, hotels and bed and breakfast accommodation. It also has its own cinema, leisure centre and swimming pool.

Residents are, quite rightly, very proud of it's high street which won the market town category of the High Street of the Year Award in 2014.



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Derby is the UK's most central city with much happening all year round. It boasts free museums, galleries, theatres, cinemas, many fine restaurants, good nightlife and shopping in the pedestrianised historic Cathedral Quarter alongside a modern indoor shopping centre.

Other amenities include its own 250 metre indoor cycling track, at the Derby Arena, beautiful parks and a fantastic range of festivals all year round including photography, comedy, books and beer. The Lonely Planet describe Derby as the 'best place to drink real ale in the World'. Football fans are very well served by the home of Derby County Football Club at Pride Park Stadium.

Engineering giant Rolls-Royce employs more than 12,000 people at its Derby site and the region also boasts Toyota and Bombardier Transportation.

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Derby Arena



Other local villages include Hazelwood, Kedleston (Kedleston Hall pictured above), Kirk Langley, Mackworth village, Mercaston, Mugginton, Weston Underwood and Quarndon.

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Towns such as Ashbourne, Matlock, Chesterfield, Buxton, Mansfield, Loughborough, Burton-on-Trent and Uttoxeter are within easily commutable distance of the school, as is the city of Nottingham (pictured below).



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