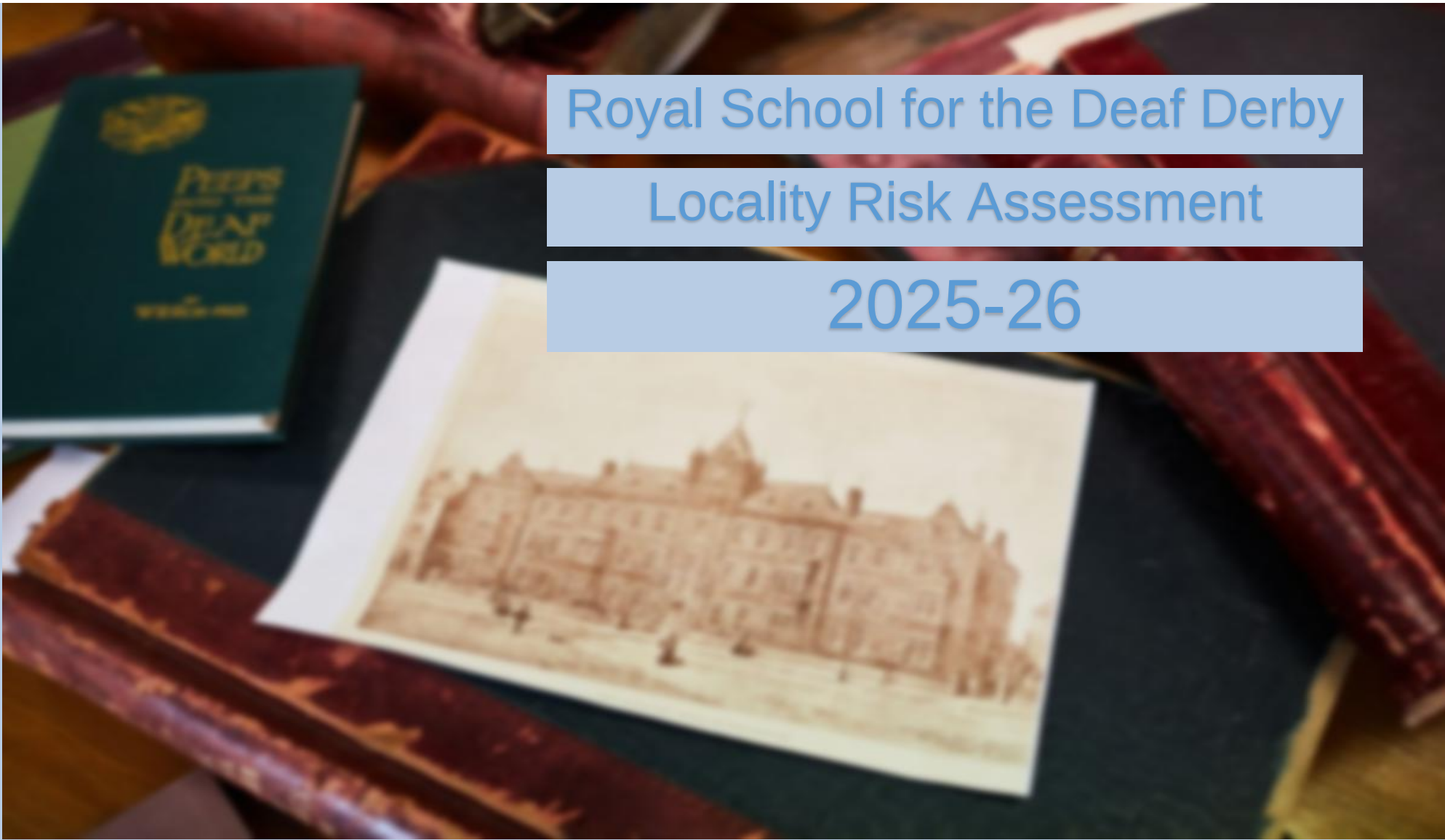


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Royal School for the Deaf Derby

Locality Risk Assessment

2025-26

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This Locality Risk Assessment is produced by Royal School for the Deaf Derby (RSDD) and relates to the School and Residential provision of the site based at 180 Ashbourne Road, Derby. DE22 3BH. It relates to the academic year 2025-26 and will be renewed and updated at the end of the academic year.

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Welcome

Royal School for the Deaf Derby (RSDD) is a non-maintained day and special residential school with a nationwide catchment area. The capacity of the school is 141 children and young people, with a Residence capacity of 37 children and young people. All pupils have Education and Health Care Plans where the school is identified on this plan.

RSDD is a unique provider of day and weekly boarding (4 nights or part-time placements by request) for Deaf children and young people aged 3–19. We deliver literacy, numeracy and all curriculum areas in both British Sign Language and English tailoring our approach to the individual communication profiles of children and young people. We are a signing and speaking community where the languages and cultures of both Deaf and Hearing people are valued equally. We promote a powerful sense of identity and independence and prepare children and young people for further or higher education and/or the world of work.

We offer 38-week educational residence placements and respite care for school children who attend RSDD and Post 16 provisions, providing a warm, caring, supportive, safe, secure and non-oppressive environment that appreciates and develops the characteristics of a child's or young person's race, gender, ability and religion together with their likes and dislikes, dietary needs, cultural, religious, social, emotional, medical and physical needs.

We encourage parents, carers and those funding the placements of children and young people to visit our school and experience the breadth of our provision. We offer free assessments for prospective pupils and a one-term placement as an extended assessment where necessary.

Throughout this document we will use the term CYP to refer to Children and Young People to capture the full breadth of our residential and education day provision.

Locality Risk Assessment Overview

The school has an experienced team to make judgements about local risks, keeping CYP safe, and providing suitable opportunities and experiences. The school site is surrounded by fencing with gated access at various points. Access through these gates is by way of a person specific fob.

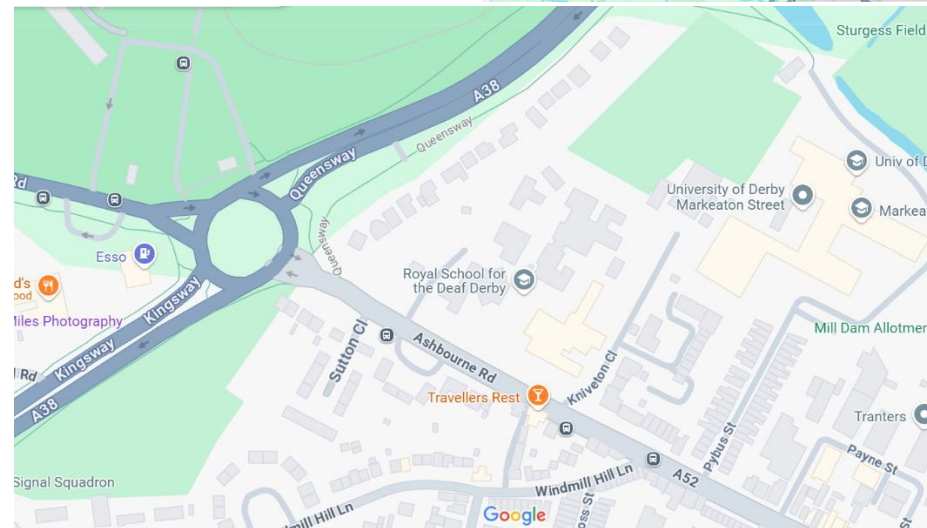
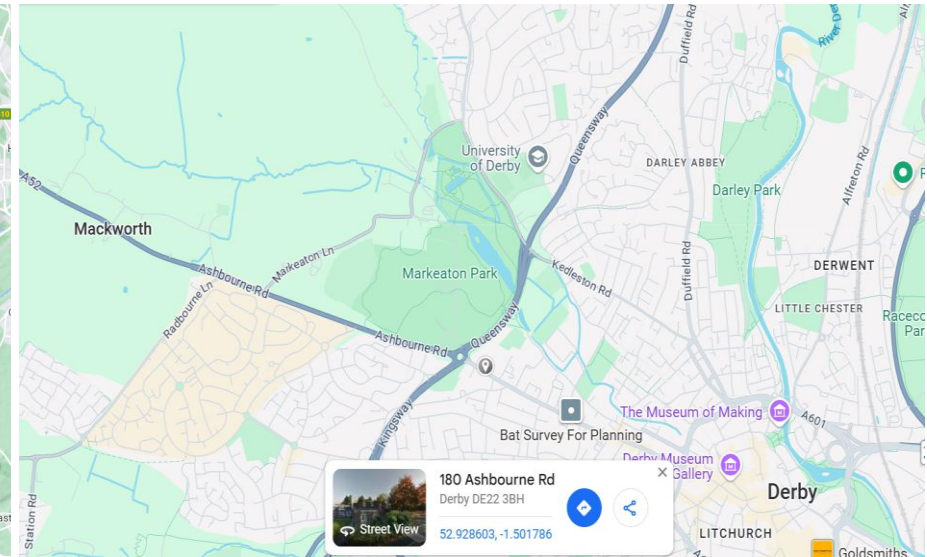
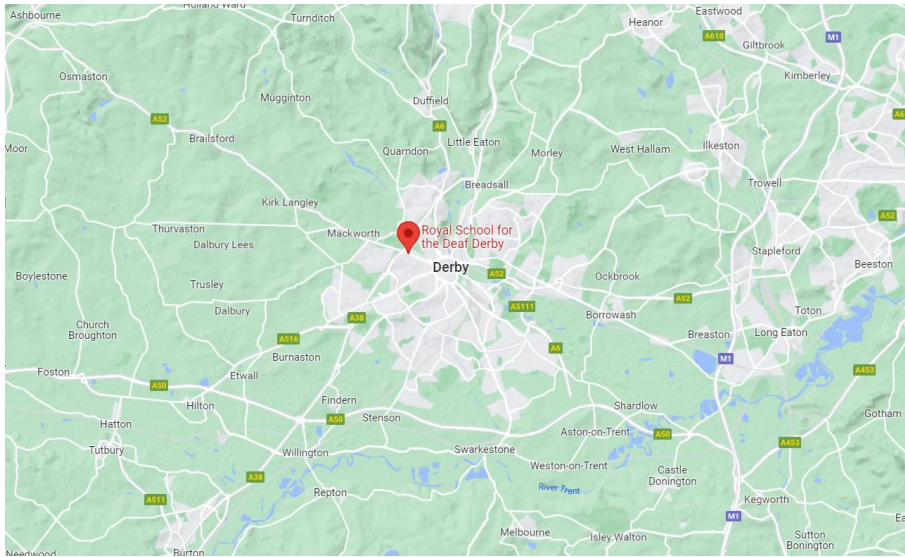
The Locality Risk Assessment addresses the following broad issues

- Location of site
- Accessibility of Local Services
- Risk Assessment and Risk Management Strategies
- Whether the location of the site helps to meet the needs of the children who live on or attend the site
- Local Crime statistics
- Further information and links

Location of site

RSDD is situated on the edge of Derby. The site is approximately 10 acres and includes a playing field, sports hall, attractive grounds, School, and Residence buildings. The school is within walking distance of Derby town centre, which has a large shopping centre, swimming pool, sports centres, cinemas, theatres, places of worship, museums, a railway and bus station and restaurants etc. Locally there are also youth clubs, dance classes, football teams and drama groups. Further amenities can be found at [Visit Derby](#)

There are three Residence accommodations on the grounds of RSDD; Morris House, Lydia House and Friar Gate House. They are not all in use, depending upon numbers of residential students- however a planned refurbishment on Lydia House is due to be completed during the academic year to enable its use. There are also various buildings associated more directly with the school, as well as extensive grounds and sports facilities.



Description

Derby is a city and unitary authority area on the River Derwent in Derbyshire, England. Derbyshire is named after Derby, which was its original county town. As a unitary authority, Derby is administratively independent from Derbyshire County Council. The population of Derby is 263,490 (2022).

The Romans established the town of Derwentio, which was later captured by the Anglo-Saxons and then by the Vikings who made Djúra-bý one of the Five Boroughs of the Danelaw. Initially a market town, Derby grew rapidly in the industrial era and was home to Lombe's Mill, an early British factory, Derby contains the southern part of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site. With the arrival of the railways in the 19th century, Derby became a centre of the British rail industry. Despite having a cathedral since 1927, Derby did not gain city status until 1977.

Derby is a centre for advanced transport manufacturing. It is home to engine manufacturer Rolls-Royce and Alstom (formerly Bombardier Transportation) has a production facility at the Derby Litchurch Lane Works; Toyota's UK headquarters is located in the south-west of the city at Burnaston.

Royal School for the Deaf Derby has occupied the site at 180 Ashbourne Road since 1973. The school site is bounded by a row of (derelict) houses adjoining the A38, A local road (Ashbourne Road), a satellite site for the University of Derby and a small housing area.

The A38 is due for an upgrade and expansion, at the current time, there are no concrete timescales to note. However it remains a potential future risk.

Accessability of Local Services

Services located near RSDD site are:

Doctor	Dentist	Pharmacy
Vernon Street Medical Centre, 13 Vernon Street 0.6 miles	Ashbourne Road Dental 30 Ashbourne Road 0.4 miles	Welfare Pharmacy, 68 Friar Gate 0.5 miles
Vernon Street Surgery 10 Vernon Street 0.6 miles	57 Friar Gate Dental Practice 57 Friar Gate 0.6 miles	Vernon Street Pharmacy, 5 Vernon Street 0.6 miles
Brook Medical Centre 183 Kedleston Road 0.7 miles	Kedleston Dental Care 122 Kedleston Road 0.8 miles	Markeaton Pharmacy, 126 Kedleston Road 0.8 miles
Police	Hospital	Fire Service
Derbyshire Constabulary Division Headquarters 38 Clark Street 1.6 miles	Royal Derby Hospital Uttoxeter New Road 1.6 miles	Kingsway Fire Station Kingsway 1.3 miles
Derbyshire Police Pear Tree Office Pear Tree Road 2.3 miles		
Bus stop	Train Station	
Ashbourne Road 10 metres	Derby Railway Station Railway Terrace 2.2 miles	

Appropriate Local Services

Service	Contact Details
Referrals to Local Authority Children's Social Care	Derby City: Initial Response Team Urgent: 01332 641172 or out of hours via Careline 01332 956606 Non urgent: Derby Children's Social Care Online Referral system Derbyshire: Starting Point Urgent: 01629 533 190 Non urgent: Starting Point online
Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)	Derby and Derbyshire LADO referral form Email: CPMduty@derby.gov.uk Derby and Derbyshire LADO referral form Email: professional.allegations@derbyshire.gov.uk
Derbyshire Police	999 for emergencies or 101 for non-emergencies • Mandatory reporting of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) via 101 • School Police Safer neighbourhood team or link officers: Pete Rawlings - PLOD Manager 07840 046121 pete.rawlings@derbyshire.police.uk Daisy Leverington - PCSO and PLOD Officer 07523938303 daisy.leverington@derbyshire.police.uk
Prevent (radicalisation and extremism)	For advice contact the Local Authority Prevent Team: Derbyshire - 01629 538473 or prevent@derbyshire.gov.uk Derby - 07765 222032 or sally.siner@derby.gov.uk

	Police Prevent (radicalisation/extremism) Team on 101 or directly via 0300 1228694. For emergencies phone 999.
Education Welfare and Local Authority Children Missing Education (CME) Officer	Adele Jones: adele.jones@derby.gov.uk Derby Education Welfare Service CME: 01332 641448 or cme@derby.gov.uk Derbyshire Education Welfare Services CME: CS.CMECoordinators@derbyshire.gov.uk

Risk Assessment and Risk Management Strategies

Behaviour

Risk Risk factors	Risk management strategies Protective factors	Probability of risk / harm occurring (1-3)	Severity of risk / harm occurring (1-3)	Overall risk rating (1-9) 1-3 low 3-5 med 6-9 High
Roads A38 is close by which is a busy road. Attraction is the various fast food outlets on the other side of the A38. Also accessing the local park requires CYP to cross the road. Ashbourne Road is a quieter road, but busy at peak times. Nearest shop is on the same side of the street as the school so no crossing necessary.	The nearest part of the A38 to school is a traffic light controlled roundabout which reduces the speed of the cars. There are functioning pedestrian crossings to cross the road. Only CYP who are 16+ are allowed to walk independently once consent has been given from parents and their level of independence verified. There are pedestrian and zebra crossings on this road. Only CYP who are 16+ are allowed to walk independently once consent has been given from parents and their level of independence verified. CYP are instructed to use these crossings should they need to cross the road. All CYP are taught road safety from an early age in school.	1	2	2
Local Shops The nearest local shop (small supermarket) is a few hundred metres away on the same side of the road. CYP using this	CYP to be aware of the appropriate use of language and expected behaviour when out in the community. No excessive risks identified with independent use of the shop. Only CYP who are 16+ are allowed to walk independently once consent has been given from parents and their level of	1	1	1

shop is a daily occurrence and presents no unnecessary risk.	independence verified. Only small amounts of money (or appropriate cards) are to be carried when visiting the shops.			
Bus Stop There is bus stop close to the entrance to school. This is a potential absconding route risk. There is potential that members of the public may gather at the bus stop. Coming back from town requires crossing the road.	If any CYP have an identified absconding risk than an individual risk assessment is carried out. All CYP will be managed in line with their own individual risk assessments and management plans. Some CYP who are independent also have tracking apps activated on their personal mobile phones which are closely monitored by parents. CYP to be aware of the appropriate use of language and expected behaviour when out in the community All CYP are instructed to use the nearby zebra crossing when returning from town on the bus	1	1	1
Markeaton park A large and popular open space a few minutes walk away from school.	CYP are instructed to use the pedestrian crossings to access the park. In the evening, they are not allowed to congregate in the park unsupervised. Lone walking in the park is not allowed.	1	1	1
Nearby water There is a small pond and stream close to school site. It is beyond the fenced boundary of the school. Access to the pond would require long journey at the opposite end to the entrances via a well lit public footpath.	The pond and stream are quite busy with a well-maintained public foot path adjacent to it. All CYP have been spoken to and have understanding on the risks of unsafe behaviour near water ways. Staff will be clear on what to do in event of a pupil falling in the river.	1	2	2

Markeaton Pond is a larger water feature in the middle of a large open public park. It is well lit and maintained by the City council. There is a danger of frozen water during particularly bad spells of cold weather.	The pond and stream are quite busy with a well-maintained public foot path adjacent to it. All CYP have been spoken to and have understanding on the risks of unsafe behaviour near water ways. Staff will be clear on what to do in event of a pupil falling in the river. Previously, BSL signed instructions have been issued to CYP and parents by the school regarding the dangers of frozen water.			
School site The school boundary secured by fencing. Site access Moving around site in the evening The main gates Site security	There is gated access secured by fob and timers. Each gate is covered by a CCTV camera. To access the school site – there is a video calling system to access the reception area. However this still does not give access to the main school site and residence – a further gated access is required. Footpaths and all building entrances are well lit in the evening with clear visibility. Currently the car park gate is open in the evening to allow access to the car park only (NOT access to the site). This is being currently under review with the new campus manager. EMS are a contracted security firm who maintain and physically patrol the site out of hours.	1	1	1

Derelict buildings A row of houses on Queensway are unoccupied due to the A38 improvement plans.	The Headteacher and Campus Manager walk the perimeter of the school site each half term to assess the integrity of the boundary. Highways agency are in regular communication with the campus team. All the derelict building are alarmed and fenced and covered by a security company who do regular patrols.	1	1	1
Local housing estate There are some residential houses close by the school.	To date there are no concerns regarding the residential estate. Staff are aware of CYP whereabouts at all times. CYP to be aware of the appropriate use of language and expected behaviour when out in the community.	1	1	1
City Centre There are numerous activities and entertainment spaces which CYP are encouraged to use as part of their personal development and independence skills.	CYP have residence staff mobile numbers. CYP have to sign in/out of site. They must inform staff about time expected to return, where they are going and with whom. This is verbally agreed between the CYP and staff. CYP are instructed to inform staff if there is any variance from the agreed plan. Staff support any variation to the plan as and when required. Only CYP who are 16+ are allowed to travel independently to the city centre once consent has been given from parents and their level of independence verified.	1	1	1
Pubs and off licences The nearest pub is within walking distance.	CYP who are 18+ are entitled to enter a pub or buy alcohol in the shop. The local pub is family friendly and mainly used by locals. They do not tend to attract many people from beyond this. The pub closes at 11pm on a weekday.	2	1	2

There may be a slight risk from this pub of CYP interacting with people who are under the influence, and may have a negative impact on our CYP. The local shop selling alcohol is within a few hundred metres of school.	There is open communication with CYP about managing the risk which they may encounter. All CYP have alcohol education within the school curriculum. CYP are not allowed to bring alcohol back to school site. All CYP are made aware that drinking alcohol whilst in residence (Mon-Thu) is not Work is carried out around safe consumption of alcohol. On the rare occasion that any CYP who are 18+ and under the influence of alcohol would be monitored by staff.			
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Whether the location of the site helps to meet the needs of children who live on or attend the site

The location of the school supports independent living skills due to the accessibility of good transport links; local amenities (shops, takeaways, fast food restaurants); wellbeing amenities (gym, local park, natural environment); health amenities (hospital, dentist and doctors within a few miles); leisure (cinema, bowling, roller skating, clip and climb); enrichment (theatre, museums, art gallery); a strong local Deaf community.

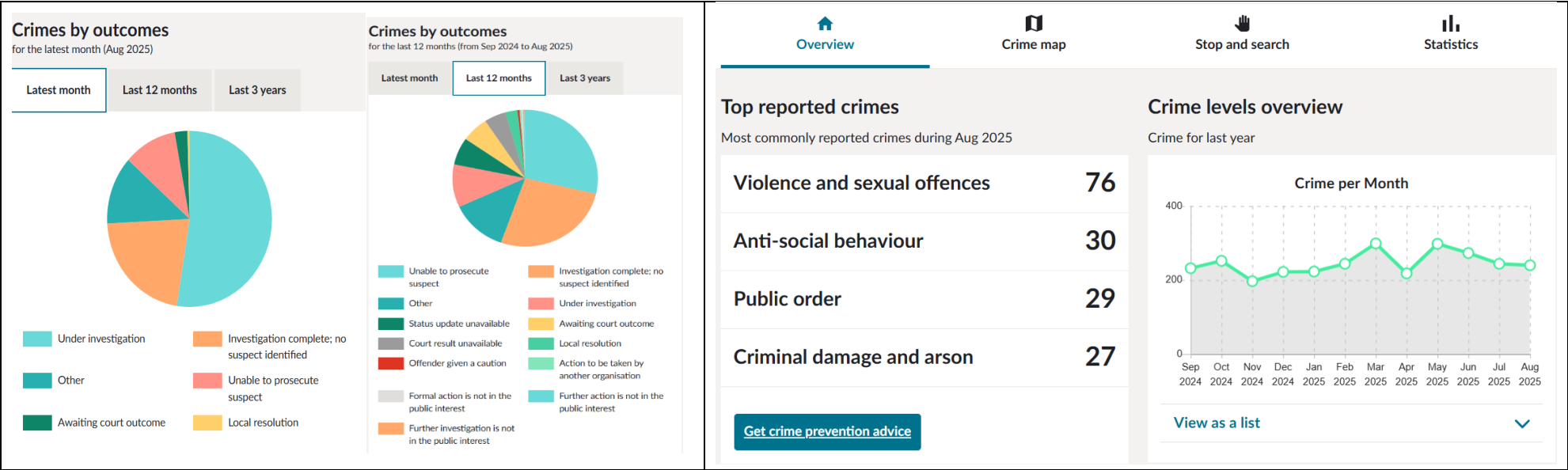
Local Crime Statistics

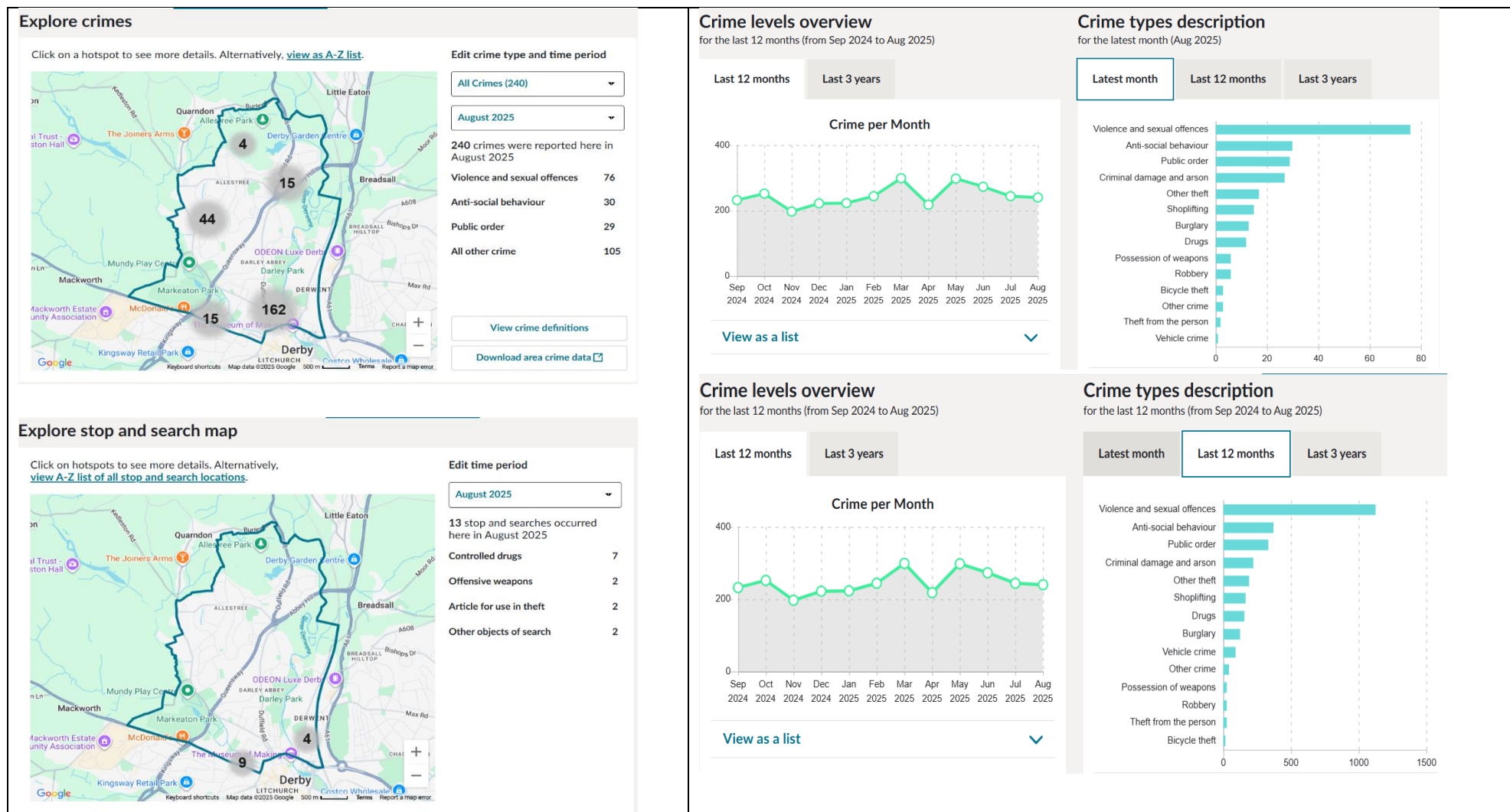
Crime statistics within the local area can be found via [Crime Statistics DE22 3BH](#).

A snapshot summary is displayed below for reference, but please refer to the link above for up to date information.

The rate of crime is relatively low compared to other areas within Derby with around 200 crimes recorded per month. Of these, a little under half are classed as violent or sexual offences, with anti- social behaviour as the next most common. There are no major concerns within the locality and most crime appears to be of a lesser nature. There are no concerns of CYP being drawn into local gangs or anti – social behaviour due to the location of the site. The location does not increase the potential for students to be targeted for sexual exploitation. There are no known CSE or trafficking gangs in operation in the area.

Current areas of identified risk due to location are low to medium. These are in part due to the proximity to a busy A road, the proximity to a large local park and the row of derelict housing along one boundary.





The Designated Safeguarding Lead has signed up for local crime updates and Derbyshire alerts through safer neighbourhood. The DSL regularly liaises with Derby City DSL forum. There is a PLOD officer (Police Liaison Officer for Deaf People) assigned to the school and has responsibility for sharing information about local hazards and/or known criminal activities in relation to the school and site.

Further Information

Details around the school website can be found via the following link: www.rsdd.org.uk or the QR code as below:



Service	Contact Details
NSPCC helpline - Helping adults protect children 24 hours a day. For help and support, including anyone needing advice about female genital mutilation, young people affected by gangs, concerns that someone may be a victim of modern slavery contact the NSPCC trained helpline counsellors on:	Key National Contacts Organisation Description and contact details • Text 88858 • 0808 800 5000 • help@nspcc.org.uk
NSPCC helpline Report Abuse in Education Bespoke helpline for children and young people who've experienced abuse at school, and for worried adults and professionals who need support and guidance including for non-recent abuse:	0800 136 663 help@nspcc.org.uk

NSPCC Whistleblowing Advice Free advice and support for professionals concerned about how child protection issues are being handled in their organisation:	0800 028 0285 help@nspcc.org.uk
National Deaf Children's society	0808 800 8880 Monday to Thursday 9am – 5pm and Friday 9am - 12:30pm Free from all UK landlines and major UK mobile providers 0786 00 22 888 (SMS) Monday to Thursday 9am – 5pm and Friday 9am - 12:30pm Texts are charged at your standard network rate or taken from your monthly allowance Monday to Thursday 9am – 5pm and Friday 9am - 12:30pm Contact us by making a free video call with a BSL interpreter https://ndcs.signvideo.net/ Monday to Thursday 9am – 5pm and Friday 9am - 12:30pm Chat to a member of the Helpline team online for free https://www.ndcs.org.uk/our-services/services-for-families/helpline/live-chat/?_ga=2.37559008.1538062309.1566983301-624093448.1563973365

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