



Applying for a secondary school place.

A guide for parents and carers

**Apply between 2 September and 31 October 2026
to start secondary school in September 2027**

www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Apply on time

- The closing date is **31 October 2026**
- Any applications received after this date will be processed in the second round after the majority of places have been allocated
- A late application therefore means you are much less likely to get what you want
- Notifications of the places offered will be made on **1 March 2027** (unless your application is late)

Apply online

- You can apply online at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schooladmissions up until midnight on **31 October 2026**
- You will be able to view, update, submit / resubmit and check the status of your application throughout the process
- Notification of the place allocated will be quicker and your application will be secure
- You will be able to log on **1 March 2027** to view the school that has been allocated

Use all four preferences

- You could disadvantage yourself if you don't use your opportunity to express a preference for four schools
- Each preference is considered in its own right, so give yourself four separate chances, the schools do not know the order you have put the preferences
- If more than one school is able to offer your child a place the order of preference is important, so, ensure you list the school in the order that you want them considered.

Choose wisely

- Understand the school's oversubscription criteria
- Improve your understanding of your chance of success by looking at the point when schools turned down applications last year
- Don't assume you will be allocated a place at your catchment school if you don't state it as one of your preferences
- Don't assume your child will get priority just because they attend a primary school within the area of the secondary school
- Consider how you will access your school place. Maximise your chance of getting a preferred secondary school place

Contents

A. General information	Applying for a secondary school place	5
	Important Dates - what to expect	5
	Child's home address requirements	6
	Planning to move house?	7
	Choosing Schools for your child	9
	Applying to schools outside Milton Keynes	10
	Applying to Buckinghamshire grammar schools	10
	Siblings	11
	Looked After and previously looked after children	12
	Children with Special Education Needs	12
	Children of UK service personnel	13
	Parent/Carer declaration	14
	Applying to a University Technical College (UTC)	15
	Admission outside normal age group	16
B. The application process	The application process	17
	Key points to remember	18
	When to apply	19
	How to apply	19
	Late school applications	20
	Changing school preferences	20
	Processing applications	21
	How school distance is measured	21
	National Offer Day	22
	Not happy with the allocated school?	23
	Appealing your child's school place	23
	School waiting lists	24
	Withdrawing offers of school places	24
	In year applications	25
	Applying for sixth form (Post 16 education)	25
C. School Travel Support		26

D. Secondary schools in Milton Keynes - Key facts and oversubscription criteria	Catchment Schools by area	28
	Map of secondary school locations	33
	Brooklands Academy	35
	Denbigh School	38
	E-Act Ousedale School	41
	Glebe Farm School	44
	Kents Hill Park School	46
	Lift Sir Herbert Leon	48
	Lord Grey Academy	50
	Oakgrove School	53
	Shenley Brook End School	56
	St Paul's Catholic School	59
	Stantonbury School	62
	The Hazeley Academy	65
	The Milton Keynes Academy	68
	The Radcliffe School	71
	Walton High	73
	Watling Academy	76
E. Neighbouring authorities		79
F. Glossary of terms and school categories		80

Section A

General Information

Applying for a secondary school place

There are two ways to apply for a secondary school:

1. **Normal Entry:** For children starting Year 7 in September (after turning 11).
2. **In-Year Application:** For children changing schools at any other time between Year 7 and Year 11.

Secondary school admissions – starting in September 2027

This guide explains how to apply for children starting secondary school in Year 7.

If your child was born between **1 September 2015** and **31 August 2016**, it's time to start thinking about secondary school. They'll begin Year 7 in **September 2027**.

Important date: National Offer Day

All offers will be sent out on **1 March 2027**, so families across the country hear back on the same day.

How it works

Milton Keynes City Council co-ordinates admissions for all local schools and those outside the area. The City Council work closely with other councils and schools to make sure every child receives ONE school offer, based on the highest preference possible from your application.

Here's what to expect:

Action	Date
Online portal for applications opens for all parents/carers	2 September 2026
Schools hold their open event	September – October 2026
Closing date for receipt of applications: including information regarding address changes and house moves	Saturday 31 October 2026 Paper applications - 5.00pm, Friday 30 October 2026
National Offer Day	Monday 1 March 2027
Waiting lists operate for over-subscribed schools	1 March 2027 to 31 December 2027

Applying for secondary school – Milton Keynes residents

Milton Keynes City Council co-ordinates all secondary school applications for children living in Milton Keynes. If your child is starting secondary school in **September 2027**, you will send your application to the council—even if the schools you're choosing are outside of Milton Keynes.

How to apply for secondary school

There are two ways to apply for a school place:

1. **Online application:** Most parents use the online system. The council provides a clear timetable to make sure everyone gets their school offer on the same day—National Offer Day (**1 March 2027**).
2. **Paper application:** If you prefer, you can ask the council for a paper form instead.

If you live outside Milton Keynes

Apply through your local council who you pay council tax to, even if you want a school in Milton Keynes.

- After applications close, your council will talk to the Milton Keynes team to check for available places
- your application will be considered using the same admissions rules as everyone else.

Visiting secondary schools

Each autumn, secondary schools hold open days and evenings for parents whose children will be starting Year 7 in the following September.

Find dates and times

- Check the listings for each school to see when their events are happening.
- Keep in mind—these dates may change, so always confirm directly with the school before attending.

Why it's important to visit

- Visit the school for your catchment area and any other schools you're considering.
- Even if you already have a child at the school, don't assume things are the same—schools can change year on year.

Child's home address requirements

To apply for a school place, the council requires that:

- Your child's home address is where they normally live—not somewhere they stay occasionally.
- The property must be owned, rented, or leased by the child's parent or legal guardian.
- If the child lives elsewhere under legal care (e.g. foster care), evidence must be provided.

What the council would not normally accept

- Families claiming two main residences (we would check which is the main residence).
- Only part of the family moving—unless it's due to divorce or permanent separation, evidence will be required.
- Children living apart from parents/carers—unless it's a verified fostering arrangement.
- Overcrowded living arrangements with no formal record (e.g. two families in one unsuitable in size property).

Verification and checks

- If there's doubt, the council will request proof of residence.
- We may check details with other agencies.
- If a school place was offered based on false or misleading information, (for example, a false claim to living in a catchment area) and this denied a place to another child, the offer of that place will be withdrawn by the admission authority for the school. This has happened in previous years.

Planning to move house?

If you're moving home, here's what you need to know:

- You'll need to give the new address as part of your child's school application. Please update this on the application and keep the Access to Education team informed of the progress of your house move.
- **Moving before the closing date?** You can update your address and change your school choices before the deadline. You must provide proof by **31 October 2026** that you'll be living at the new address by **1 September 2027**.
- **Moving outside Milton Keynes?** Your application will be passed to the council where you'll be living. You still need to give proof of your new address, and the new local authority will take over ownership of the application and any further correspondence should be directed to them.
- **What counts as proof of your new address?**
 - The council requires confirmation that your house move is legally binding. A solicitor's letter confirming you've exchanged contracts on a purchased property and the move-in date.
 - Or, a signed by all parties rental agreement from an approved letting agency, showing you will live at the new address on **1 September 2027**.
 - If you're building a house, you'll need legal documents showing when it will be completed and when you'll be resident in the property.

The council might ask for more proof if there's any doubt about your move.

Moving after the closing date?

- You will need to fill out a new 'late application' form and send proof of your new address. This application must be accompanied by documentary evidence of your new address (e.g. a copy of a signed lease/ rental agreement (extending over **1 September 2027**) or copy of a solicitor's letter confirming exchange of contracts/completion date). We will use your new address for correspondence purposes. The application will be looked at in later rounds of school place allocations.

Proof of address

To confirm your address, please include your council tax number in the application. This helps verify your details quickly.

If your name is not on the council tax register, you will need to email proof of where you live to secondaryadmissions@milton-keynes.gov.uk.

What can you send?

- A council tax bill/number. You must be showing as the council tax bill payer or a named occupant at the property.
- A signed by all parties' tenancy agreement
- (In Year applications only) If you live with family or friends: a letter from them with their council tax number and proof that your name is listed as a named occupant
- A letter from the solicitor showing exchange of contracts (if you are buying a house)

If there is any doubt about the validity of this proof, or notification received indicating a different home address, further evidence will be requested. Other agencies may provide evidence that challenges the proof provided and lead to further investigation. In situations where an application is considered to contain any false or deliberately misleading information the application will be withdrawn and a fresh application will need to be made and processed as a late application in **April 2027**.

Joint residence arrangements

If you and your child's other parent live at separate addresses but share responsibility for your child:

- The council will require a written statement from both parents explaining how your child splits time between the two homes.
- If your child lives equally at both addresses, you must both choose and agree on one address to use for the school application.
- If there is a disagreement, or your child spends more time at one home, we may ask for official proof of their main home—such as the address of the parent who receives child benefit.
- If there is a court order about where your child lives, that will take priority over any written agreement between parents.

Choosing schools for your child

When applying for school places in Milton Keynes:

- You can list up to four schools on your application, in order of preference.
There is no guaranteed place at any school, even if you list it—places are offered based on a school's oversubscription criteria, not just your choice.

How it works

- We use the Equal Preference Scheme. It treats each school you've listed as a separate application.
- If there's space at your highest preference school, and you have applied for this school, your child will get a place.
- If that school is full, we look at your next preferences.
- If none of your choices can offer a place, your child will be placed at the next nearest school with space available. This may not be your catchment school, if you have not selected this school as a preference on the application.

Tips to help you choose

- Some schools are full every year, so think carefully about which ones you select.
- Include your catchment school as one of your choices—it increases your chances of getting a nearby school place.
- Think about how your child will get to and from school. The council doesn't provide transport unless you meet the criteria in the School Travel Support Policy.

Applying from outside Milton Keynes

If you live outside Milton Keynes and want your child to attend a secondary school here:

- Your child going to a junior or primary school in Milton Keynes doesn't automatically mean they'll get a place at a Milton Keynes secondary school.
- You will need to get an application form from your local council (the one you pay council tax to).
- Your local council will work with Milton Keynes City Council to check what places are available.

A few things to keep in mind:

- If you are planning to move to Milton Keynes before the application deadline, you should fill in the Milton Keynes application form and include a letter with details about your move.
- For more help with moving, check out the "Planning to Move House" section in the booklet.

Where to find school information

- Visit school websites for details like inspection reports, achievement tables, uniforms, and open days. You can also check Ofsted's website for inspection results. www.reports.ofsted.gov.uk

Important reminders

- Each preference is treated fairly—you won't lose out by listing more than one school.
- Schools don't see the order in which you have ranked your preferences.
- Each school has its own rules for how places are allocated (called oversubscription criteria). We have provided you with a snapshot of how places were allocated last year. However, this information is historical and will not necessarily reflect what will happen this year.
- Check Section E for summaries or visit each school's website.
- If your child is offered a place at your preferred school which is outside of your catchment area, then you should be aware that it may not be possible in future years to offer places to younger siblings.

Applying to schools outside Milton Keynes

If you live in Milton Keynes and pay council tax to Milton Keynes City Council, but want to apply for a school outside the area (e.g. grammar schools in Buckinghamshire), here's what to do:

Application process

- You must still complete a Milton Keynes school application—even if the school is in another local authority.
- This ensures your application is coordinated properly and considered alongside others.

Research before you apply

Contact the local authority of the school you're applying to (e.g. Buckinghamshire Council) and request their admissions information.

This helps you understand:

- Oversubscription criteria
- Catchment areas
- Transport policies
- Any additional documentation required

Applying to a Buckinghamshire grammar school (for Milton Keynes residents)

If you live in Milton Keynes and want your child to go to a grammar school in Buckinghamshire:

- You must apply through the Milton Keynes City Council school application process.
- It's a good idea to use one of your school choices to select your catchment school, since grammar school places are not guaranteed.
- Even if your child qualifies, a place is not guaranteed — each grammar school has its own admissions criteria for who is allocated, so check those details carefully.

Important to know:

- If your child gets free school meals, tick that box in your application — it might help your child's chances at some schools.
- If your child is offered a place at a Buckinghamshire grammar school, you'll need to arrange and pay for transport. Milton Keynes City Council does not offer transport to these schools, so speak to Buckinghamshire County Council about your options before applying.
- Make sure to include at least one Milton Keynes school on your list. If your grammar school application isn't successful, your child will be given a place at a school in Milton Keynes where there's space — this might not be your catchment school if you didn't list it.
- Further information can be found at www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Siblings

Including sibling details in your application can make a real difference—many schools give priority to children with siblings already attending.

For admissions, a sibling is:

- A brother or sister by whole or half blood
- An adopted child
- Any child who permanently lives at the same address and for whom the parent has parental responsibility

Always include sibling details in your application—it's your responsibility.

Sibling information is verified with the school, so accuracy matters. You must indicate where siblings have a different family name.

Check Each School's Criteria

- Not all schools treat sibling priority the same—review each school's admissions criteria carefully.

Multiple Births

If you're applying for school places and have twins, triplets, or other multiples, here's how Milton Keynes City Council will consider the children:

- If there's only one place left at a school and the next child on the waiting list is part of a multiple birth group (e.g. twins or triplets): All siblings will be admitted, even if this means going over the school's published admission number.

Why this matters

This policy ensures that siblings are not separated during school admissions. It applies to all year groups, not just Reception or Year 7.

Looked after children

These are children currently:

- In the care of a local council, or
- Living in accommodation provided by the council's social services at the time the school application is made.

Previously looked after

These are children who were in care but have since:

- Been adopted, or
- Have a child arrangements order or special guardianship order. This also includes children who appear (to the admissions authority) to have been in state care outside of England.

If this applies to your child, make sure you tick the correct box or include these details in your application, so they can be prioritised

School admissions for children with Special Educational Needs (SEN)

All children deserve equal access to education — and that includes those with special educational needs. Children with SEN are treated just like any other applicant when it comes to school admissions.

No refusal based on needs

Schools cannot refuse a place simply by saying they aren't able to meet your child's needs. The local council will look at every application fairly, using the same over-subscription criteria as for any other child.

Make sure to share details about your child's needs in the application, so they can be properly supported from the start.

School admissions for children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

If your child has an EHCP that names a particular school, here's what you need to know:

- Under Section 324 of the Education Act 1996, any child with an EHCP naming a school must be admitted to that school. This applies even if the school is full. It's not affected by oversubscription criteria
- If your child arrives outside the normal application period, the school still must admit them, as long as the EHCP names that school.

Got questions or need advice explaining the process?

Contact the SEND Casework Team on **(01908) 253414**.

Special provision in secondary schools for children with learning needs

Every secondary school is set up to help support children who have specific or moderate learning difficulties — including those with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

If your child:

- Already has an EHCP, or
- Is currently being assessed for one

You are encouraged to speak with the school's Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo). They will explain the support the school provides, and help make sure your child's individual needs are met.

Free School Meals

If your child can get free school meals, please make sure to mention this on your school application—especially if you're applying to a grammar school in Buckinghamshire. Some schools may give priority to children who qualify, so it's important to include this information.

School admissions for children of UK service personnel

If you are in the armed forces or a Crown servant returning from overseas, here is how school admissions in Milton Keynes will support your family:

What the admission authority will do:

- Consider your child's needs, as outlined in the school's over-subscription criteria (for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools)
- Offer a place before you arrive — if you provide an official letter (e.g. from MOD, FCO, or GCHQ) confirming your posting
- Prioritise based on service premium — if you provide evidence your child receives it
- Accept alternative addresses — such as a unit postal address or nearest 'quartering area' address, even if you don't yet have a new home

In-year admissions:

- School places must be taken up by the beginning of the next term
- The council will not hold places in bulk or refuse a child just because the family does not live in the area yet
- Late applications will be treated as 'on time' as much as possible — giving families flexibility

Travelling to school: what to consider

Before applying for a school place, consider how your child will get there — safely and reliably.

Walking (as long as there is a safe walking route)

- For children aged 4 to 7, the Government expects they can walk up to 2 miles
- For children aged 8 or older, up to 3 miles is considered reasonable.

Public transport

- Check if there's a suitable bus or train route that lines up with the school's start and end times
- Consider access, wait times, and reliability, especially in poor weather

Travelling by car

- Is there safe and available parking near the school?
- Be mindful to park considerately — this protects children's safety and keeps things smooth for the wider community

Active travel to school

Starting secondary school is a big step for your child — they'll begin gaining more independence. One way to support this is by encouraging them to walk or cycle to school. All secondary schools in Milton Keynes support this kind of active travel.

Why walk or cycle?

- It helps your child become more independent.
- It builds healthy habits for life.
- It's better for the environment — fewer cars, less pollution.
- It's a great way for your child to make new friends and enjoy the journey to school.

As your child begins this new chapter, it's a great time to think about how they will get to and from school actively and safely.

Parent/Carer declaration and signature

When you send in your school application, you will be asked to confirm that:

- You have chosen and listed the schools in your preferred order.
- You are legally responsible for the child.
- Everything you have written is true, as far as you know.
- You understand that giving false or misleading information, or leaving things out on purpose, could cancel your application or take away a school offer.
- You understand that your home address will be checked using council tax records.

Applying for a place outside of Milton Keynes if you are a Milton Keynes resident (relevant to Little Brickhill, Woburn Sands, Bow Brickhill, Hanslope, Castlethorpe and Stony Stratford)

Coordinated admissions - Apply through Milton Keynes

- You must use the Milton Keynes application process, even if you are applying to schools outside the area.
- All schools use their own oversubscription criteria to decide who gets a place—check these carefully before applying.

Choosing your preferences

- You can list up to four schools.
- It's strongly recommended to include your catchment school—this improves your chances of getting a nearby place.
- If you do not list any Milton Keynes schools and your outside-area choices are full, your child will be placed at a Milton Keynes school that has an available space in the year group, which may not be the catchment school.

Transport considerations

- If your child is offered a place outside Milton Keynes, you're responsible for transport.
- Milton Keynes City Council does not provide transport to schools outside the area (except for High Ash CofE Primary School in specific cases).
- Talk to the local authority where the school is located to understand transport options.

In-year admissions – Key information for Milton Keynes residents

If you are applying for a school place outside the usual entry points (like Reception or Year 7), here is what you need to know:

Applying for schools

- For schools outside Milton Keynes, you must apply through the local authority where the school is located.
- For Milton Keynes schools, use the Citizen Portal on the Milton Keynes City Council website.

Admission criteria and availability

- Every school uses its own oversubscription criteria to rank applications—check these before applying.
- In-year admissions depend on available spaces at the time of your application. If your chosen school is full, your child may not get a place.

Transport responsibility

If your child is offered a place outside Milton Keynes, you must arrange transport.

Milton Keynes City Council does not provide transport to schools outside its area. You should discuss transport options with the relevant local authority before making your application.

You are advised to also apply for schools in Milton Keynes via the school admissions portal - Citizen Portal. If your application is unsuccessful as many schools will already be full at this point, you will be allocated a place at a school with vacancy.

Applying to a University Technical College (UTC)

If your child is interested in joining a UTC in Year 10, here's what you need to know:

Available UTCs:

- Silverstone UTC – www.utc-silverstone.co.uk
- Aylesbury UTC – www.aylesburyutc.co.uk

How to apply:

- Milton Keynes City Council publishes info about the usual admission points, but UTCs handle their own admissions directly.
- Milton Keynes City Council will write to all Milton Keynes residents of a Year 9 child in September, to inform them of the UTC's available in the area.
- To apply, you must contact each UTC individually — they'll guide you through their application process and provide details about open days, deadlines, and entry requirements.

Applying for school admissions outside your child's normal age group

As your council, we understand that every child's educational journey is unique. While it may seem helpful to delay a child's school start or keep them back a year,—known as admission outside of normal year group— we do not support this approach as a general practice.

Why we advise against it

Educating a child outside their age group can lead to long-term challenges:

- School transitions may be disrupted if future schools don't agree to keep your child in a lower year group.
- Social and emotional development can be affected by being out of sync with peers.
- Academic progress may be slower than peers who receive targeted support.
- Post-16 education options may be limited due to age restrictions.
- Support may end early, especially in Year 11, when statutory school age ends.

What we recommend

Support should be tailored within the child's current year group, including:

- One-to-one or small group teaching.
- Curriculum adjustments
- Emotional and social support
- Collaboration between families, schools, and professionals

If your child is gifted, experienced ill health, they have previously been educated out of their normal age group or has other reasons for needing to join a different year group than their age usually allows, you can request admission outside their normal age group.

What you need to know:

- This request can be made if you feel it's in the best interest of your child.
- The final decision rests with the admissions authority for the school, which must make this decision on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in the child's best interests.

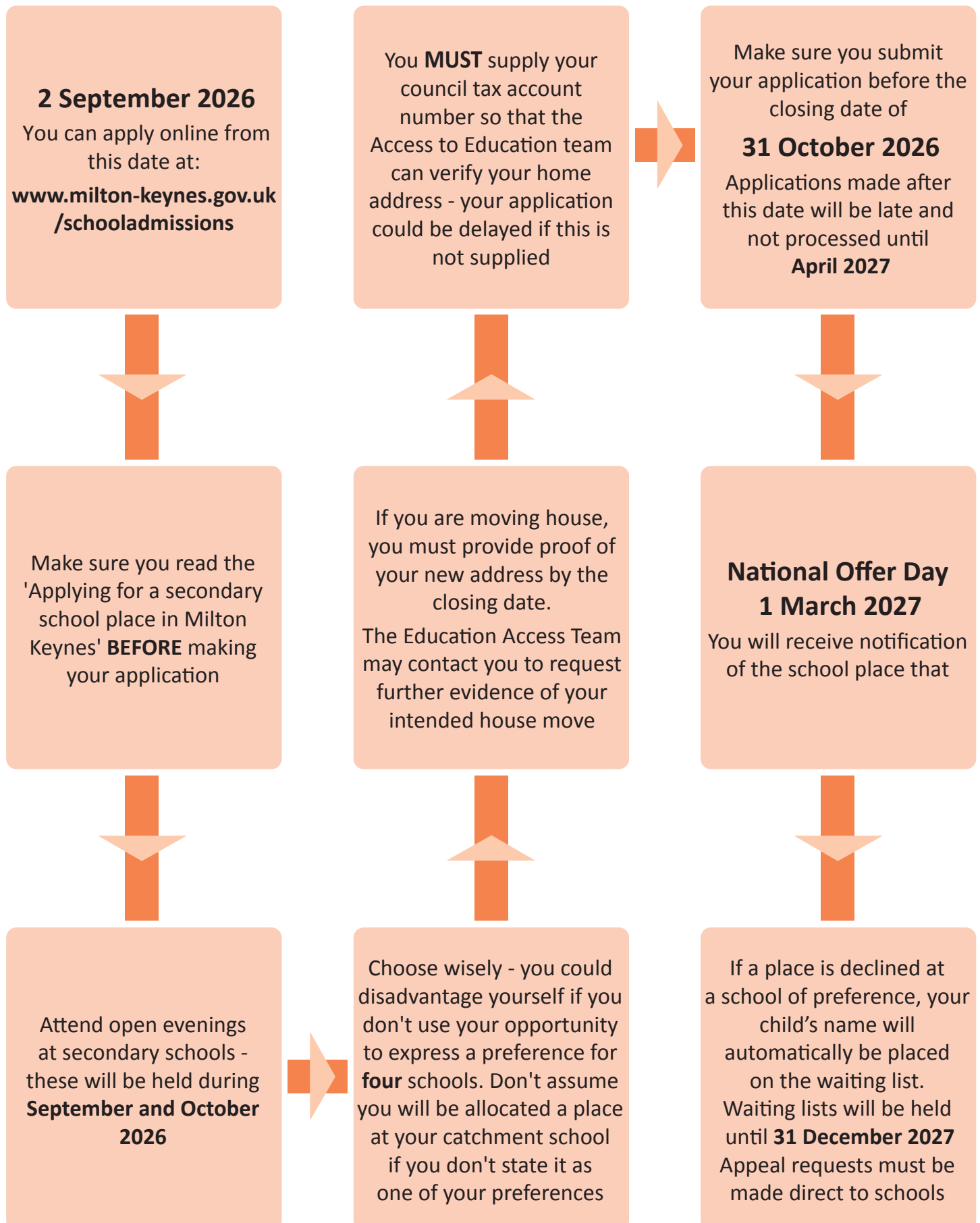
All schools must explain the process for this kind of request in their admission policies.

How to make a request:

- Apply for a school place at the usual time (when your child is in Year 6) by the closing date.
- At the same time, submit a request form to Milton Keynes City Council. This is available on our website.
- Email your form and supporting documents to: secondaryadmissions@milton-keynes.gov.uk
- Milton Keynes City Council will forward your request to the school/admission authority for their consideration.
- The school/admission authority will notify you and the council of their decision

Section B

The application process



Key Points to Remember

There is no guarantee of a place at your catchment school.

We cannot offer your child a school until you make an application. You will not just automatically be given a school place.

You should list the schools in the order you would like them, not the order you think you might be offered them.

Remember, if you are not sure about any part of the process just email or telephone us and we can give you more information and advice.

It is best to include your catchment school, even if you put it lower on your application than other schools. This is because you may not get your school of preference and the catchment school may fill up with those who have applied.

You are advised to list four schools. Putting just one school doesn't give you a better chance of getting it.

Having a sibling at the school does not guarantee admission but make sure you include your other child's details on your application, as it may mean you are given higher priority for a place.

When to apply for secondary school

Applying for your child's secondary school place is easy and can be done either online or by using a paper form.

Important dates:

- Online deadline: Submit your application by midnight on **Saturday 31 October 2026** at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schooladmissions
- Paper form deadline: Must arrive by 5pm on **Saturday 31 October 2026** by email or post.

Need a paper form?

- You can request one if needed at secondaryadmissions@milton-keynes.gov.uk

If you apply with a paper application you will receive a letter in the post confirming your child's school place on National Offer Day.

Extra documents:

- Some applications may require supplementary forms — check what is needed before you apply.

All applications received by the deadline are treated the same — so take your time to visit schools and feel confident in your choices before submitting.

How to apply

Starting from **2 September 2026**, you can apply online at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Steps to apply:

- Create an account using your email as your username and choose a password.
- Complete the application and submit it.
- You will receive an acknowledgement email confirming it's been received.
- If you do not get the email, log back in to confirm you submitted it correctly.

Key dates:

- Online application closes at midnight on **31 October 2026**
- Late applications will only be processed in **April/May 2027**

Editing your application:

- You can view and amend your application up to the deadline.
- If you make changes, resubmit your application and parental declaration to ensure it's accepted.

National Offer Day:

- Log in again on **1 March 2027**, if you applied online, to see which school place your child has been offered.

Late applications

If you miss the main deadline (**31 October 2026**), your application will be processed after national offer day and you'll receive a notification in the later rounds.

What happens with late applications:

- Your child will not be considered in the initial round of offers.
- They will be offered a place at the next nearest school with available space if a place cannot be offered at a preferred school.
- They will be automatically added to the waiting list for the preference schools that declined your child a place.

Waiting Lists:

- Waiting lists are ranked by a school's oversubscription criteria.
- So even late applicants can move ahead of on-time applicants if they meet higher priority criteria.

Round	Applications received by	Offer day
2	1 November 2026 - 7 March 2027	30 April 2027
3	8 March 2027 - 7 May 2027	18 June 2027
4	8 May 2027 - 18 June 2027	16 July 2027
5	19 June 2027 - 31 July 2027	13 August 2027
Applications received thereafter will receive an outcome by 31 August 2027		

Changing school preferences

After the **31 October 2026** deadline, making changes to your school preferences is not usually allowed — unless there are exceptional circumstances, and each case is judged individually.

What you need to know:

- To make changes, you will need to submit a new application, which will be treated as late.
- Late applications are processed after all on-time applications.
- Even if accepted, the council must follow the School Admission Code and each school's oversubscription criteria.

Limitations on changes:

When submitting a late change of preference application:

- You cannot re-include:
 - ☐ A school that was already offered
 - ☐ Schools where your child is already on the waiting list
- You can only apply for:
 - ☐ New schools not listed originally
 - ☐ Lower preference schools from your original application

Processing applications

Here's what happens after you submit your child's school application:

Between November and February:

- The council shares your child's information with all the schools you have applied to.
- Foundation schools, Catholic schools, and academies sort applicants using their own admissions rules (called oversubscription criteria) and send their ranked lists back to the council.
- If you applied to a school outside Milton Keynes, that local council will follow its own procedures and let Milton Keynes know if a place can be offered.

Equal preference explained:

- Schools do not know your order of preference.
- Each school considers your application fairly using their criteria — it does not matter whether they were your 1st or 4th choice.
- If your child qualifies for more than one school, the council will offer the one highest on your preference list.

How school distance is measured

When a school gets more applications than places (called oversubscription), priority is often given based on how close you live to the school.

How the council measures distance:

- The council uses special computer software to measure the shortest route from your home to the school's main entrance gate.
- This might be different from online maps — because the software uses local data and special codes for streets, redways, paths, underpasses, and junctions.
- Every home and school has a unique reference number used in these measurements.

Depending on the school's admission rules, they use one of two methods:

1. **Straight-line distance** — “as the crow flies.”
2. **Shortest route available** — using actual paths, roads, and walkways.

No matter which method is used, all families are measured using the same system, to keep things fair and consistent.

National Offer Day – 1 March 2027

This is the day when you will find out which secondary school your child has been offered a place at. If you applied online:

- You can log into the council's website to view your offer.
- You will also get an automated email confirming which school has been allocated.

What happens next:

You will receive an admissions pack from the offered school, with everything you need to get started. Did not get a preferred school?

- If none of your chosen schools have space, your child will be offered a place at the next nearest school to your home address with availability.
- Their name will be added to waiting lists for any preferred schools that could not offer a place.

You will be informed about your right to appeal the decision. Appeals need to be submitted directly to the schools.

Accepting or declining a school place

Happy with the offer?

No action needed if you are happy with the Milton Keynes secondary school that has been offered. If you are pleased with the school offer, you are automatically considered to have accepted it.

If you are a Milton Keynes resident and wish to accept a Buckinghamshire Grammar School, it will be assumed that you have accepted the place unless you specifically confirm you wish to decline the place.

Declining the offer?

If you have made other plans for your child's schooling, just send an email to:

secondaryadmissions@milton-keynes.gov.uk Be sure to include:

- Your child's full name
- Your child's date of birth
- The school they'll be attending in **September 2027**. The place will not be removed until this information is confirmed.

If you tell us you want to refuse the offered school place, we won't take it away right away. That's because it is our responsibility to make sure every child has a school place.

We can only remove the offer once you have found another suitable school and can confirm your child has a place there—this could be at either a state or independent school.

What should you do?

We strongly suggest you keep this offer for now. While holding onto it, you can:

- Appeal for any schools you originally ranked higher.
- Apply to other schools you are interested in.

This way, your child keeps a guaranteed school place while you explore other options.

Not happy with the allocated school?

It is completely understandable to feel disappointed if your child was not offered a place at one of your preferred schools. Fortunately, there are several steps you can take:

Sometimes a visit can change your view. It is a good idea to book an appointment with the allocated school and get a feel for the environment, teachers, and resources.

Waiting Lists

Your child's name is automatically placed on the waiting list for any of your preferred schools that could not offer a place.

If a place becomes available in the late application rounds, you may be offered a place from that list automatically. This means it will replace the school place that was previously allocated.

Late Applications

You can submit a late application to other schools that still have vacancies.

Be aware: All late applications are ranked according to each school's criteria — and they may receive other late applications too.

If a place is offered via a late application, it will replace your original allocation automatically.

Appeal

If you still wish to pursue one of your preferred schools, you can submit an appeal. You need to contact your preference schools directly if you wish to lodge an appeal.

Appeal

If your child did not get into one of your preferred schools, you can ask about the appeal process by contacting the school you wanted. You will need to give them:

- Your child's name
- Date of birth
- Your address

The school will then send you the appeal information by post or email.

Important:

- Check each school's website to find out when appeal requests must be submitted.
- All secondary school appeals are handled by the schools themselves, using an independent service.
- A clerk from the appeal service will get in touch with you about your hearing date, which usually takes place during the summer term.
- You may also want to consider appeal guidance for parents: **Advice for parents and guardians on school admission appeals - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)**.

If your child has an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and you do not agree with the council's school placement decision, you can appeal to the SEND and Disability Tribunal. For details, contact the SEND Casework Team at **01908 253414** or check the website page **www.gov.uk/appeal-sen**.

Waiting lists

After National Offer Day on **1 March 2027**, schools that are full will keep waiting lists.

If you have been offered a lower-preference school: Your child will automatically be added to the waiting list for any schools ranked higher—where a place was declined.

How waiting lists work:

- Each school ranks children using their own admissions rules.
- Late applicants might be placed higher on the list than earlier ones, depending on those rules.
- Being on the waiting list does not affect your right to appeal.

Positions can change: Your child's position on a waiting list might go up or down if other children with a higher priority apply later.

Late application rounds: Between **1 March** and **31 August 2027**, places at higher-preference schools can still be given from the waiting list. If your child gets offered a position at a preferred school during this time, the move happens automatically.

Don't want to stay on the list?

You must email the Access to Education team at: secondaryadmissions@milton-keynes.gov.uk Let them know if you want your child removed from any waiting list after National Offer Day. If you don't, your child may lose their current place if a higher preference offer becomes available.

How long are lists kept?

Milton Keynes City Council will hold the waiting lists from **1 March - 31 August**. After 31 August, schools will hold waiting lists until from **1 September 2027 - 31 December 2027**. After that, contact individual schools to find out if they still manage one.

Withdrawing offers of school places

If a school place is offered based on false or intentionally misleading information, the admission authority has the right to withdraw the offer. This includes:

- Falsely claiming to live in a school's catchment area
- Providing incorrect details about siblings, special needs, or custody arrangements
- Any other information that gives unfair priority over other applicants

Why it matters

- Misleading information can deny a place to a child who genuinely meets the criteria.
- Secondary schools in Milton Keynes who are their own admissions authority have withdrawn offers in previous years where this has occurred.

In-year applications - If your child needs to join a school part-way through the year:

Milton Keynes City Council helps process in-year school applications for all secondary schools in Milton Keynes but does not make the admission decision for these schools.

How to apply

- Apply online through the council's citizen's portal on the Milton Keynes City Council website
- Some schools may ask you to fill out their own application/ supplementary form.
- You can also contact some schools directly to apply, the list of schools is available on the council's website.
- Visit the council's in year admissions website for more information.

How school places are offered

- Places are offered based on what's available when you apply.
- Popular schools are often full—even if you have moved into the catchment area for the school, it does not guarantee offer of a place.
- You can choose up to four preference schools on your application.
- If no places are available, we will offer a place at the nearest school to your home with availability.
- All decisions follow the School Admissions Code 2021, which means:
 - Schools must follow the same rules.
 - Places are offered based on each school's oversubscription criteria.
 - Local MPs or the council cannot change the outcome of your application.

Appeal - unhappy with the offer?

School Admission Appeal Panels are independent and have the legal authority to consider your individual circumstances. They can overturn the school's decision if they believe the impact on your child outweighs the reasons for refusing the place.

- You will need to contact your preference schools directly if you wish to lodge an appeal.
- You may want to consider appeal guidance for parents: **Advice for parents and guardians on school admission appeals - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)**.

Applying for Sixth Form (Post-16 Education)

All secondary schools must share how many students they will accept into sixth form from other schools. You can find this information on each school's website or by contacting them directly.

Priority for current students: Students who already attend the school and are completing their GCSEs will be given priority for sixth form places, as long as they meet the school's entry requirements.

Have questions? If you want to know more about how to apply to a school's sixth form, please contact the school directly. They'll be able to provide the most up-to-date advice and guidance.

Section C

School Travel Support

School Travel Support - Eligibility

Parental Responsibility

Parents and carers must ensure their children attend school regularly and travel safely to and from school.

Who Qualifies for Travel Support?

Children of secondary school age (up to Year 11) may be eligible if:

1. Distance- Based Criteria

- ☐ Aged 11 to 16
- ☐ Attend their catchment school
- ☐ Live over 3 miles or more away (measured by the shortest safe walking route)

2. Low-Income Criteria

- ☐ Aged 11 to 16 (Years 7–11)
- ☐ Receive free school meals or parents receive Universal Credit
- ☐ Attend one of the three nearest schools
- ☐ Live between 2 and 6 miles from that school

Important Area Exceptions:

Milton Keynes City Council does not consider Walton High the nearest qualifying school for children living in:

Ashland,
Aspley Guise,
Aspley Heath,
Campbell Park,

Willen,
Willen Park,
Salford,
Hulcote,

Glebe Farm,
Eagle Farm,
Wavendon,
Woburn Sands

Children in these areas **are not eligible** for travel support to Walton High.

Children in **Little Brickhill** are **only eligible** if they meet the **low-income criteria above**.

How to Apply

Apply online:

www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schooltransport

Privilege fare scheme

If your child is not eligible for travel support, you may apply to pay for a seat on a contracted school bus (if space is available). These seats can be withdrawn if needed for eligible children.

A notice period is usually given.

To enquire about the Privilege Fare Scheme, please contact the school travel support team:

01908 253338

STS@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Full policy:

www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schooltransport

Section D

Secondary Schools in Milton Keynes

(Key facts and oversubscription criteria)

School	Page
Brooklands Academy	35
Denbigh School	38
E-Act Ousedale School	41
Glebe Farm School	44
Kents Hill Park School	46
Lift Sir Herbert Leon	48
Lord Grey Academy	50
Oakgrove School	53
Shenley Brook End School	56
St Paul's Catholic School	59
Stantonbury School	62
The Hazeley Academy	65
The Milton Keynes Academy	68
The Radcliffe School	71
Walton High	73
Watling Academy	76

Catchment schools by area

The information below provides details of the catchment area schools by estate or area. Some areas are split and are therefore in catchment for different schools. In this circumstance please refer to the specific school catchment details.

Area	Secondary School
Ashland	Kents Hill Park School, Milton Keynes Academy and Walton High
Astwood	E-Act Ousedale School
Atterbury	Oakgrove School
Bancroft and Bancroft Park	Stantonbury School
Beanhill	Kents Hill Park School and Milton Keynes Academy
Blakelands	Stantonbury School
Bletchley (Central)	Lift Sir Herbert Leon
Bletchley (Far, Old and West)	Lord Grey Academy
Bletchley (Lakes Estate)	Lift Sir Herbert Leon
Bletchley (Water Eaton)	Lift Sir Herbert Leon
Blue Bridge	Stantonbury School
Bolbeck Park	Stantonbury School
Bow Brickhill	Walton High
Bradville	Stantonbury School
Bradwell Common	Stantonbury School
Bradwell Village	Stantonbury School
Brooklands	Brooklands Academy
Broughton	Oakgrove School
Broughton Gate	Brooklands Academy and Oakgrove School
Browns Wood	Kents Hill Park School and Walton High
Caldecotte	Kents Hill Park School and Walton High
Calverton	The Radcliffe School and Watling Academy
Campell Park	Stantonbury School, Milton Keynes Academy and Brooklands Academy
Castlethorpe	The Radcliffe School and Stantonbury School
Central Milton Keynes - North	Stantonbury School
Central Milton Keynes - South	Milton Keynes Academy
Chicheley	E-Act Ousedale School
Clifton Reynes	E-Act Ousedale School
Coffee Hall	Milton Keynes Academy
Cold Brayfield	E-Act Ousedale School

Area	Secondary School
Conniburrow	Stantonbury School
Crownhill	Denbigh School
Downhead Park	Stantonbury School
Downs Barn	Stantonbury School
Eagle Farm	Brooklands Academy and Glebe Farm School
Eaglestone	Milton Keynes Academy
Eaton Leys	Lift Sir Herbert Leon
Emberton	E-Act Ousedale School
Emerson Valley	Shenley Brook End School
Fairfields	Watling Academy
Fenny Stratford	Lift Sir Herbert Leon
Filgrave	E-Act Ousedale School
Fishermead	Milton Keynes Academy
Fullers Slade	The Radcliffe School
Furzton*	Lord Grey Academy and Shenley Brook End School
Galley Hill	The Radcliffe School
Gayhurst	E-Act Ousedale School
Giffard Park	Stantonbury School
Glebe Farm	Brooklands Academy and Glebe Farm School
Grange Farm	The Hazeley Academy
Great Holm	Denbigh School
Great Linford	Stantonbury School
Great Linford Village	Stantonbury School
Greenleys	The Radcliffe School
Hanslope	The Radcliffe School and Stantonbury School
Hardmead	E-Act Ousedale School
Haversham	The Radcliffe School and Stantonbury School
Heelands	Stantonbury School
Hodge Lea	The Radcliffe School
Kents Hill	Kents Hill Park School and Walton High
Kents Hill Park	Kents Hill Park School and Walton High
Kingsmead	The Hazeley Academy
Kingston	Oakgrove School

Area	Secondary School
Lathbury	E-Act Ousedale School
Lavendon	E-Act Ousedale School
Leadenhall	Milton Keynes Academy
Little Brickhill	Lift Sir Herbert Leon and Walton High
Little Crawley	E-Act Ousedale School
Little Linford	E-Act Ousedale School
Loughton	Denbigh School
Loughton Lodge	Denbigh School
Medbourne	The Hazeley Academy
MK East	E-Act Ousedale School
Milton Keynes Village	Oakgrove School
Monkston	Oakgrove School
Monkston Park	Oakgrove School
Mousloe	E-Act Ousedale School
Neath Hill	Stantonbury School
Netherfield	Kents Hill Park School and Milton Keynes Academy
New Bradwell	Stantonbury School
Newport Pagnell	E-Act Ousedale School
Newton Blossomville	E-Act Ousedale School
Newton Leys	Lift Sir Herbert Leo
North Crawley	E-Act Ousedale School
Oakgrove	Oakgrove School
Oakhill	The Hazeley Academy
Oakridge	Stantonbury School
Oldbrook	Milton Keynes Academy
Old Farm Park	Walton High
Old Wolverton	The Radcliffe School
Olney	E-Act Ousedale School
Oxley Park	The Hazeley Academy
Passmore	Milton Keynes Academy
Peartree Bridge	Milton Keynes Academy
Pennyland	Stantonbury School
Petsoe	E-Act Ousedale School

Area	Secondary School
Ravenstone	E-Act Ousedale School
Redhouse Park	Stantonbury School
Shenley Brook End	Shenley Brook End School
Shenley Church End	Denbigh School
Shenley Lodge	Denbigh School
Shenley Wood	The Hazeley Academy
Sherington	E-Act Ousedale School
Simpson	Kents Hill Park School, Milton Keynes Academy and Walton High
Springfield	Milton Keynes Academy
Stacey Bushes	The Radcliffe School
Stantonbury	Stantonbury School
Stoke Goldington	E-Act Ousedale School
Stony Stratford	The Radcliffe School
Tattenhoe	Shenley Brook End School
Tattenhoe Park	The Hazeley Academy
The Hub	Milton Keynes Academy
Tinkers Bridge	Kents Hill Park School and Milton Keynes Academy
Two Mile Ash	Denbigh School
Tyringham	E-Act Ousedale School
Walnut Tree	Kents Hill Park School and Walton High
Walton	Kents Hill Park School and Walton High
Walton Hall	Kents Hill Park School and Walton High
Walton Park	Kents Hill Park School and Walton High
Warrington	E-Act Ousedale School
Wavendon Gate	Walton High
Wavendon Village	Walton High and Glebe Farm School
Westcroft	Shenley Brook End School
Weston Underwood	E-Act Ousedale School
Whitehouse	Watling Academy
Willen	Stantonbury School and Brooklands Academy
Willen Park	Stantonbury School and Brooklands Academy
Woburn Sands	Walton High, Glebe Farm School and Fulbrook School **
Wolverton	The Radcliffe School

Area	Secondary School
Wolverton Mill	The Radcliffe School
Woolstone	Milton Keynes Academy and Oakgrove School
Woughton on the Green	Milton Keynes Academy and Oakgrove School
Woughton Park	Kents Hill Park School and Milton Keynes Academy

*** Not all areas of Furzton are included in the catchment area for Lord Grey School. Please refer to page 30 for further details.**

**** Fulbrook School is located in Woburn Sands but falls under Central Bedfordshire Local Authority, please review the information about the school on the Central Bedfordshire Council website and the relevant section of this guide - Applying for a place outside of Milton Keynes if you are a Milton Keynes resident (relevant to Little Brickhill, Woburn Sands, Bow Brickhill, Hanslope, Castlethorpe and Stony Stratford) on page 10**

Secondary schools in Milton Keynes



Intentionally blank

Brooklands Academy

Brooklands Campus, Fen Street, Brooklands, Milton Keynes MK10 7HE

The catchment area is: Brooklands, Broughton Gate (including MK10 7**), Campbell Park, Cross End, Eagle farm, Glebe Farm, Lower End, Salford and Hulcote, Townergate, Willen, Willen Park.

The following are shared catchment areas for the stated school:

Broughton Gate shared with Oakgrove School. Campbell Park shared with The Milton Keynes Academy and Stantonbury School. Willen and Willen Park shared with Stantonbury School. Glebe Farm, Eagle Farm, Cross End, Lower End, are shared with Glebe Farm School.

Milton Keynes City Council does not deem Brooklands Academy to be the nearest qualifying school for the areas of: Campbell Park, Willen, Willen Park, Salford, Hulcote, Glebe Farm and Eagle Farm. As such, School Travel Support will not apply.

Key facts

Type of School	Academy
DFE number	8264010
Specialism	Training School, National Support School and Business and Enterprise Specialism
Admission Authority	5 Dimensions Board of Trustees
Age range	11-19
Testing for aptitude	Not applicable
Additionally resourced special needs bases	Not applicable
Telephone	01908 677954
Website	brooklandsacademy.com
Email	admissions@bla5d.com
Places available for September 2027	240
Number of preferences received for admission in September 2026	N/A
Number of places offered on offer date (2 March 2026)	N/A
Partnership Schools	

BROOKLANDS ACADEMY – Brooklands MK10 7HE – Thursday 22 October 2026 5.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.

Families should arrive at the main reception where they will either be admitted to the presentation given by the Principal or complete a tour of the school.

The presentation will be repeated at 6.30 p.m. for families who completed the tour first.

Our tours are designed to give prospective students and their families a real sense of what it means to be part of the Brooklands Academy community. As you explore the school, you will see how our values of 'A Place to Belong, A Place to Learn and A Place to Achieve' are brought to life every day through our inspiring learning environment, extensive enrichment opportunities and the strong relationships that exist between students and staff. We look forward to welcoming you and helping you discover all that Brooklands Academy has to offer.



Summary of oversubscription criteria

Children who have a statement of Special Educational Need or Education, Health and Care Plan that names Brooklands Academy will be allocated a place in accordance with national regulations.

If the number of applications exceeds the number of places available, priority will be given to children in the following order:

Children who are looked after (LAC) and all previously looked after children (PLAC) but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (IAPLAC).

1. Children living within the defined area who will have a sibling still in attendance at Brooklands Academy at the time of admission.
2. Children who live in Brookland Academy's defined area.
3. Children of staff who
 - a. are currently employed by the school at the time an application for admission to the school is made, and/or
 - b. are recruited to fill a vacant post at the school.
4. Children living outside the defined area who will have a sibling still in attendance at Brooklands Academy at the time of admission.
5. Children living outside the defined area.

In the event of over subscription including over subscription within any category above, remaining places will be awarded according to the proximity of the child's main residence to the main entrance gate of the school. This will be calculated by the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving higher priority.

Brooklands Academy

Brooklands Academy reserves the right to make its own enquiries to verify any information supplied on admissions application forms. If the school discovers that a place has been given to a child based on false, inaccurate or misleading information, it will withdraw the place.

Sibling

A sibling is a brother or sister, which for admission purposes means brothers and sisters of whole or half blood or any other child (including an adopted child) who permanently resides at the same address and for whom the parent also has parental responsibility.

To be included as a sibling within the admissions rules the other child (sibling) should be expected to be in attendance when the applicant child joins the school. Siblings are always checked with the preferred school, and it would be helpful if you indicated where the existing child has a different family name.

Multiple Births

In cases where there is one remaining place available and the next child on the waiting list is one of a twin, triplet or other multiple birth group, both twins would be admitted (or all the siblings in the case of multiple births) even if this goes above the admission number for the school.

Any application for a place at the school received after the published date for return will only be considered after all prior applications have been looked at in line with the above. The Local Authority will hold a waiting list until December 2027 for the Year 7 intake. Please note that Brooklands Academy will not reconsider an application following a refusal during the same academic year, unless there has been a significant material change of circumstances.

Procedure for admission at 11+

Procedures for applying to Brooklands Academy are explained in Admission to Secondary Schools in Milton Keynes, a guide for parents and carers handbook. Parents should make themselves familiar with this information and take note of the definitions provided, dates and deadlines. The common application form is the only form that will be accepted.

The timeline for admissions will be that described in the Admission to Secondary Schools in Milton Keynes, A guide for parents and carers handbook.

Please refer to the school's website for a complete copy of the school's oversubscription criteria for Year 7 in September 2027 at www.brooklands.academy.com

REMEMBER THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 31 October 2026

Denbigh School

Burchard Crescent, Shenley Church End, Milton Keynes, MK5 6EX

The catchment area is: Two Mile Ash, Great Holm, Loughton, Crownhill, Shenley Church End and Shenley Lodge

Key facts

Type of school	Academy
DFE number	8265410
Specialisms	Accredited D of E
Admission Authority	The Alliance Trust (MAT), Board of Trustees
Age range	11 - 19
Additionally resourced special needs bases	Not applicable
Telephone	01908 505030
Website	www.denbigh.net
Email	admissions@denbigh.net
Places available for September 2027	260
Number of preferences received for admission in September 2026	1205
Number of places offered on offer date (2 March 2026)	260 - All applicants allocated up to criterion 3f (Pupils who live outside of the defined area but who attend a partner school) and some allocated under criterion 4 (Pupils who do not satisfy any of the criteria in 1-3 but who have a sibling at the school school at the time of application) to a distance of 1.45 miles.
Partner Schools	Caroline Haslett Primary School, Loughton School, Two Mile Ash
Post 16 provision	Contact school direct

Open evening – Wednesday 7th October 2026, 5.30pm 8.30pm

The Head of School, Mr Anthony Steed, will give three presentations at 6.00pm, 7.00pm and 8.00pm about the school ethos and commitment to the success of each of its students. Timed tickets will be issued to parents on arrival. Guided tours of the faculties will be given by current Denbigh students, who provide information and answer any questions throughout the evening. Door opens at 5.30pm.

Note: date is subject to change and parents/carers are advised to check the school's website for confirmation.

Summary of oversubscription criteria

Where there are more than 260 applications there is oversubscription, and the following criteria will apply:

1. Children who are looked after (LAC) and all previously looked after children (PLAC) including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (IAPLAC).
2.
 - a. Children of staff who have been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made and/or
 - b. Children of staff who are recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. It is at the absolute discretion of the Headteacher to determine when there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
3. The remaining places (up to the limit of 260) will be allocated in the following priority order:
 - a. Pupils who live in the defined area and attend a partner school with a sibling in attendance at the school at the time of application.
 - b. Pupils who live in the defined area and attend a partner school.
 - c. Pupils who live within the defined area of the school with a sibling in attendance at the school at the time of application.
 - d. Pupils who live in the defined area
 - e. Pupils who live outside of the defined area but who attend a partner school with a sibling in attendance at the school at the time of application.
 - f. Pupils who live outside of the defined area but who attend a partner school.
4. Pupils who do not satisfy any of the criteria above in 1-3 but who have a sibling at the school at the time of application.
5. Pupils who live outside the defined area but who are attending a Alliance Trust School at the time of application.
6. Other pupils whose parents have made Denbigh School a preferred choice of secondary school.

Any application for a place at the school received after the published national closing date will only be considered after all prior applications have been processed in line with the above.

A waiting list will be held for Year 7 pupils from **September 2027**. This waiting list will be ranked in order of the oversubscription criteria.

Additional notes:

2. Our 'Partner' schools are Caroline Haslett, Loughton and Two Mile Ash Junior/Primary schools.
3. The defined area is the areas of Crownhill, Great Holm, Loughton, Loughton Lodge, Shenley Church End, Shenley Lodge and Two Mile Ash.
4. You will be asked to provide proof of permanent residence in the defined area. Acceptable proof of residence may include a current Council Tax bill in the name of the parent and any other evidence e.g. tenancy agreement or solicitor's letter.

Denbigh School

5. Siblings are defined as children who permanently reside at the same address and for whom the parent/ carer also has parental responsibility, whether or not they are blood-related. For the purposes of these criteria, it does not include blood-related brothers or sisters who live at separate addresses. If there is any doubt, parents may be asked to provide documentary evidence e.g. a copy of the award notice for child benefit or equivalent documentation to prove parental responsibility and/or their permanent residence. Where a place is awarded to a twin, triplet or other member of a multiple birth group, all their multiple birth siblings who have applied will be offered a place even if this takes the year group above the published admission number (PAN) 5. In circumstances where the School's admission number has been exceeded and the pupil applications
6. In circumstances where the school's admission number has been exceeded and the pupil applications meet the above criteria equally, preference will be given to those young people who live closest to the school measured in a straight line from the School's main entrance to the front door of the child's permanent place of residence. In the case of multi-occupancy residence e.g. a block of flats, this would be measured to the main entrance to the building from the street. This will be done using appropriate computer software that can provide suitably accurate measurements. Where the software produces the same distance measurement, stairways, corridors and walkways will be measured to the front door of the specific flat or apartment in which the child is permanently resident.
7. The above criteria apply to all preferences equally.
8. Applicants may decide to appeal against the decision not to offer their child a place at the school. Appeal Forms are available upon request or from the school website. However, if unsuccessful at independent appeal, the appellant, may not reapply until the following academic year unless there has been a material change of circumstance. There is no right to a second appeal on subsequent applications, unless the school, in accepting the application, considers that there has been a significant and material change in circumstance that alters the application of the oversubscription criteria.

Please refer to the school's website for a complete copy of the school's oversubscription criteria for Year 7 in September 2027 at www.denbigh.net



REMEMBER THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 31 October 2026

E-Act Ousedale School

Newport Pagnell Campus, The Grove, Newport Pagnell, MK16 0BJ

Olney Campus, Aspreys, Olney, MK46 5LF

E-Act Ousedale School has two campuses. Children applying for Year 7 are considered for one of the campuses as follows:

Newport Pagnell Campus for children living in: Astwood, Chicheley, Gayhurst, Hardmead, Lathbury, Little Linford, Moulsoe, Newport Pagnell, North Crawley, Sherington and Stoke Goldington (MK residents only).

Olney Campus for children living in: Clifton Reynes, Cold Brayfield, Emberton, Filgrave, Lavendon, Olney, Newton Blossomville, Petsoe, Ravenstone, Tyringham, Warrington and Weston Underwood.

Pupils living outside of the defined (catchment) area are considered for the Campus that they live closest to.

Key facts

Type of School	Academy
DFE number	8264018
Specialism	Music
Admission Authority	E-ACT Board of Trustees
Age range	11-19
Testing for aptitude	If you would like your child to be considered for a place on grounds of aptitude for music, you will need to register to take musical aptitude assessment: Monday 21 September 2026; full details are on the school website. The aptitude assessment will take place on Monday 5 October 2026.
Additionally resourced special needs bases	Not applicable
Telephone	01908 210203 (Newport Pagnell Campus) 01234 717480 (Olney Campus)
Website	www.ousedale.org.uk
Email	admissions@ous.e-act.org.uk
Places available for September 2027	360
Number of preferences received for admission in September 2026	534
Number of places offered on offer date (2 March 2026)	360 - All applicants allocated up to criterion 4 (Priority by aptitude) and some allocated under criterion 5 (children who live during the school week with an older sibling still in attendance in Year 8-11 at time of admission) to a distance of 0.705 miles to the Newport Pagnell campus.
Local (feeder) primary schools	For Newport Pagnell Campus: Cedars Primary School, Green Park School, Portfields Combined School, Tickford Park Primary School For Olney Campus: Lavendon School, Olney Middle School
Post 16 provision	Contact school direct

E-Act Ousedale School

- **Open evening – Wednesday 7th October 2026, 6.00pm - 8.00pm (Olney Campus)**
- **Open evening – Thursday 8th October 2026, 6.00pm - 8.30pm (Newport Pagnell Campus)**

The event will include a presentation by the Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team about the school's ethos and admissions process. There will also be a tour of the school visiting different departmental areas where teachers and students will be on hand to speak to.

The evening at the Newport Pagnell Campus for parents and children from Cedars Primary School and Portfields. Combined School will start at:

- 6.00pm with a tour of the school with student guides followed by a presentation in the main hall for parents and children from Tickford Park Primary School, Green Park School and non-feeder schools
The evening starts at 6.30pm with a presentation in the main hall followed by a tour of the school with student guides

Applications are made to E-Act Ousedale School as a whole and no preference for campus allocation can be made at the time of application. Students are allocated Newport Pagnell Campus or Olney Campus depending on their permanent residential address and campus availability.

Important Note: As E-Act Ousedale School is a dual campus school, the Admissions Authority may offer a place at the alternative campus if the campus designated according to an applicant's address is full. If this offer of a place is refused, applicants' names cannot be placed on the waiting list for an alternative campus and there is no right of appeal.

Summary of oversubscription criteria

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan naming E-Act Ousedale School will be given priority for admission within the normal admission round at 11 plus.

Where there are more than 360 applications there is oversubscription and the following criteria will apply:

1. Children who are looked after (LAC) and all previously looked after children (PLAC) including those children who appear (to the admissions authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted or became subject to a special guardianship order.
2. Children of staff at the school (where the member of staff has been employed at E-Act Ousedale School for at least two years at the time of application for admission, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. The Headteacher determines where there is a demonstrable skill shortage)
3. Children who live in the area served by the school – the defined (catchment) area. Proof of residence will be required
4. Priority by aptitude - up to 36 places will be available on the basis of aptitude for Music. applicants will be assessed and ranked according to an aptitude assessment administered at and by the school*.
5. Children who, during the school week, live with an older brother or sister still in attendance in Years 8-11 at the time of admission (brother or sister includes adopted children, stepbrother or stepsister via parental marriage/permanent partner, and halfbrother or halvesister sharing a biological parent)
6. Children attending a feeder school which is in the school's defined (catchment) area
7. Children who live outside the school's defined (catchment) area

E-Act Ousedale School

In the event of oversubscription in any category above, the places will be allocated according to the proximity of the applicant's main residence to the school's nearest entrance gate of the designated campus measuring the distance in a straight line using the council's computerised measuring programme.

For applicants living in flats, the distance will be measured from the school's nearest entrance gate of the designated campus to the front door of the ground floor flat underneath the applicant's main residence. Where two or more students live at the same distance, the tiebreaker will be random allocation. This process will be independently supervised.

*Please refer to the school's website to find out how to apply for a place at the school based on musical aptitude.

Please refer to the school's website for a complete copy of the school's oversubscription criteria for Year 7 in September 2027 at www.ousedale.org.uk

REMEMBER THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 31 October 2026

Glebe Farm School

Off Burney Drive, Glebe Farm, Milton Keynes, MK17 8GY

The catchment area is: Glebe Farm, Eagle Farm, Wavendon Village (including new development areas) and Woburn Sands (MK residents only)

Key facts

Type of school	Academy
DFE number	8264009
Specialisms	Not Applicable
Admission Authority	Inspiring Futures through Learning Multi-Academy Trust (IFtL)
Age range	4 - 16
Telephone	01908 794400
Website	www.glebefarmschool.co.uk
Email	enquiries@glebefarmschool.co.uk
Places available for September 2027	180 - Children who are already in Year 6 at Glebe Farm School at the time the allocation is made will automatically be allocated a place in Year 7 and will count towards the published admission number of 180.
Number of preferences received for admission in September 2026	478
Number of places offered on offer date (2 March 2026)	180 - All applicants allocated up to criterion 3 (In catchment) and some allocated under criterion 4 (Sibling expected to be on roll at the time of admission and lives outside of the catchment area) to a distance of 5.114 miles.
Post 16 provision	Not applicable
Open Evening	Tuesday 29 th September 2026 Please see schools website for further details.

Summary of oversubscription criteria

Children who have an Education, Health and Care Plan will be admitted as required by law and will count towards the planned admission number. If the school is oversubscribed, the following criteria will be applied in the order set out below to decide which applicants will be admitted:

1. Looked after children¹ and children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order.
2. A sibling² at the school who is on roll at the school at the time of admission and the place of residence is within catchment of the school.
3. Pupils attending a feeder school which is in the catchment area served by the school - St Mary's Wavendon.
4. Children whose place of residence is within catchment area of the school and do not have a sibling on roll at the school.
5. There is already a sibling on roll at the school at the time of admission and the place of residence is outside of the catchment area.
6. Children of staff who have been employed at the school for two or more years at the time of which the application for admission to the school is made, and / or children of staff who are recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. It is at the absolute discretion of the CEO of Inspiring Futures through Learning to determine when there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
7. Other children living outside the listed catchment area.

¹ Children who are looked after (LAC) and all previously looked after children (PLAC) including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (IAPLAC).

² A sibling is defined as a birth sibling and also includes step siblings, foster siblings, adopted siblings and other children living permanently at the same address.

In the event of there being more applicants meeting any of the criteria above, places will be allocated in distance order using the distance between the child's normal home address and the school's main entrance, measured in a straight line, using the council's computerised measuring system with those living closest to the school receiving the higher priority. In the unlikely event of joint oversubscription, having exhausted distance, random allocation will be used as the ultimate tiebreaker.

For applicants living in flats, the distance will be measured from the school's main entrance to the front door of the ground floor flat underneath the applicant's main residence. Where two or more pupils live at the same distance, the tie breaker will be random allocation.

Please refer to the School's website for a detailed copy of the school's admission arrangements for Year 7 in September 2027.

REMEMBER THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 31 October 2026

Kents Hill Park School

Timbold Drive, Kents Hill, Milton Keynes, MK7 6BZ

Kents Hill Park is an all through school offering educational provision from Reception to year 11.

The catchment area for: Kents Hill Park School Secondary is: Ashland, Beanhill, Netherfield, Simpson, Tinkers Bridge and Woughton Park (all shared with Milton Keynes Academy) Browns Wood, Caldecotte, Walnut Tree, Walton, Walton Park, Kents Hill and Kents Hill Park (all shared with Walton High). **Note: Ashland and Simpson are also included in the catchment area of Walton High.**

Key facts

Type of School	Free School Academy
DFE number	8264004
Specialism/Awards	Not applicable
Admission Authority	Kingsbridge Educational Trust Board of Directors
Age range	3 - 16
Testing for aptitude	Not applicable
Additionally resourced special needs bases	Not applicable
Telephone	01908 533290
Website	www.kentshillpark.school
Email	office@kentshillpark.school
Places available for September 2027	Published admission number is 90; this relates to the admission of external pupils into Year 7. For the avoidance of doubt, if fewer than 60 internal pupils transfer, the additional places will be offered to external applicants. The school has a capacity of 150 places for Year 7 in September 2027. Pupils already on roll in Year 6 at the school ("internal pupils") will transfer automatically and no separate application is required to be made. The school routinely expects 60 internal pupils to transfer into Year 7.
Number of preferences received for admission in September 2026	452
Number of places offered on offer date (2 March 2026)	(150 - All applicants allocated up to criterion 5 (Outside catchment with sibling) and some allocated under criterion 6 (All other children) to a distance of 3.997 miles.
Post 16 provision	None

Open Evening Wednesday 23 September 2026 4.30pm 7.00pm (last school tour 6.30 p.m)

School tours will be available from 4.30pm until 6.30pm with an opportunity to attend the Head Teacher Presentation at 5.15 or 6.00pm in the main hall.

You will also have the opportunity to meet our catering team and sample their tasty menu.

Please take a look at our website which has lots of helpful information <https://www.kentshillpark.school/>

We look forward to welcoming you to Kents Hill Park School.

This date can be subject to change and parents/carers are advised to check the school's website for confirmation.

Kents Hill Park School

Summary of oversubscription criteria

Children who have a statement of special educational needs or an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the School will be admitted and will count towards the planned admission number.

In the event that there are more applications than places available, applications will be ranked as follows:

1. A 'Looked After Child' or a 'Previously Looked After Child**' including those children who appear (to the admissions authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted or became subject to a special guardianship order.
2. Children who live in Kents Hill Park School defined area and will have a sibling attending Kents Hill Park School* at the time of application with a reasonable expectation that the sibling will be attending at the start of the new academic year of proposed admission.
3.
 - a. Children of staff who have been employed at Kents Hill Park School* for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or
 - b. Children of staff who are recruited to fill a vacant post at Kents Hill Park School* for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. It is at the absolute discretion of the Chair of the School's Local Governing Body to determine when there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
4. Children who live in Kents Hill Park School defined area.
5. Children who live outside Kents Hill Park School defined area and will have a sibling attending Kents Hill Park School* at the time of application with a reasonable expectation that the sibling will be attending at the start of the new academic year of proposed admission.
6. All other children;

* Where reference is made to Kents Hill Park School, this refers to Kents Hill Park School including both primary and secondary school age children, i.e. from Year R to Year 11.

** Please see section 7 of the school's admission arrangements at www.kenthillpark.school/admissions/ for further details/definition.

In the event of there being more applicants meeting any of the above criteria than remaining places available, distance between the applicant's principal residence and Kents Hill Park School will be used as a tie breaker, with those living nearest being given priority. Distance is measured from the main entrance of the Secondary School to the front door of the applicant's residence in a straight line using a computerised measuring system.

For applicants living in flats, the distance will be measured from the relevant main entrance to the front door of the ground floor flat underneath the applicant's residence. Priority will be given to the lower flat door number if there is more than one applicant from a block of flats.

In the event that there are two residences at the same distance and it is not possible to distinguish between them, then random allocation will be used to determine priority. Where random allocation is used, it will be independently supervised by a person not connected with the School.

Please refer to the school's website for a detailed copy of the school's Year 7 2027 Admission Arrangements.

REMEMBER THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 31 October 2026

Lift Sir Herbert Leon

Fern Grove, Bletchley, Milton Keynes MK2 3HQ

The catchment area is: Central Bletchley east of the railway line, Fenny Stratford, Water Eaton, Little Brickhill, Newton Leys and Eaton Leys.

Key facts

Type of School	Academy
DFE number	8264002
Admission Authority	Board of Academy Directors
Age range	11-19
Testing for aptitude	Not applicable
Additionally resourced special needs bases	Not applicable
Telephone	01908 624720
Website	www.liftsirherbertleon.org
Email	enquiries@liftsirherbert.org
Places available for September 2026	180
Number of preferences received for admission in September 2026	144
Number of places offered on offer date (2 March 2026)	All applicants offered a place plus some not allocated a preferred school.
Local primary schools	Drayton Park Primary School Knowles Primary School The Premier Academy Water Hall Primary School
Post 16 provision	None

Open Evening - Thursday 24 September 2026, 4.15 pm - 7pm

Our open evening will begin with a presentation from the Principal who will share the vision of Lift Sir Herbert Leon and our commitment to providing your child with an excellent education in every lesson, every day. We will help your child to achieve both academically and through their talents outside of the classroom.

Our students and staff will assist with tours of the school facilities with demonstrations and discussions in each faculty area. Please come along and find out more about the exciting changes that are happening at our school, meet our dedicated staff and friendly students and get a sense of the incredible time that your child will have at Lift Sir Herbert Leon. We look forward to welcoming you.

Note: This date is subject to change and parents/carers are advised to check the school's website for confirmation

Lift Sir Herbert Leon

Summary of oversubscription criteria

The normal admission round at 11 plus.
Where there are more than 180 applications there is oversubscription and the following criteria will apply:



1. Children who are looked after (LAC) and all previously looked after children (PLAC) including those children who appear (to the admissions authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted or became subject to a special guardianship order.
2. Children living in the defined (catchment) area and who have a sibling in years 8 to 11 attending Lift Sir Herbert Leon at the time of admission. Proof of residence will be required
3. Children living in the defined (catchment) area. Proof of residence will be required
4. Children attending one of Lift Sir Herbert Leon's partner schools (also known as feeder schools) which are:
 - a. Knowles Primary School
 - b. The Premier Academy
 - c. Drayton Park School
 - d. Water Hall Primary School
5. Children attending Lift Charles Warren (Lift primary school)
6. Children with a sibling (brother or sister) who will still be on roll (in years 8 to 11) at the Academy at the time of admission.
7. Distance - children resident closest to the school

In the event of oversubscription under any of the criteria above, places will be allocated to those children living closest to Lift Sir Herbert Leon as measured in a straight line from the front door of the child's home to the school's main entrance gate, using the council's computerised measuring system.

For applicants living in flats the distance will be measured in a straight line from the school's main entrance to the front door of the ground floor flat underneath the child's main residence.

Please refer to the school's website for a complete copy of the school's oversubscription criteria for Year 7 in September 2027 at www.liftsirherbertleon.org

REMEMBER THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 31 October 2026

Lord Grey Academy

Rickley Lane, Bletchley. Milton Keynes, MK3 6EW

The catchment area is: Granby, Old Bletchley, Far Bletchley and West Bletchley. The Following roads on Furzton which are also shared with Shenley Brook End School: Arlington Court, Barleycroft, Braybrook Drive, Cheriton, Elmhurst Close, Favell Drive, Grasscroft, Hawkridge, Holmewood, Medeswell, Oakridge, Parkside, Rycroft, The Hedgerows, Winsford Hill and Blackmoor Gate (odd Numbers up to 55 and even numbers up to 48).

Key facts

Type of School	Academy
DFE number	8264005
Specialism	Not applicable
Admission Authority	Local Governing Body
Age range	11-19
Testing for aptitude	Not applicable
Additionally resourced special needs bases	Not applicable
Telephone	01908 626110
Website	www.lordgrey.org.uk
Email	enquiries@lordgrey.org.uk
Places available for September 2027	250
Number of preferences received for admission in September 2026	426
Number of places offered on offer date (2 March 2026)	250 - All applicant allocated up to criterion 6 (Children who currently attend a primary school located in the defined areas) and some allocated under criterion 7 (All other applicants) to a distance of 1.569 miles
Local primary schools	Abbeys Primary School Barleyhurst Park Primary School Chestnuts Primary School Cold Harbour C of E School Holne Chase Primary School Rickley Park Primary School St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Primary School
Post 16 provision	Contact school direct

Open Evening - Thursday 1st October 2026, 4.30pm - 7.30pm

There will be an opportunity to hear the Associate Principal, Mrs Samantha Satyanadhan, with a series of speeches across the night. This will be followed by a full tour of the Academy led by student ambassadors, to give you a genuine insight into the Lord Grey Academy experience. Booking will be released on our website at the end of September for you to book onto a tour for our open evening. On your tour you will have the chance to find out more about our Key Stage 3 curriculum by getting involved in lots of hands-on activities. Staff will be on hand to answer any questions.

Lord Grey Academy



Summary of oversubscription criteria

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan naming Lord Grey Academy will be given priority for admission within the normal admission round at 11 plus.

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied in the order set out below:

1. Looked after children and all previously looked after children, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. A child 'looked-after by a local authority' is one who is looked after within the meaning of section 22 of Children Act 1989 or Part 6 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014; a previously looked-after child is one who is no longer looked after in England and Wales because s/he is the subject of an adoption, special guardianship or child arrangements order which includes arrangements relating to with whom the child is to live, or when the child is to live with any person, or has been adopted from 'state care' outside England and Wales; and a child is in 'state care' outside England and Wales if s/he is in the care of or accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other organisation the sole or main purpose of which is to benefit society. (DfE 2018).
2. Children with a sibling in Years 8-11 at the time of admission* living in the defined areas.
3. Children with no siblings attending Lord Grey Academy in Years 8-11 at the time of admission* living in the defined area.
4.
 - a. Children of staff who have been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to school is made.
 - b. Children of staff who are recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
5. Children with a sibling attending Lord Grey Academy in Years 8-11 at the time of admission* living out of the defined area.
6. Children who currently attend a primary school located in the defined area
7. All other applicants

* Siblings cannot be in Y11 at the time of application as upon applying, it will not be possible to know if a Y11 student will be continuing their studies at Lord Grey Sixth Form

Lord Grey Academy

Please note:

- Siblings are defined as a brother or sister of whole or half blood or any other child (including an adopted child) who permanently at the same address and for whom the parent also has parental responsibility.
- In cases where there is one remaining place available and the next child on the waiting list is one of a twin, triplet or other multiple group, the following will apply:
 - ☐ Both twins would be admitted (or all the siblings in the case of multiple births) even if this goes above the admission for the Academy.
- The defined area for Lord Grey Academy is Granby, Old Bletchley, Far Bletchley, West Bletchley. The following roads on Furzton which are also shared with Shenley Brook End School: Arlington Court, Barleycroft, Braybrook Cheriton, Elmhurst Close, Favell Drive, Grasscroft, Hawkridge, Holmewood, Medeswell, Oakridge, Parkside, Rycroft, The Hedgerows, Winsford Hill and Blackmoor Gate (odd numbers up to 55 and even numbers up to 48).

The primary schools located in the defined area are:

- ☐ Abbeyes Primary School
 - ☐ Barleyhurst Park Primary School
 - ☐ Chestnuts Primary School
 - ☐ Cold Harbour C of E School
 - ☐ Holne Chase Primary School
 - ☐ Rickley Park Primary School
 - ☐ St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Primary School
- Places will be allocated in order of category (1-7). If demand within a category results in the Academy exceeding its student admission number, all applicants in the category will be ranked according to distance from school as measured from the school's front gate front door of the child's home address ** in a straight line using the Local Authority's computerised measuring.

Priority will be given to those living nearer to the Academy. For prospective students living in flats, the distance will be measured from the school's front gate to the front door of the ground floor flat underneath the prospective child's home address, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

** a child's home address is the address which the parents list on the application form. If in doubt, please refer to the Guide for Parents for secondary admissions provided by Milton Keynes City Council

<https://www.miltonkeynes.gov.uk/schools-and-life-learning/school-admissions>

Please refer to the academy website for a complete copy of the academy's oversubscription criteria for Year 7 in September 2027 at www.lordgrey.org.uk

REMEMBER THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 31 October 2026

Oakgrove School

Venturer Gate, Middleton, Milton Keynes, MK10 9JQ

Oakgrove School is an all through school offering educational provision for children from Reception to Year 13.

The secondary school defined area is: Atterbury, Broughton, Broughton Gate (shared with Walton High), Kingston, Middleton including Milton Keynes Village, Monkston, Monkston Park, Oakgrove, Woolstone and Woughton-on-the-Green

Key facts

Type of School	Academy
DFE number	8264703
Specialism	Not applicable
Admission Authority	Kingsbridge Educational Trust Board of Directors
Age range	3 - 19
Testing for aptitude	Not applicable
Additionally resourced special needs bases	Not applicable
Telephone	01908 545300
Website	www.oakgrove.school
Email	oakgrove@oakgrove.school
Places available for September 2027	Published admission number is 210; this relates to the admission of external pupils into Year 7. For the avoidance of doubt, if fewer than 90 internal pupils transfer, the additional places will be offered to external applicants. The school has a capacity of 300 places for Year 7 in September 2027. Pupils already on roll in Year 6 at the school ("internal pupils") will transfer automatically and no separate application is required to be made. The school routinely expects 90 internal pupils to transfer into Year 7.
Number of preferences received for admission in September 2026	956
Number of places offered on offer date (2 March 2026)	300 - All applicants allocated up to criterion 4 (Other children who live in the defined area at the time of application) and some allocated under criterion 5 (Children who live outside the defined area attending Year 6 at either Middleton Primary School or Monkston Primary School) to a distance of 0.696 miles
Local primary schools	Broughton Fields School Middleton Primary School Monkston Primary School St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School
Post 16 provision	Contact school direct - sixthform@oakgrove.school

Oakgrove School

Open Evening - Thursday 24 September 2026 (4.30 p.m - 6.30 p.m)

The Headteacher and members of the Senior Leadership team will give talks about the school at 4.45pm, 5.15pm and 5.45pm including information on ethos, facilities, academic success and admissions. Parents/ Carers will be offered a time to attend the talk, have time to tour the school facilities and speak to subject teachers. **Note:** This date is subject to change and parents/carers are advised to check the school's website for confirmation.

Summary of oversubscription criteria

Children who have a statement of special educational needs or Education, Health and Care Plan which names the School will be admitted and will count towards the PAN.

If the number of applications exceeds the number of places remaining, priority will be given to children in the following order:

1. Looked After Child or a 'Previously Looked After Child'*
2. Children who live in the Oakgrove Secondary School defined area at the time of application and have a sibling attending Oakgrove School¹ at the time of application with a reasonable expectation that the sibling will be attending at the start of the new academic year of proposed admission.
3.
 - a. Children of staff who have been employed at the School for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the School is made, and/or
 - b. Children of staff who are recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. It is at the absolute discretion of the School's Chair of the Local Governing Body to determine when there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
4. Other children who live in the defined area at the time of application.
5. Children who live outside the defined area attending Year 6 at the feeder schools of Middleton Primary School or Monkston Primary School at the time of application with a reasonable expectation that they will be attending until the end of the academic year.
6. Children who live outside the defined area at the time of application, but will have a sibling attending the School¹ at the time of application with a reasonable expectation that the sibling will be attending at the start of the new academic year of proposed admission.
7. Children who live outside the defined area at the time of application and attending one of the other feeder Schools within the defined area (other than Middleton Primary School or Monkston Primary School) –Broughton Fields Primary School or St Bernadette's School, with a reasonable expectation that they will be attending until the end of the academic year.
8. Other children who live outside the defined area.

In the event of there being more applicants meeting any of the above criteria than remaining places available, distance between the applicant's principal residence and Oakgrove Secondary School will be used as a tie breaker, with those living nearest being given priority. Distance is measured from the main entrance of Oakgrove Secondary School to the front door of the applicant's residence in a straight line using a computerised measuring system.

For applicants living in flats, the distance will be measured from Oakgrove Secondary School's main entrance to the front door of the ground floor flat underneath the applicant's residence. Priority will be given to the lower flat door number if more than one applicant from a block of flats. In other cases, where it is necessary to determine the order of priority between 2 or more applicants at the same distance, independently supervised random allocation will be used.

Oakgrove School

The School will maintain a waiting list. This will be operated in accordance with the applicable admissions criteria and length of time on the list will not be a factor in offering a place. The waiting list will be held for the remainder of the academic year. Children whom the Local Authority approaches the School to admit and who are allocated a place at the School in accordance with the Fair Access Protocol, will take precedence over those already on the waiting list.

Further, and for the avoidance of doubt, a child whose statement of Special Educational Needs or Education Health and Care plan names the School must be admitted and will therefore take precedence over children on the waiting list.

¹ This refers to all year groups at Oakgrove School from Year R to Year 13.

*Please see section 7 of the School's admission arrangements for further details/definition

Please refer to the school's website for a complete copy of the school's oversubscription criteria for Year 7 in September 2027 at www.oakgrove.school

REMEMBER THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 31 October 2026

Shenley Brook End School

Walbank Grove, Shenley Brook End, Milton Keynes, MK5 7ZT

The catchment area is: Emerson Valley, Furzton, Shenley Brook End, Tattenhoe and Westcroft.

Note: The following roads on Furzton are also shared with Lord Grey School: Arlington Court, Barleycroft, Braybrook Drive, Cheriton, Elmhurst Close, Favell Drive, Grasscroft, Hawkridge, Holmewood, Medeswell, Oakridge, Parkside, Rycroft, The Hedgerows, Winsford Hill and Blackmoor Gate (odd numbers up to 55 and even numbers up to 48).

Key facts

Type of School	Academy
DFE number	8264097
Specialism	Mathematics, Computing and Science Specialist College Status, Leadership and Training Centre
Admission Authority	Board of Academy Governors (5 Dimensions Trust)
Age range	11-19
Testing for aptitude	If you would like your child to be considered for a place on grounds of aptitude for Netball and Basketball, you must register by completing a form on the school's website under the Admissions section. The form must be submitted by Wednesday 30th September. The assessment will take place on the second Saturday 10th October. Results will be confirmed by the school, see School's website for further details.
Additionally resourced special needs bases	Not applicable
Telephone	01908 520264
Website	www.sbeschool.org.uk
Email	admissions@sbe5d.com .
Places available for September 2027	300
Number of preferences received for admission in September 2026	856
Number of places offered on offer date (2 March 2026)	300 - All applicants allocated up to criterion 6 (Aptitude) and some allocated under criterion 7 (Pupils living outside of the catchment area) to a distance of 1.997 miles.
Local primary schools	Emerson Valley Junior School Giles Brook Primary School Long Meadow School Priory Rise School
Post 16 provision	Contact school direct

Shenley Brook End School

Open evening – Thursday 8 October 2026, 5.00pm 7.15pm

The Headteacher's presentation will take place in our theatre at regular intervals during the evening; you will be offered a time on arrival to link with your school tour. Please enter the school via the main doors from 6.00pm onwards and allow time to park as space is limited.

Summary of oversubscription criteria

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan naming Shenley Brook End School will be given priority for admission within the normal admission round at 11 plus.

Where there are more than 300 applications there is oversubscription, and the following criteria will apply:

1. Looked After Children (LAC) and all Previously Looked After Children (PLAC) including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (IAPLAC).
2. Children eligible for the service premium¹.
3. Children who live in the defined area and have a sibling attending the school at the time of application. Proof of residence required.
4. Children who live in the defined area served by the school. Proof of residence will be required.
5. (a) Children of school staff who have been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or
(b) Children of school staff who are recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage at the school. It is at the absolute discretion of the Board of Directors to determine when there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
6. Up to 10% of places, which equates to 30 places with the PAN of 300 will be allocated on the basis of aptitude for physical education or sport, with a focus on netball or basketball. Applicants will be assessed on three metrics. To have your child considered for a place on these grounds it will be necessary to register for the aptitude assessment by 30th September via the form in the admissions area of the school's website and attend the assessment on the second Saturday of October. No other tests for admission into Year 7 will take place after this date. See explanation under metrics for in year admissions.
7. Children who live outside of the school's defined area and have a sibling attending the school at the time of application.
8. Children living outside of the defined area.



Shenley Brook End School

¹ The service premium is additional funding paid annually to schools under Section 14 of the Education Act 2002 for the purposes of supporting the pastoral needs of the children of Armed Services personnel.

Please refer to the school's website for a complete copy of the school's oversubscription criteria for Year 7 in September 2027 at www.sbeschool.org.uk

REMEMBER THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 31 October 2026

St Paul's Catholic School

Phoenix Drive, Leadenhall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5EN

The catchment area is: Roman Catholic children living in Milton Keynes and children of other Christian denominations with support from their vicar or minister. The school also serves parishes in Leighton Buzzard, Woburn Sands, Buckingham and Winslow.

Key facts

Type of School	Voluntary Aided
DFE number	8264702
Specialism	Specialist Training School, Science College and Language College Status
Admission Authority	Governing Body
Age range	11-19
Testing for aptitude	Not applicable
Additionally resourced special needs bases	Resource base for sensory impaired pupils, hearing and visual impairment
Telephone	01908 669735
Website	www.st-pauls.org.uk
Email	enquiries@st-pauls.org.uk
Places available for September 2027	270
Number of preferences received for admission in September 2026	583
Number of places offered on offer date (2 March 2026)	270 - All applicants allocated up to criterion K (Any other children) and some allocated under criterion K3 (Multiple births).
Local primary schools	Bishop Parker Catholic School St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School St Mary Magdalene Catholic Primary School St Monica's Catholic Primary School St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Primary School
Post 16 provision	Contact school direct

Open Evening - Thursday 15 October 2026, 6.00pm to 8.00pm

An opportunity to see St Paul's at work and to meet pupils and staff. There will be guided tours of the school, an opportunity to visit departments, take part in activities and learn about the broad range of subjects we offer.

Our Headteacher, Mrs Hoarty, will be giving talks at 6.15pm and 7.00pm. There is plenty of parking in the main car park off Phoenix Drive, Leadenhall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5EN. Please enter the school via the main reception.

Note: This date is subject to change and parents/carers are advised to check the school's website for confirmation. School Tours - Friday mornings in September and October 2026. Tours are available from 11th September 2026 to 2nd October 2026 and 16 October to 23rd October 2026, 9.15 -11.30am. Spaces are limited, booking is essential.

St Paul's Catholic School

The tour booking system will open on 3rd September 2026. [Book your tour tickets here.](#)

Phoenix Drive, Leadenhall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5EN. Please enter the school via the main reception.

SEN Tours

SEN tour dates will be released in September 2026, please contact admissions@st-pauls.org.uk for more information.

Note: If you are applying for a place at St Paul's Catholic School, the school will send you a supplementary form which must be completed and returned to the school by Monday 1 December 2025.

Summary of oversubscription criteria

The admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan is dealt with by a completely separate procedure. Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan that names the school must be admitted if the school is able to meet the child's identified needs. Where this takes place before the allocation of places under these arrangements this will reduce the number of places available to other children.

If St Paul's Catholic School is named on a child's Statement of Special Educational Needs or Education, Health and Care Plan, or an application is made on behalf of the child, this will show that parents are happy for their child to join St Paul's and that they are in sympathy with the Catholic ethos of the school.

At any time where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority:

- A. Catholic looked after and previously looked after children, including those previously looked after outside of England (see notes 2 and 4 on the school website).
- B. Other looked after and previously looked after children, including children previously looked after outside of England (see note 2 on the schools website).
- C. Catholic children with a Certificate of Catholic Practice who attend a feeder catholic primary school, namely, Bishop Parker Catholic Primary School, St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School, St Mary Magdalene Catholic Primary School, St Monica's Catholic Primary School and St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Primary School (see notes 4, 5 and 6 on the schools website).
- D. Other Catholic children with a certificate of Catholic practice. (see notes 4 & 5 on the schools website).
- E. Catholic children who attend a feeder Catholic primary school, namely, Bishop Parker Catholic Primary School, St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School, St Mary Magdalene Catholic Primary School, St Monica's Catholic Primary School and St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Primary School (see notes 4 & 6 on the schools website.)
- F. Other Catholic children. (see notes 4 on the schools website).
- G. Catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church. (see notes 7 & 8 on the schools website).
- H. Children of other Christian denominations and children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion or other religious leader. (see notes 9 & 10 on the schools website).
- I. Other children who attend a feeder Catholic primary school, namely, Bishop Parker Catholic Primary School, St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School, St Mary Magdalene Catholic Primary School, St Monica's Catholic Primary School and St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Primary School.
- J. Children of members of staff who have had a contract of employment with the Governors' of St Paul's for at least two years when the application is made or a member of staff who has been recruited to fill a vacant post at the school for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
- K. Any other children.

St Paul's Catholic School

Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

1. Where evidence is provided at the time of application of an exceptional social, medical or pastoral need of the child which can be most appropriately met at this school, the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made. (see note 13 on admission arrangements on schools website)
2. The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (i) above. (see note 11 on admission arrangements on schools website)
3. Multiple births: In cases where there is one remaining place available and the next child is one of a twin, triplet or other multiple birth group, the following will apply: Both twins would be admitted (or all siblings in the case of multiple births) even if this goes above the admission number for the school
4. Children on roll at one of the Catholic Partner Primary Schools of St Paul's in Milton Keynes when the application is made. These are Bishop Parker Catholic Primary School, St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School, St Mary Magdalene Catholic Primary School, St Monica's Catholic Primary School and St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Primary School.

In any situation where the application of the above criteria results in more children with an equal right to admission to the school than the number of available places, the tiebreak will be made by a lottery. The names of all those with an equal right to admission will be allocated a number within a randomly generated number computerised programme. The places will be allocated in order up to the number of places available. This process will be carried out under the supervision of an independent observer from the School Admissions team of Milton Keynes City Council.

Please refer to the school's website for a complete copy of the school's oversubscription criteria for Year 7 in September 2027 at www.stpauls.org.uk

REMEMBER THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 31 October 2026

Stantonbury School

Purbeck, Stantonbury, Milton Keynes, MK14 6BN

The catchment area is: Bancroft, Bancroft Park, Blakelands, Blue Bridge, Bolbeck Park, Bradville, Bradwell, Bradwell Common, Campbell Park (north of the park), Castlethorpe, Central Milton Keynes (north), Conniburrow, Downhead Park, Downs Barn, Giffard Park, Great Linford, Hanslope, Haversham, Heelands, Neath Hill, New Bradwell, Oakridge Park, Pennyland, Redhouse Park, Stantonbury, Stantonbury Fields, Willen and Willen Park

Note: The villages of Castlethorpe, Hanslope and Haversham are also in the catchment area of The Radcliffe School.

Note: The area's of Campbell Park, Willen and Willen Park are also in the catchment area of Walton High

Key facts

Type of School	Academy
DFE number	8264002
Specialism	None
Admission Authority	Board of Academy Directors
Age range	11-19
Testing for aptitude	Not applicable
Telephone	01908 324400
Website	www.stantonbury-tove.org.uk
Email	enquiries@stantonbury-tove.org.uk
Places available for September 2027	300
Number of preferences received for admission in September 2026	286
Number of places offered on offer date (2 March 2026)	All applicants allocated a place plus additional children not allocated a preferred school.
Local (partner) primary schools	Bradwell Village School, Brooksward School, Giffard Park Primary School, Great Linford Primary School, Hanslope School, New Bradwell School, Southwood School, Stanton School, Summerfield School, Willen Primary School
Post 16 provision	Contact school direct

Our Open Evenings give prospective parents and students an opportunity to see the school at work. There will be presentations by the Associate Principal and other senior staff to talk about Stantonbury School's improvement journey and the progress that has been made. The presentations will be followed by tours of the school lead by student ambassadors where there will be countless opportunities to interact with staff and students as they proudly show off their school.

Summary of oversubscription criteria

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan naming Stantonbury School will be given priority for admission within the normal admission round at 11 plus. Where there are more than 300 applications there is oversubscription and the following criteria will apply:

1. Looked after Children or children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order.
2. Children living in the listed areas with a sibling in attendance in Years 8 to 11 at the school at the date of admission and attending one of the named partner schools
3. Children of staff who have been employed at the school for two or more years at the time of which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or children of staff who are recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. It is at the absolute discretion of the Principal to determine when there is a demonstrable skill shortage
4. Children living in the listed areas with a sibling in attendance in Years 8 to 11 at the campus at the date of admission
5. Children living in the listed areas and attending one of the named partner schools
6. Children living in the listed areas
7. Children living outside the listed areas with a sibling in attendance in Years 8 – 11 at the school at the date of admission and attending one of the named partner schools
8. Children living outside the listed areas with a sibling in attendance in Years 8 to 11 at the school at the date of admission
9. Children living outside the listed areas and attending one of the named partner schools
10. Other Children living outside the listed areas.

In circumstances where the school admissions number has been exceeded in any of the above categories and there is a need to discriminate within the category, preference will be given to those young people living closest to the school, measured in a straight line to the school main reception using the Local Authority's computerised distance measuring system, with those living nearer to the school receiving higher priority.

Following refusal of an application, only one appeal is allowed in the same academic year, unless there has been a significant change in circumstances, e.g. a house move

In cases where there is one remaining place available and the next child on the waiting list is one of a twin, triplet or other multiple birth groups, all siblings* would be admitted even if this goes above the planned number for the school.

* A sibling is a brother or sister, which for admission purposes means brothers and sisters of whole or half blood, or any other child (including an adopted child) who permanently resides at the same address and for whom the parent also has parental responsibility.

Please refer to the school's website for a complete copy of the school's oversubscription criteria for Year 7 in September 2027.

REMEMBER THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 31 October 2026

The Hazeley Academy

Emperor Drive, Hazeley, Milton Keynes, MK8 0PT

The catchment area is: Grange Farm, Kingsmead, Medbourne, Oakhill, Oxley Park, Tattenhoe Park and Shenley Wood.

Key facts

Type of School	Academy
DFE number	8264704
Specialism	Specialist Science College
Admission Authority	The Board of Trustees (5 Dimensions Trust)
Age range	11-19
Testing for aptitude	If you want your child to be considered for a place on grounds of aptitude for Netball and Basketball, you must register by completing a form on the school's website under the Admissions section. The form must be submitted by 12 noon on Friday 9 October. The assessment will take place on Saturday 10 October. Results will be confirmed by the school by 19 October. See School's website for further details.
Additionally resourced special needs bases	Not applicable
Telephone	01908 555620
Website	www.thehazeleyacademy.com
Email	enquiries@haz5d.com
Places available for September 2027	240
Number of preferences received for admission in September 2026	904
Number of places offered on offer date (2 March 2026)	240 - All applicants allocated up to criterion 7 (Outside catchment with sibling) and some allocated under criterion 8 (Outside catchment) to a distance of 3.106 miles.
Post 16 provision	Contact school direct

Open Evening – Thursday 24 September 2026, doors open at 4.30pm

Prospective Students, Parents and Carers are warmly invited to attend The Hazeley Academy Open Evening. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience the unique and exciting learning journey Hazeley offers. Hazeley's vision is to embed Character, Confidence and Creativity in all students to provide them with the skills and academic results required for their future.

Presentations from the Head Teacher start at 4.45pm, 5.30pm, 6.15pm and 7.00pm. We ask parents to book seats through Eventbrite, details will be on the school's website. Students will offer guided tours throughout the evening to showcase Hazeley's facilities, offering opportunities to speak with teaching staff. Daytime tours are also available on request.

Note: The format and/or date is subject to change and parents/carers are advised to check the school's website for confirmation.

The Hazeley Academy



Summary of oversubscription criteria

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan naming The Hazeley Academy will be given priority for admission within the normal admission round at 11 plus.

Where there are more than 240 applications there is oversubscription and the following criteria will apply:

1. Children who are looked after (LAC) and all previously looked after children (PLAC) including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (IAPLAC).
2. Children eligible for the service premium¹.
3. Children who live in the defined (catchment) area and have a sibling attending the Academy at the time of application. Proof of residence is required.
4. Children who live in the defined (catchment) area served by the Academy. Proof of residence will be required.
5.
 - a. Children of staff who have been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the academy is made, and/or
 - b. Children of Staff who are recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. It is at the absolute discretion of the Board of Directors to determine when there is a demonstrable skills shortage.
6. Up to 10% of places will be allocated on the basis of aptitude for physical education or sport, with a focus on netball or basketball. Applicants will be assessed on three metrics. To have your child considered for a place on these grounds it will be necessary to register for the aptitude assessment.
7. Children who live outside of the Academy's defined (catchment) area and have a sibling attending the Academy at the time of application
8. Children living outside of the defined (catchment) area.

¹ The service premium is additional funding paid annually to schools under Section 14 of the Education Act 2002 for the purposes of supporting the pastoral needs of the children of Armed Services personnel.

In the event of there being more applicants meeting any of the above criteria than places available, proximity to the Academy will be used as a tie breaker with places being allocated according to distance from the Academy as measured in a straight line from the Academy's main entrance to the student's normal home address, using the council's computerised measuring system.

The Hazeley Academy

For prospective students living in flats or multi occupancy dwellings, the distance will be measured from the Academy's main entrance to the front door of the prospective student's residence. In the event of there being two or more applicants at a flat or multi occupancy dwelling vying for the last available place, the tie breaker of a random lottery will be used.

Please refer to the school's website for a complete copy of the school's oversubscription criteria for Year 7 in September 2027 at www.thehazeleyacademy.com

REMEMBER THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 31 October 2026

The Milton Keynes Academy

Fulwoods Drive, Leadenhall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5LA

The catchment area is: Ashland, Beanhill, Campbell Park south of the park, Central Milton Keynes (south), Coffee Hall, Eaglestone, Fishermead, Leadenhall, Netherfield, Oldbrook, Passmore, Peartree Bridge, Simpson, Springfield, The Hub, Tinkers Bridge, Winterhill, Woolstone, Woughton on the Green and Woughton Park

Note: - The areas of Ashland, Campbell Park and Simpson are also included in the catchment area of Walton High. The areas of Ashland, Beanhill, Netherfield, Simpson, Tinkers Bridge and Woughton Park are all shared with Kents Hill Park School

Key facts

Type of School	Academy
DFE number	8266905
Specialism	Business and Enterprise Status
Admission Authority	The Milton Keynes Academy / Creative Education Trust
Age range	11-19
Testing for aptitude	Not applicable
Additionally resourced special needs bases	Not applicable
Telephone	01908 341700
Website	www.miltonkeynesacademy.org.uk
Email	info@miltonkeynesacademy.org.uk
Places available for september 2027	210
Number of preferences received for admission in September 2026	221
Number of places offered on offer date (2 March 2026)	All applicants allocated a place plus additional children not allocated a preferred school
Local primary schools Note - children attending local primary schools are not given priority for admission	Lift Charles Warren, Falconhurst School, Jubilee Wood Primary School, Langland Community School, New Chapter Primary School, Orchard Academy
Post 16 provision	Contact school direct

The Milton Keynes Academy

Open Evening Thursday 24 September 2026

We believe that the best way to see our Academy is to come and visit it during the working day. We are proud of our Academy, our students and our values. We invite prospective parents and carers to meet with our staff, talk with our learners and immerse themselves in the vibrancy of our Academy between the above dates. We foster an inclusive environment in which there are opportunities for all to succeed, both academically and vocationally. It is a time when you can explore our mission 'A relentless drive to empower everyone to take control of their future', what it will mean for you, your child and the enrichment experiences they will have joining a Creative Education Trust school.

We offer teaching that is adapted to meet the needs of all our learners, in a climate conducive to learning, where everybody has a role to play and a duty to each other. We consider ourselves to be a forward thinking establishment and pride ourselves that our core values, Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Aspiration and Equality are evident in everything we do.

Our belief is that regardless of a student's starting point in life, they deserve the opportunity to flourish. We are aspirational on behalf of our students and have forged links with businesses in order to equip our students with the tools needed to prepare them for life beyond school.

Come and join us and experience our ethos for yourselves!

Summary of oversubscription criteria

Children who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), naming The Milton Keynes Academy will be given priority for admission on secondary transfer at 11+. Where the number of applications for admission is greater than the published admission number, applications will be considered against the criteria set out below:

- a. Children who are looked after (LAC) and all previously looked after children (PLAC) including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (IAPLAC).
- b. Children who live in the defined area and have a sibling attending the school at the time of application with a reasonable expectation that the sibling will be attending at the start of the new academic year of proposed admission.
- c. Children who live in the defined area: Ashland, Beanhill, Campbell Park, Central Milton Keynes (south of Silbury Boulevard), Coffee Hall, Eaglestone, Fishermead, Leadenhall, Netherfield, Oldbrook, Passmore, Peartree Bridge, Simpson, Springfield, The Hub, Tinkers Bridge, Woolstone, Woughton on the Green, Woughton Park. Proof of residence is required.
- d. Children who live outside the defined area, but have a sibling attending the school at the time of application with a reasonable expectation that the sibling will be attending at the start of the new academic year of proposed admission.
- e. Children who live outside the defined area.

Sibling criteria:

A sibling is a brother or sister, which for admission purposes means brothers and sisters of whole or half blood or any other child (including an adopted child) who permanently resides at the same address and for whom the parent also has parental responsibility.

The Milton Keynes Academy

Multiple births:

In cases where there is one remaining place available and the next child on the waiting list is one of a twin, triplet or other multiple birth groups, the following will apply:

Both twins would be admitted (or all the siblings in the case of multiple births) even if this goes above the admission number for the school.

In the event of oversubscription in any category above, places will be allocated according to the proximity of the child's principal residence to the Academy's main entrance by the nearest available walking route, as measured using the LA's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the Academy receiving the higher priority.

Oversubscription: Distance Tiebreaker:

In the event of there being more applicants meeting any of the above criteria than remaining places available, distance between the applicant's principal residence and the school will be used as a tiebreaker, with those living nearest being given priority.

Distance from the school is measured from the Academy's main entrance to the front door of the applicant's principal residence in a straight line using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system. For applicants living in flats, the distance will be measured from the school's main entrance to the front door of the ground floor flat underneath the applicant's principal residence with priority given to the lower flat door number if more than one applicant from a block of flats.

Please refer to the school's website for a complete copy of the school's oversubscription criteria for Year 7 in September 2027 at www.miltonkeynesacademy.org.uk



REMEMBER THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 31 October 2026

The Radcliffe School

Christchurch Grove, Wolverton, Milton Keynes, MK12 5BT

The catchment area is: Calverton, Galley Hill, Fullers Slade, Greenleys, Hodge Lea, Stacey Bushes, Stony Stratford, Wolverton and Old Wolverton. The villages of Castlethorpe, Hanslope and Haversham which are also in the defined area for Stantonbury School.

Key facts

Type of School	Foundation
DFE number	8265406
Admission Authority	Governing Body
Age range	11-19
Testing for aptitude	Not applicable
Additionally resourced special needs bases	Resource base for pupils with social communication difficulties
Telephone	01908 682222
Website	www.radcliffeschool.org.uk
Email	admin@radcliffeschool.org.uk
Places available for September 2027	210
Number of preferences received for admission in September 2026	370
Number of places offered on offer date (2 March 2026)	All applicants allocated a place plus additional children not allocated a preferred school.
Local primary schools	Bushfield School Greenleys Junior School Hanslope Primary School (see also Stantonbury School) Haversham School St Mary and St Giles CE Aided Primary School
Post 16 provision	Contact school direct

Open Evening – Thursday 15 October 2026

The evening will consist of a welcome and Introduction by the Headteacher, at 6pm which will focus on the school's ethos and commitment to success for each student, followed by the chance to tour the school where students can engage with activities across the curriculum areas. Students and staff will be available to provide information and answer questions throughout the evening

Note: This date and format is subject to change and parents/carers are advised to check the school's website for confirmation

The Radcliffe School



Summary of oversubscription criteria

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan naming The Radcliffe School will be given priority for admission within the normal admission round at 11 plus. Where there are more than 210 applications there is oversubscription and the following criteria will apply:

1. Looked after children and all previously looked after children, including those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
2. Children who live in the area served by the school – (Wolverton, Old Wolverton, Greenleys, Hodge Lea, Fullers Slade, Galley Hill, Stony Stratford, Haversham, Castlethorpe, Hanslope, Stacey Bushes and Calverton), with a brother or sister in attendance at the school at the date of admission. Proof of residence will be required.
3. Children living in the area served by the school, – (Wolverton, Old Wolverton, Greenleys, Hodge Lea, Fullers Slade, Galley Hill, Stony Stratford, Haversham, Castlethorpe, Hanslope, Stacey Bushes and Calverton). Proof of residence will be required.
4. Children of staff at the school. Where a member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
5. Children living outside the defined area served by the school with a brother or sister in attendance at the school at the date of admission.
6. Children living outside the defined area served by the school and attending one of the named feeder schools: Bushfield, Greenleys, Hanslope, Haversham School and St Mary & St Giles.
7. Other young people living outside the defined area served by the school.

In the event of oversubscription, once a place has been allocated under the criteria above, the remaining places will be awarded according to the proximity of the child's home to the school's main entrance gate measured in a straight line using the council's computerised measuring system with those living closest to the school receiving the higher priority.

Please refer to the school's website for a complete copy of the school's oversubscription criteria in the Admission Policy for Year 7 in September 2027 at www.radcliffeschool.org.uk

REMEMBER THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 31 October 2026

Walton High

Walnut Tree Campus, Fyfield Barrow, Walnut Tree, Milton Keynes, MK7 7WH

The catchment area is: Walnut Tree, Kents Hill, Kents Hill Park, Wavendon Gate, Browns Wood, Old Farm Park, Caldecotte, Walton Park, Walton, Walton Hall, Walton Manor, Wavendon, Simpson, Ashlands, Bow Brickhill, Little Brickhill, Woburn Sands, Aspley Guise, Aspley Heath.

The following are shared catchment areas for the stated school:

- Kents Hill Park shared with Kents Hill Park School
- Simpson and Ashlands shared with The Milton Keynes Academy and Kents Hill Park School
- Wavendon and Woburn Sands are shared with Glebe Farm School

Milton Keynes City Council does not deem Walton High to be the nearest qualifying school for the areas of: Ashland, Aspley Guise, Aspley Heath, Salford, Wavendon and Woburn Sands. As such School Travel Support will not apply.

Children living in Little Brickhill are only eligible for School Travel Support if they meet the low income criteria. **See page 26 for further for further information.**

Key facts

Type of School	Academy
DFE number	8264000
Specialism	Training School, National Support School and Business and Enterprise Specialism
Admission Authority	5 Dimensions Board of Trustees
Age range	11-19
Testing for aptitude	Not applicable
Additionally resourced special needs bases	Not applicable
Telephone	01908 677954
Website	www.waltonhigh.org.uk
Email	admissions@wh5d.com
Places available for September 2027	240
Number of preferences received for admission in September 2026	760
Number of places offered on offer date (2 March 2026)	All applicants allocated a place plus additional children not allocated a preferred school.
Partnership Schools	Note: Children attending these schools are not given priority for admission: Wavendon Gate School Bow Brickhill CoE Primary School St Mary's Wavendon CoE Primary School Brooklands Farm Primary School

Walton High

WALTON HIGH – Walnut Tree MK7 7WH – Thursday 24 September 5.00pm- 7.30pm

Families are warmly invited to visit the school from 5.00pm. Throughout the evening, there will be opportunities to explore the school through either guided tours led by our students or self-guided visits to key areas of the school. Presentations from the Principal and members of the Senior Leadership Team will take place in the school's Venue Theatre at 5.15pm and 6.15pm, providing families with the opportunity to learn more about Walton High's vision, values and educational offer.

Our tours are designed to give prospective students and their families a real sense of what it means to be part of the Walton High community. As you explore the school, you will see how our values of *'A Place to Belong, A Place to Learn and A Place to Achieve'* are brought to life every day through our inspiring learning environment, extensive enrichment opportunities and the strong relationships that exist between students and staff.

We look forward to welcoming you and helping you discover all that Walton High has to offer.



Summary of oversubscription criteria

Children who have a statement of Special Educational Need or Education, Health and Care Plan that names Walton High will be allocated a place in accordance with national regulations.

If the number of applications exceeds the number of places available, priority will be given to children in the following order:

1. Children who are looked after (LAC) and all previously looked after children (PLAC) but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (IAPLAC).
2. Children living outside the defined area who will have a sibling still in attendance at Walton High at the time of admission.
3. Children who live in Walton High's defined area.
4. Children of staff
 - a. who are currently employed by Walton High for at least two years at the time an application for admission to the school is made, and/or
 - b. are recruited to fill a vacant post at Walton High.
5. Children living outside the defined area who will have a sibling still in attendance at Walton High at the time of admission.
6. Children living outside the defined area.

Please refer to the school's website for a complete copy of the school's oversubscription criteria for Year 7 in September 2027 at www.waltonhigh.org.uk

REMEMBER THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 31 October 2026

Watling Academy

Barrosa Way, Whitehouse, Milton Keynes, MK8 1EP

The defined catchment area is: Whitehouse, Whitehouse Park, Fairfields, Upper Weald, Middle Weald, Lower Weald and Calverton

Key facts

Type of School	Academy
DFE number	8264007
Specialism	Not applicable
Admission Authority	The Alliance Schools Trust, Board of Trustees
Age range	11-18
Additionally resourced special needs bases	Not applicable
Telephone	01908 794094
Website	https://watlingacademy.net
Email	For queries on admissions contact: admissions@watling.academy For all other queries contact: admin@watling.academy
Places available for September 2027	360
Number of preferences received for admission in September 2026	1016
Number of places offered on offer date (2 March 2026)	360 - All applicants allocated up to criterion 5 (Pupils who attend another Primary school within the The Alliance Schools Trust) and some allocated under criterion 6 (Other pupils) to a distance of 1.732 miles
Local primary schools	Fairfields Primary School Whitehouse Primary School Watling Primary School
Post 16 provision	Contact Academy direct

Watling Academy is part of The Alliance School Trust alongside Denbigh School and Watling Primary School. Watling Academy is a community based upon **Respect, Responsibility and Kindness**.

Our broad curriculum includes Maths, Science, English, Humanities, Languages, Creative and Performing Arts, PE, Technology and Computing and is underpinned by an ethos enabling our students to learn about the importance of STEM, the history and development of Milton Keynes and the global challenges posed to our environment.

Open Evening - October 2026 - Please see schools website for further details

Our Open Evening will run between 5:30pm and 8:00pm. Headteacher Mrs Anderson, will give presentations outlining our Academy ethos and commitment to the success of each of our students. Attendance at the presentations will be ticketed and further information will be made available through our website closer to the evening.

Note: Exact details regarding times of presentations are subject to change and parents/carers are advised to check the school's website for confirmation in mid-September (<https://watlingacademy.net>)

Summary of oversubscription criteria

Where there are more than 360 applications there is oversubscription and the following criteria will apply: Children who have an Education, Health and Care Plan that names Watling Academy will be allocated a place in accordance with statutory regulations.

1. Children who are looked after (LAC) and all previously looked after children (PLAC) but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (IAPLAC).
2.
 - a. Children of staff who have been employed at the Academy for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the Academy is made, and/or
 - b. Children of staff who are recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. It is at the absolute discretion of the Headteacher to determine when there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
3. The remaining places (up to the limit of 360) will be allocated in the following priority order:
 - a. Pupils who live in the defined area and attend a partner school with a sibling in attendance in years 7-12 at the Academy at the time of application.
 - b. Pupils who live in the defined area and attend a partner school;
 - c. Pupils who live within the defined area of the Academy with a sibling in attendance in years 7-12 at the Academy at the time of application.
 - d. Pupils who live in the defined area
 - e. Pupils who attend a partner school with a sibling in attendance in years 7-12 at the Academy at the time of application.
 - f. Pupils who attend a partner school
4. Pupils who do not satisfy any of the criteria above in 1-3 but who have a sibling in years 7-12 at the Academy at the time of application.
5. Pupils who attend another Primary School within The Alliance Schools Trust.
6. Other pupils whose parents have made Watling Academy a preferred choice of secondary school.

Watling Academy

Any application for a place at the Academy received after the published date for return will only be considered after all prior applications have been processed in line with the above. A waiting list will be held throughout Year 7 for one year - 2027/2028 academic year. This waiting list will be ranked in order of the oversubscription criteria.

In circumstances where the Academy's admission number has been exceeded and the pupil applications meet the above criteria equally, priority will be given to those young people who live closest to the academy measured in a straight line from the Academy's main entrance to the front door of the child's permanent place of residence.

In the case of multi occupancy residence e.g. a block of flats, this would be measured to the main entrance to the building from the street. This will be done using appropriate computer software which can provide suitably accurate measurements. Where the software produces the same distance measurement, stairways, corridors and walkways will be measured to the front door of the specific flat or apartment in which the child is permanently resident.

Please refer to the Academy website for a complete copy of Watling Academy's oversubscription criteria for Year 7 in September 2027



REMEMBER THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 31 October 2026

Section E

Neighbouring authorities

Bedfordshire

School Admissions Service
Bedford Borough Council
Borough Hall
Cauldwell Street
Bedford
MK42 9AP

Telephone: 01234 718120
Website: www.bedford.gov.uk
Email: admissions@bedford.gov.uk

School Admissions Service
Central Bedfordshire Council
Watling House
High Street North
Dunstable
LU6 1LF

Telephone: 0300 300 8037
Website: www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk
Email: admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Buckinghamshire

The Admissions and Transport Team
Achievement and Learning
Buckinghamshire County Council
County Hall
Walton Street
Aylesbury
Bucks
HP20 1UA

Website: www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Northamptonshire

North Northamptonshire Council School Admissions
c/o One Angel Square
Angel Street
Northampton
NN1 1ED
Tel: 0300 126 3000
Web: www.northnorthants.gov.uk
Email: admissions.ncc@northnorthants.gov.uk

West Northamptonshire Council School Admissions
One Angel Square
Angel Street
Northampton, NN1 1ED

Tel: 0300 126 7000
Web: www.westnorthants.gov.uk
Email: admissions@westnorthants.gov.uk

Section F

Glossary of terms and school categories

Some of the words or terms often used in admissions are explained below.

Admissions authority	The body responsible for setting and applying the admission arrangements for a school. This is either the Local Authority (for community and voluntary controlled schools) or the governing body/academy trust (for foundation and voluntary aided schools and academies)
Admissions criteria	Each admissions authority sets criteria, which are a list of rules enabling the applications to be put into priority order if the school is oversubscribed.
Allocation	The place given to your child at one of your ranked schools or, if that is not possible, an alternative school. The council will write to you confirming the place. Following this, the school will provide you with further information about admission including details of induction days so your child gets to know his or her new school.
Appeals	An independent process that will consider your appeal case when a preferred school place has not been allocated.
Choice or preference	A parental preference for a particular school. There is no right to choose a school. However, parents can state four ranked preferences for schools when submitting an application. If there are enough places at the highest ranked school all applicants will be allocated a place. If a school is oversubscribed your request may be refused and, if possible, a place offered at one of your lower ranked schools.
Co-ordinated admission scheme	All local authorities are required by law to co-ordinate admissions for all schools in their area for the main admissions rounds.
Feeder/Partner school	A primary or junior school identified in a school's admissions arrangements as a feeder / partner school. Some schools give a higher priority for admission if a child attends one of their named feeder / partner schools. Parents should check each individual school's admission arrangements.
Governing body	All schools and academies have a governing body, which often includes parents. Their key roles are setting strategic direction, ensuring accountability, monitoring and evaluation.
Home Local Authority	A child's home local authority is the authority in which they live, i.e. the authority to which council tax is paid.
In-area and out-area	A defined geographical area used to decide which applications are given priority to attend a particular school. This is known as a 'catchment area'.

Independent Admission Appeals Panel	A panel of at least 3 people who will decide whether or not to allow an appeal. The panel must be entirely independent of the admissions authority.
In year admissions	The term used when a parent requests a change of school for their child, at any time other than during the main admissions rounds.
Joint custody arrangements	Where the childcare arrangements are shared jointly between both parents.
Late applications	Applications made after the closing dates in the main admissions rounds.
Looked after children	Children who are in the care of the Local Authority as defined by Section 22 of the Children Act 1989.
Previously looked after children	Children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order.
Multiple births	Twins, triplets or other multiple birth group
Nearest appropriate school	The nearest school to your home with a place that will meet your child's educational need, this could be your catchment school.
Normal home address	The address where you live with your child or the address where your child lives with someone who has legal care and control of your child. Proof of such an arrangement will be required
National offer day	The date on which local authorities post letters to parents offering school places. For the 2027 main admissions round, national offer day for secondary places is 1 March 2027.
Oversubscription	A school is oversubscribed when the total number of applications received is higher than the number of available places in the year group requested.
Parent	The definition of 'parent' in the Education Act 1996 includes: • Both natural parents provided they are married to each other at the time of birth or subsequently; • Any person who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person; and • Any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of the child or young person. The term 'parent' refers to anyone, including carers, who have parental responsibility for a child as set out in the Children Act 1989. For more information visit the government legislation website at www.legislation.gov.uk
Published admission number	The number of places each school has available to offer. Schools and academies must admit up to this limit each year if there are sufficient applications.

Sibling	A brother or sister of whole or half blood or any other child (including an adopted child) who permanently resides at the same address and for whom the parent also has parental responsibility. To be included as a sibling within the admissions rules the other child (sibling) should still be expected to be in attendance when the applicant child joins the school.
Shortest available route	The shortest available route between a preferred school and your normal home address. This will be measured using a computerised Geographical Information System (GIS). Measurements are either assessed by measuring distance in a straight line or by the nearest/ shortest available route, depending on the school's admission arrangements.
Supplementary form	A form that some admission authorities use to ask parents for extra information to support their application for a school place, for example a church school may ask for confirmation of regular attendance at church or a copy of a baptismal certificate.
Waiting list	A list of children held and maintained by the admission authority for a school, when the school or a particular year group in the school is full. Please see the waiting list section for detailed information.

School Categories

Academy	A school where the board of academy directors set the admissions policy and is responsible for decisions about school admissions.
Community school	A school that is maintained by the Local Authority, which employs the staff, and sets the admissions policy and oversubscription criteria.
Foundation school	A school run by its own governing body, which employs the staff and sets the admissions policy and oversubscription criteria.
Voluntary aided school	These schools are mainly religious or faith schools. They are run by their own governing body, which employs staff and sets the admissions policy and oversubscription criteria.
Voluntary controlled school	These schools are mainly religious or faith schools. The local authority is responsible for running the school and sets the admissions policy and oversubscription criteria.

Contact details - Access to Education Team

Telephone: 01908 253338

Email: secondaryadmissions@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Website: www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Milton Keynes City Council
Children's Services
Civic
1 Saxon Gate East
Milton Keynes
MK9 3EJ

M19347 - August 2026

