



8<sup>th</sup> December 2025

## CONSULTATION FOR PROPOSED ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2027/2028

Milton Keynes Academy recently consulted on an amendment to our admissions policy to adopt the following change to be in effect from September 2027:

- Extending the catchment area to include the area of Winterhill

The reasons for proposing this change are as follows:

- There are some areas of Milton Keynes that have historically been commercial/industrial and as such have never had specific school catchments attached. However, Milton Keynes City Council are beginning to see prospective planning applications from developers to change some of these areas to residential developments.
- The council has recently received a residential planning application for the area of Winterhill. This area is not currently included within the catchment area of any schools and, in advance of any development, we have been asked to consider including this area within the catchment area for Milton Keynes Academy for entry to Year 7 to Year 11.
- This will ensure that families moving into any new development will have access to primary and secondary education in their local community and will not be disadvantaged when applying for a school place. The closest schools to Winterhill are Oldbrook First School, Jubilee Wood Primary School and Milton Keynes Academy.

### Consultation Approach

As prescribed by the School Admissions Code, we undertook a statutory consultation process with the parents and other stakeholders for Milton Keynes Academy including:

- parents of children between the ages of five and eighteen;
- other persons in the relevant area who in the opinion of the admission authority have an interest in the proposed admissions;
- all other admission authorities within the relevant area;
- whichever of the governing body and the local authority who are not the admission authority; and



- any adjoining neighbouring local authorities where the admission authority is the local authority.

The consultation took place for 6 term-time weeks between Monday 20th October 2025 and Friday 5th December 2025. The consultation letter, link to the online survey form and proposed admissions policy were issued to all stakeholders, e.g. parents, students, staff, governors, primary and secondary schools within catchment, Milton Keynes Council representatives and the local MP.

Stakeholders were invited to take part in the consultation in the following ways:

Online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MKA2027>

By email to: [consultation@creativeeducationtrust.org.uk](mailto:consultation@creativeeducationtrust.org.uk)

By post to: Mr Gordon Farquhar, Principal, Milton Keynes Academy, Fulwoods Drive, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, MK6 5LA

### **Consultation Feedback**

The feedback received was as follows:

- Online responses
  - Two responses were submitted, both of which were from parents/carers and both were in favour of the proposed change.
  - One parent submitted the following comment:
    - *The areas around CMK are unfairly disadvantaged with only Stantonbury as catchment school. And many parents (regardless of what the actual situation is) prefer to send their kids to other schools and MKA is a great option and I fully support this proposal.*
- A letter of support was received from Milton Keynes City Council – see Appendix A
- No other responses were received by any other means.

### **Next steps**

The outcomes of this consultation will be presented to Creative Education Trust Board of Trustees on 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026, whereby they will be asked to review the consultation responses and approve the proposal to extend the catchment area to include the area of Winterhill.

The Local Authority will then be formally informed of the outcomes. This Consultation Report and the finalised Admissions Policy will be published on the Academy's website and shared with staff, parents and other stakeholders by 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026.



## Appendix A



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11 November 2025

Dear Gordon,

**Proposed admission arrangements September 2027 for Milton Keynes Academy**

Thank you for sending the council a copy of the proposed admission arrangements 2027 for Milton Keynes Academy.

I have reviewed the arrangements and can confirm that the council fully supports the proposal to extend the catchment area of the school to include Winterhill. As you are aware, the council has recently received a residential planning application for a proposed development at Winterhill. This area does not currently fall within the catchment area of any school, and to include it within your school's catchment area will ensure that families have access to secondary education in the local community and will not be disadvantaged when applying for a school place.

I look forward to receiving a copy of the determined arrangements for 2027.

Yours sincerely,

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