Admission arrangements for entry to The Milton Keynes Academy for Year 7 entry in September 2028

Introduction

1. Parents should note that for Milton Keynes' Secondary Schools there is no automatic right to a place at the local school. **It is essential that application forms are completed and returned by the deadline date.** If you make an application for a school which is not your local school and subsequently are not allocated a place, there is no guarantee that secondary education will be available for your child at the local school.

2. This document sets out the admission arrangements for entry into Year 7 at The Milton Keynes Academy September 2028.

Admissions Arrangements for pupils aged 11+

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a) The planned admission number each September is 180.

b) The Milton Keynes Academy's defined catchment area for admissions is: 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 and Winterhill.

c) Our local primary schools (Partner Schools) are: Falconhurst, Langland Community, Jubilee Wood, New Chapter, Orchard Academy and Charles Warren Academy.

d) The Milton Keynes Academy catchment area map:



e) For general information on admissions within the Milton Keynes Local Authority area, this document should be read in conjunction with the Milton Keynes Information for Parents' Booklet which will be available on the Council's website and at infant, junior and primary schools in Milton Keynes for distribution during September 2027 to the parents of children transferring to secondary school in September 2028.

Applications must be made online using the Milton Keynes Local Authority common application form (CAF). Parents will be able to express preferences for schools in Milton Keynes as well as any preferred schools outside the Council boundaries in other local authorities (LAs). **No forms will be accepted at the Academy.**

f) The deadline for admissions will be that published in The Milton Keynes Local Authority Information for Parents' Booklets. **Any application for a place at the Academy received after the published date for return (but before 01/09/2028) will only be considered after all prior applications have been looked at in line with the above. All applications for Year 7 in 2028 received after 01/09/2028 will be processed under the Academy's In-Year Admissions Policy.**

g) Prospective applicants should also note it is not the Academy's policy to allocate a place for a child to a year above or below that of a child's chronological age, subject to consideration of the facts of each case which should be set out clearly on the application form.

Consideration of applications

4. The Milton Keynes Academy will consider all applications for places. Where fewer than 180 September 2028 applications are received, The Milton Keynes Academy will offer places to all those who have applied.

Procedures where The Milton Keynes Academy is oversubscribed

5. Children who have an Educational Healthcare 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 and Winterhill. 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.

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 tie breaker, 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.

Arrangements for appeals panels

6. Parents will have the right of appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel if they are dissatisfied with an admission decision of the Milton Keynes Academy, details of which can be obtained from the Academy.

Waiting List

In accordance with the School Admission Code 2021, The Milton Keynes Academy will hold a waiting list, in line with the over subscription criteria above, for Year 7 September 2028 until the end of the Autumn term 2029 when it will close. The waiting list will be ranked again after each child is added, in line with the above oversubscription criteria.

During that period, children whom the Local Authority direct the Academy to admit and who are allocated a place at the Academy in accordance with the Fair Access Protocol will take precedence over those already on the waiting list.

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