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THE MILTON KEYNES ACADEMY
Creative Education Trust

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CONSULTATION FOR PROPOSED ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2028/2029

The Admissions Code of Practice 2021 requires an Admissions Authority to consult each time it proposes to make significant changes to its admissions arrangements.

The Creative Education Trust (CET) is the Admissions Authority for the family of Academies within CET and, as such, administers the admission arrangements on behalf of the Academy Council of Milton Keynes Academy. We are proposing to change our admissions policy to adopt the following changes to be in effect from September 2028:

- Reducing the Published Admissions Number (PAN) from 210 to 180

The reasons for proposing the reduction of the PAN are as follows:

- Milton Keynes Academy has experienced a decline in the number of pupils joining the school, reflecting falling birth rates and changes in local demographics. In recent years the city was in danger of having a shortage of spaces, and so an extra 540 spaces have been added through the opening of two new secondary schools, increasing competition for a reducing number of pupils in the local area.

- Data from the Department for Education, as shown in Appendix A, lists the estimates of future school place demand for Secondary places in Milton Keynes between 2025/26 and 2031/32 and shows that there will be over 1,000 spare places each year.

- Data issued to the Academy in September 2026 from the Milton Keynes Children's Services Planning and Transformation Team also shows a continued fall in demand for school places up to and including 2032.

- Reducing the PAN from 210 to 180 is a necessary and considered response to these changes. It will allow us to bring our admission numbers more closely in line with local demand, make better use of our accommodation and resources, and ensure that we remain financially sustainable while continuing to provide the quality of education and opportunities that our pupils deserve.

Accordingly, the Board of Directors of CET is undertaking this 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;

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- 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.

CET wishes to invite interested parties to take part in this consultation on the amendment of the Admission Policy for Milton Keynes Academy – please see https://www.miltonkeynesacademy.org.uk for the proposed revised Admissions Policy.

The consultation will take place for 6 term-time weeks between Monday 23rd November 2026 to Friday 15th January 2027. Your views on any aspect of the admission arrangements will be sent to our Academy Council and the Board of Directors for consideration.

All responses received by the end of the consultation period will be carefully considered and will decide the admission arrangements for the school year 2028/2029. Once the arrangements have been determined by 28th February 2027, they will be published on the Academy's website by 15th March 2027.

We therefore invite you to take part in this consultation on the amendment to our admission policy. Your opinions are important, and we are keen to receive your comments on the arrangements before they are formally approved.

Comments may be submitted in the following ways:

- Online at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MKA28
- By email to: consultation@creativeeducationtrust.org.uk
- By post to: Mr Chris Keen, Interim Principal, Milton Keynes Academy, Fulwoods Drive, Milton Keynes Buckinghamshire MK6 5LA

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix A

Step 6 **Explore data**

This is the latest data

'Estimates of future school place demand - national, regional, local authority, planning area' for Secondary total in Milton Keynes between 2025/26 and 2031/32

Move and reorder table headers

	Secondary						
	Secondary total						
	2031/32	2030/31	2029/30	2028/29	2027/28	2026/27	2025/26
Estimated number of places needed: Additional need as positives and spare places as negatives	-1,587	-1,386	-1,349	-1,401	-1,517	-1,612	-1,698
Estimated number of places needed: Additional need only	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Data symbols

Footnotes

1. Estimates are based on capacity as at 1 May 2025, forecasts and planned changes to school capacity as reported during summer 2025, supplemented with DFE internal data on centrally funded programmes due to add or remove school places. Estimates are calculated at planning area and year group and then aggregated.
2. Estimates are provided from 2025/26 to 2029/30 for primary (Reception to Year 6) and from 2025/26 to 2031/32 for secondary (Year 7 to Year 11).

Source: Step 6: Explore data - Create your own tables on school capacity