



### **Mid –Year Casual Admission arrangements for Heronsgate School**

**Heronsgate School** aims to **enhance** and **enrich** the lives of children and young people by **enabling** them to make the most of outstanding learning opportunities within and beyond the curriculum; instilling an appreciation that there are **no limits** to what they can achieve and developing the attributes needed to successfully shape and respond to the future.

A clear secular moral framework will promote honesty, integrity, tolerance and respect as well as an appreciation of individual and collective responsibility.

In this way we will bring out **the very best** in our children and young people.

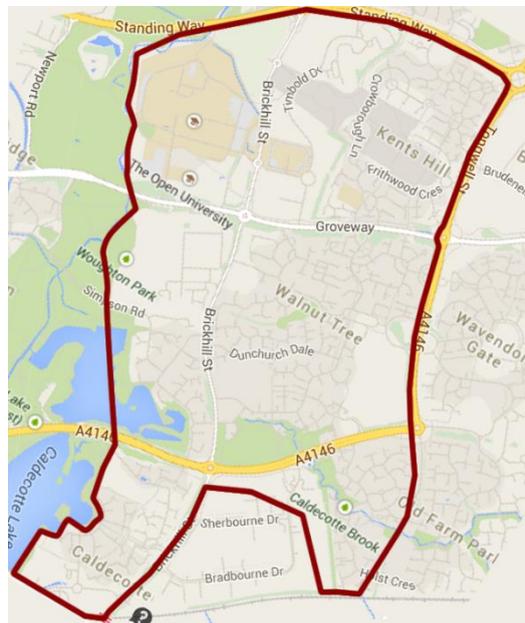
Parents should note that for Milton Keynes' Schools there is no automatic right to a place at the local school.

For general information on admissions within the Milton Keynes Local Authority area, this document should be read in conjunction with the Milton Keynes Council publication "Admission to Primary Schools in Milton Keynes: Information for Parents".

#### **ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR PUPILS AGED 7+ to 11**

##### **Defined area**

Heronsgate's defined area for admissions covers Browns Wood, Caldecotte, Kents Hill, Walnut Tree, Walton Park, Walton Grange and Walton.



## **Admissions Criteria**

Children who have a statement of Special Educational Needs that names Heronsgate School will be allocated a place in accordance with national regulations.

In the event that there are more applications received than there are places available, the following criteria will be used to allocate places:

- 1) \*'Looked After' children or children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order.
- 2) Children living within the defined area who will have a sibling still in attendance at Heronsgate School at the time of admission.
- 3) Children of staff employed by the Milton Keynes Education Trust at the School where one or both of the following conditions is met:
  - a) where the 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; or
  - b) where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage
- 4) Children in attendance at Milton Keynes Education Trust infant school (Kents Hill) and living in the defined area of Kents Hill school.
- 5) Children who live in Heronsgate School's defined area.
- 6) Children living outside the defined area in attendance at Milton Keynes Education Trust infant school (Kents Hill)
- 7) Children living outside the defined area with a sibling still in attendance at the time of the proposed admission.
- 8) 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 of Heronsgate School. This is measured in a straight line from the front door of the child's home to the school's main entrance gate using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving higher priority. In the event that it is necessary to establish priority as between students at the same or multiple addresses at the same distance from the school random allocation will be used. The random allocation process will be independently supervised.

\* A Looked After Child is a child who is in the care of a local authority or who is being provided with accommodation by a local authority in exercise of its social services functions at the time of making an application to the school. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order).

## **Admission of children outside their normal age group**

If a parent wishes to make an application for admission of their child outside their normal age group, they must include reasons and any supporting evidence with their application. The Academy Trust will usually only agree such applications in exceptional circumstances but will decide each application taking into account its particular circumstances. There is no right of appeal when a place is offered by the School but not in the applicant's preferred age group.

## **Definitions**

### ***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 still expect 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.

### ***Appeals***

If it is not possible to offer a place parents have the right to appeal against any decision not to offer a place. This information will be provided on request.

**Contact:** The Headteacher at: [admin@heronsgate.milton-keynes.sch.uk](mailto:admin@heronsgate.milton-keynes.sch.uk) or via post at the school address: Heronsgate School, Lichfield Down, Walnut Tree, Milton Keynes. MK7 7BW