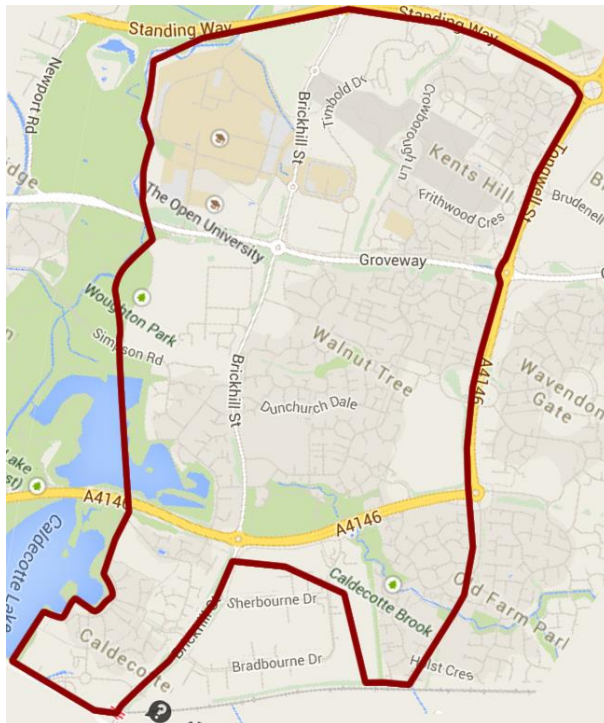


## **Heronsgate School Admission Policy for Entry in September 2021**

The published admission number for September 2021 is 90 pupils in the ordinary year of entry (Year 3). Children are admitted to Year 3 at Heronsgate in the school year in which their eighth birthday falls.

### **Defined area**

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



### **Proposed Admissions Criteria for Entry in September 2021**

Children who have a statement of Special Educational Needs or Education, Health and Care Plan that names Heronsgate School will be allocated a place first 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<sup>1</sup> 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 where:
  - a) 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) 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.

#### Definition of "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.

#### Tiebreaker

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

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<sup>1</sup> 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).

measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving higher priority. In the event that it is not possible to establish the order of priority between two or more addresses at the same distance, then random allocation will be used. The random allocation process will be independently supervised.

### Late Applications

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.

### 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 School 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.

### Waiting List

Under the co-ordinated scheme the Local Authority will maintain a waiting list of all Year 3 applicants who have been refused a place until the end of December 2021. Children on the waiting list will be ranked according to our oversubscription criteria as described above.