

## **Central Bedfordshire Council**

Central Bedfordshire Council is consulting on proposed changes to the admission arrangements for 2021/22 for its Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools.

The consultation is now open and will close at 5pm on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Information about the consultation including all the proposed arrangements for 2021/22, and an online response form, is available on our website at: [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/consultations)

For your convenience please find attached the consultation summary information and proposed admission arrangements for 2021/22.



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**your**  
say...

...on admission arrangements for the  
academic year 2021/22

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## 1. Introduction

All Local Authorities with responsibility for school admissions must adhere to the School Admissions Code which is the legislation and guidance issued by the Department for Education under Section 84 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. The code states that admission authorities ‘...must ensure that the practices and the criteria used to decide the allocation of school places are fair, clear and objective. Parents should be able to look at a set of arrangements and understand easily how places for that school will be allocated’.

Where changes are proposed to admission arrangements, the law states that the body responsible for admissions must publicly consult on the changes.

## 2. Background

Central Bedfordshire Council, as the Local Authority, has a statutory duty to ensure that admissions are co-ordinated within Central Bedfordshire for all children being admitted into the normal year of entry and to ensure that only one offer of a school place is made.

There are currently 133 schools within Central Bedfordshire, made up of 98 Primary/Lower schools, 1 Lower/Middle Combined school, 15 Middle schools, 2 Extended secondary schools, 11 Secondary/Upper schools, 1 Alternative Provision Free School, 4 Special Schools and 2 Nursery schools.

Of the mainstream schools (Lower/Primary, Middle, Secondary and Upper), many different types of schools exist. The types of school are:

- Academy
- Community
- Foundation
- Trust
- Voluntary Aided
- Voluntary Controlled

The Council is the admissions authority for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools.

Academies, Foundation, Trust and Voluntary Aided schools are responsible for admissions to their school, which includes setting the published admissions number and admissions criteria for the school.

In Central Bedfordshire, there are currently 52 Community and Voluntary Controlled schools, consisting of 42 Lower, 7 Primary, and 3 Middle schools.

The other 73 schools within Central Bedfordshire are either Academies or own admission authority schools (Foundation, Trust and Voluntary Aided).

The Council must therefore undertake consultation on its own admission arrangements where changes are proposed and also on the co-ordinated scheme for admission.

### 3. Current standard policy admission arrangements

The Council has a standard admissions policy which is used by the majority of the Community and Voluntary Controlled schools within Central Bedfordshire (a list of these is on page 6 of this document).

The current oversubscription criteria for Community and Voluntary Controlled (VC) schools in Central Bedfordshire (except Leighton Buzzard) is as follows **(in order of priority)**:

- All 'looked after' children or children who were previously 'looked after'
- Children who appear to the Council to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted
- Children living in the catchment area with siblings at the school
- Children living in the catchment area
- Children living outside the catchment area
- Children living outside the catchment area with siblings at the school
- Any other children

More information can be found on the Council's website at:

[www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions)

### 4. Proposed changes to admission arrangements

It is proposed that the admissions arrangements for the academic year 2021/22 remain the same as last year but with the following five changes:

#### **Include children of staff priority to oversubscription criteria for Roecroft Lower**

The Governing Body of this school has requested this because they have had difficulty recruiting and retaining staff, and therefore wish to include the priority as an incentive to attract high quality staff. Many other schools already have this as a priority criterion.

The School Admissions Code, the statutory code which underpins the admission process, permits admission authorities to give priority to children of staff within a school's oversubscription criteria in either or both of the following circumstances:

- where the member of staff has been employed at the school for at least two years when the application is made
- and/or where they have been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

The proposed oversubscription criteria for Roecroft Lower School **(in order of priority)** is:

- All 'looked after' children and children who were previously 'looked after'
- Children who appear to the Local Authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted
- Children of staff \*
- Children living in the catchment with siblings at the school
- Children living in the catchment area
- Children living outside the catchment area with siblings at the school
- Any other children

\*A clear definition would be required to set out how a parent/carer would be eligible for this criterion. The proposed definition would be;

Permanent full or part-time staff who have either been employed at the school for two or more years at the time of application or recruited to fill a vacant post where there was a demonstrable skill shortage. The relationship to the child is defined as by blood or adoption or with legal parental responsibility and living with the child in the same house Monday - Friday.

### **Amend the priority for children of staff at Fairfield Park Lower School**

The Governing Body has requested that the current priority of the children of staff be moved higher up the oversubscription criteria, from 6<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

This change is in response to the recruitment issues facing many schools. By placing the criterion 3<sup>rd</sup> it would help the school attract and recruit high quality staff.

### **Amend the oversubscription criterion for Marston Moreteyne VC (formerly known as Church End Lower) School to bring this in line with the standard admission policy for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools in Central Bedfordshire**

In September 2019, Church End Lower School converted from a foundation school to a Voluntary Controlled school, at which time the school was renamed Marston Moreteyne VC School. As the school converted to a Voluntary Controlled school the admission authority changed from the Governing Body to the Local Authority.

The School Admissions Code states “Where the admission arrangements have not changed from the previous year there is no requirement to consult, subject to the requirement that admission authorities must consult on their admission arrangements at least once every 7 years, even if there have been no changes during that period”.

The admission arrangements for the school were last consulted on in autumn 2012, for the 2014/15 admission arrangements and therefore a consultation on the school’s admission arrangements needs to take place this year to ensure compliance with the School Admissions Code.

The proposed oversubscription criteria for Marston Moreteyne VC School are:

- 1) All ‘looked after’ children and children who were previously ‘looked after’
- 2) Children who appear to the Local Authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted
- 3) Children living in the catchment area with siblings at the school
- 4) Children living in the catchment area
- 5) Children living outside the catchment area with siblings at the school
- 6) Any other children

It is also proposed that the criterion ‘very exceptional’ medical grounds is removed from the school’s oversubscription criteria to bring it in line with the admission policy for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools in Central Bedfordshire.

## **Amend the pre-existing children of staff priority at Leighton Middle School from sixth to third place**

The Governing Body has requested that the current priority of the children of staff be moved higher up the oversubscription criteria, from 6<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

This change is in response to the recruitment issues facing many schools. By placing the criterion 3<sup>rd</sup> it would help the school attract and recruit high quality staff.

|    | <b>2020/21 determined criteria</b>                         | <b>Proposed criteria for 2021/22</b>                       |
|----|--|--|
| 1. | Looked after children and previously looked after children | Looked after children and previously looked after children |
| 2. | Children that have been in state care outside England      | Children that have been in state care outside England      |
| 3. | Catchment sibling  | Children of staff  |
| 4. | Catchment  | Catchment Sibling  |
| 5. | Sibling (non-catchment)                                    | Catchment  |
| 6. | Children of staff  | Sibling (non-catchment)                                    |
| 7. | Any other children   | Any other children   |

## **Amend the standard admissions policy for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools for academic year 2021/22 to include in the oversubscription criteria children of staff as priority three, unless stated otherwise in individual school criteria**

Many schools across Central Bedfordshire have difficulty recruiting and retaining staff. The School Admissions Code states that 'Admission authorities may give priority in their oversubscription criteria to children of staff in either or both of the following circumstances':

- 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, and/ or
- b. The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

By adding this to the Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools oversubscription criteria, it will provide equality of opportunity for all teachers across Central Bedfordshire. It is proposed that the children of staff criterion be the number three priority, which would be in line with other schools with this criterion.

The proposed oversubscription criteria for the majority of Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools in Central Bedfordshire for 2021/22 (i.e. those that do not have variations to the standard admissions policy) is as follows:

- 1) All 'looked after' children or children who were previously 'looked after'
- 2) Children who appear to the Council to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted
- 3) Children of staff
- 4) Children living in the catchment area with siblings at the school
- 5) Children living in the catchment area
- 6) Children living outside the catchment area with siblings at the school
- 7) Any other children

## 5. Have your say

Central Bedfordshire Council are seeking the views of all interested parties on the proposed changes to the admission arrangements.

Send us your views by completing our online response form which is available on the Council's website at [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/consultations) or by completing a paper copy of the form and return it to the FREEPOST address provided at the end of the form.

Responses should be submitted by January 30, 2020.

For more information about this proposal please contact the Admissions team by telephone on 0300 300 8037 or email [admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)

### CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE

#### Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools with the standard admissions policy

| Lower Schools           | Published Admission Number |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Aspley Guise Lower      | 27                         |
| Campton Lower           | 22                         |
| Chalton Lower           | 15                         |
| Flitwick Lower          | 60                         |
| Haynes Lower            | 24                         |
| Houghton Conquest Lower | 20                         |
| Husborne Crawley Lower  | 12                         |
| Kingsmoor Lower         | 45                         |
| Marston Moreteyne       | 120                        |
| Maulden Lower           | 30                         |
| Ramsey Manor Lower      | 58                         |
| Ridgmont Lower          | 15                         |
| Roecroft Lower          | 90                         |
| Russell Lower           | 90                         |
| Shillington Lower       | 30                         |
| Silsoe VC Lower         | 60                         |
| Southill Lower          | 15                         |
| Stondon Lower           | 30                         |
| Studham VC Lower        | 15                         |
| Swallowfield Lower      | 60                         |
| Templefield Lower       | 60                         |
| Watling Lower           | 30                         |
| Woburn Lower            | 12                         |

| Primary Schools        | Published Admission Number |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Caddington Village     | 60                         |
| Hawthorn Park Primary  | 60                         |
| Houghton Regis Primary | 45                         |

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|--|----|
| Slip End Village                           | 24 |
| St. Swithun's Church of England VC Primary | 30 |
| Thornhill Primary                          | 30 |
| Tithe Farm Primary                         | 60 |

| Middle Schools | Published Admission Number |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| Potton Middle  | 90                         |

**Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools with variations to the standard admissions policy:**

| School name                  | Published Admission Number |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Beaudesert Lower             | 55                         |
| Clipstone Brook Lower        | 75                         |
| Doverly Down Lower           | 30                         |
| Dunstable Icknield Lower     | 60                         |
| Dunton VC Lower              | 15                         |
| Fairfield Park Lower         | 90                         |
| Greenleas (Derwent Road)     | 60                         |
| Greenleas (Kestrel Way)      | 60                         |
| Heathwood Lower              | 30                         |
| Hockliffe Lower              | 15                         |
| Leedon Lower                 | 90                         |
| Linslade Lower               | 30                         |
| Shefford Lower               | 90                         |
| Southcott Lower              | 60                         |
| Stanbridge Lower             | 24                         |
| St. Andrew's VC Lower (East) | 90                         |
| St. Andrew's VC Lower (West) | 90                         |
| The Mary Bassett Lower       | 60                         |
| Thomas Johnson Lower         | 18                         |
| Wrestlingworth VC Lower      | 13                         |
| Edward Peake VC (Middle)     | 150                        |
| Leighton Middle (Middle)     | 150                        |

More information regarding the admission arrangements can be found on the Council's website: [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions)

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## **PROPOSED Community and Voluntary Controlled schools Admission Arrangements for Academic Year 2021/22**

If there are fewer applications than places available at a school all applicants will be admitted. If there are more applications than places available, the criteria outlined in this document will be used to prioritise applications. The admissions criteria will be applied separately and sequentially until all places are filled. Priority is not given within each criterion to children who meet other criteria.

### **Tiebreaker**

Straight line distance will be used as a tiebreaker in each criterion where required to determine the allocation of places. The distance the pupil lives from the school which is measured in a straight line, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority. The Local Authority will measure the distance from the address point of the pupil's home to a point on the school site agreed with the governing body of the school, which is known as the designated measuring point. In the event of (a) two or more children living at the same address point (e.g. children resident in a block of flats) or (b) two addresses measuring the same distance from the school, the ultimate tie-breaker will be random selection, using the Synergy Admissions database to allocate the place.

### **Pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan**

In accordance with the Education Act 1996, children with an Education, Health and Care Plan are required to be admitted to the academy/school named in the Plan and will be allocated a place ahead of those without an Education, Health and Care Plan in the allocation process. Thereafter the admissions criteria for each academy/school will apply to those children without an Education, Health and Care Plan. After allocations have been made, if an application is made late or is received as part of the in-year process, pupils who have an Education, Health and Care Plan are required to be admitted to the school which is named on the Plan, even if the school is full.

### **Fair Access Protocol**

All Local Authorities must have a Fair Access Protocol which operates outside of the arrangements of co-ordinated admissions (i.e. those children being admitted to the point of entry at an academy/school) to ensure unplaced children, especially the most vulnerable are offered a suitable school place. Pupils identified for admission through the Fair Access Protocol will be admitted even if the school is full.

### **Unsuccessful applications**

#### **Waiting List**

All unsuccessful applicants will be added to the waiting list which will run until the end of the academic year (July 2022). Waiting lists are ranked solely by the published oversubscription criteria for the school. The list will be ranked each time a child is added to the waiting list.

#### **Appeals**

If a place cannot be offered at a Central Bedfordshire Community or VC school the applicant(s) have the right of appeal. All appeals are heard by an independent panel. Information regarding the appeal process will be sent to all unsuccessful applicants when notified of the outcome of their application.

## **Definitions of Admissions Criteria:**

### **'Looked after' children**

A 'looked after' child is a child in the care of a local authority as defined by Section 22 of the Children Act 1989. In relation to school admissions legislation a 'looked after child' is a child in public care at the time of application to a school.

### **Previously 'looked after' children**

A previously 'looked after' child is a child who was 'looked after', but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a residence order or a special guardianship order.

### **Children who appear to the Local Authority to have been in state care outside of England and have ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted**

A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society.

### **Catchment area**

A catchment area is a geographical area from which children are given priority for admission to the particular school. Please see [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) for more information on school catchment areas.

### **Sibling**

A sibling refers to a brother or sister, half brother or sister, step brother or sister, adopted brother or sister or fostered brother or sister where foster care has been arranged by a Local Authority or the child of the parent / carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living at the same address. The sibling must be in the school at the time of application and be likely to remain in the school at the proposed date of admission. In the scenario where one twin or a child from multiple birth has an EHCP, the other twin or children from multiple birth will be considered as a sibling once the school named on the EHCP has been finalised.

### **Any other children**

Pupils who do not meet any of the higher criteria will be prioritised by the distance with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority. Using their computerised measuring system, the Local Authority will measure the straight-line distance from the address point of the pupil's home to the designated measuring point for the school, as agreed with the school's governing body.

### **Children of staff**

Permanent full or part-time staff who have either been employed at the school for two or more years at the time of application or recruited to fill a vacant post where there was a demonstrable skill shortage. The relationship to the child is defined as by blood or adoption or with legal parental responsibility and living with the child in the same house Monday – Friday.

### **Nearest school**

The nearest school will be identified by measuring the distance the pupil lives from the school which is measured in a straight line, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, from the address point of the pupil's home to a point on the school site agreed with the governing body of the school, which is known as the designated measuring point.

Please see [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) for more information on the nearest lower/primary school (Leighton Buzzard area only).

Pulford CofE VA Lower School will not be considered as a pupil's nearest school for the purposes

of this policy as admission to Pulford is predominantly based on faith grounds rather than a pupil's address.

**The oversubscription criteria for the majority of Community and Voluntary Controlled (VC) schools in Central Bedfordshire is as follows:**

- 1) All 'looked after' children or children who were previously 'looked after'
- 2) Children who appear to the Council to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted
- 3) Children of Staff\*
- 4) Children living in the catchment area with siblings at the school
- 5) Children living in the catchment area
- 6) Children living outside the catchment area with siblings at the school
- 7) Any other children

| <b>School</b>                                     | <b>Published Admission Number</b> | <b>Designated measuring point</b> |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Aspley Guise Lower School                         | 27                                | Main gate                         |
| Caddington Village School                         | 60                                | School medical room               |
| Campton Lower School                              | 26                                | Main gate                         |
| Chalton Lower School                              | 15                                | School gate                       |
| Flitwick Lower School                             | 60                                | Main office                       |
| Hawthorn Park Community Primary School            | 60                                | Front door of school              |
| Haynes Lower School                               | 24                                | School front door                 |
| Houghton Conquest Lower School                    | 20                                | Headteacher's office              |
| Houghton Regis Primary School                     | 45                                | Centre of school field            |
| Husborne Crawley Lower School                     | 12                                | Main entrance                     |
| Kingsmoor Lower School                            | 45                                | School gate                       |
| Linslade Lower School                             | 30                                | Pupils entrance gate              |
| Maulden Lower School                              | 30                                | Main pedestrian gate              |
| Marston Moreteyne VC School                       | 120                               | Main entrance at Church Walk site |
| Ramsey Manor Lower School                         | 60                                | Front door                        |
| Ridgmont Lower School                             | 15                                | Headteacher's office              |
| Russell Lower School                              | 90                                | School gate                       |
| Shillington Lower School                          | 30                                | Headteacher's office              |
| Silsoe CofE VC Lower School                       | 60                                | Front door                        |
| Slip End Village School                           | 24                                | Main gate                         |
| Southill Lower School                             | 15                                | Main entrance                     |
| Stanbridge Lower School                           | 24                                | Front gate                        |
| Stondon Lower School                              | 30                                | Main gate                         |
| St. Swithun's Church of England VC Primary School | 30                                | Main door                         |
| Studham CofE Village School                       | 15                                | Main door                         |
| Swallowfield Lower School                         | 60                                | Front door                        |
| Templefield Lower School                          | 60                                | Main door                         |
| Thornhill Primary School                          | 30                                | School main gate                  |
| Tithe Farm Primary School                         | 60                                | Main gate                         |
| Watling Lower School                              | 30                                | Main school gate entrance         |
| Woburn Lower School                               | 12                                | Main entrance                     |
| Potton Middle School                              | 90                                | School office                     |

**Variations to the standard admissions policy:**

**Biggleswade cluster schools:**

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| <b>Dunton CofE VC Lower School</b>                      | <b>Published admission number: 15</b>  |
| <b>Designated measuring point:</b> Headteacher's office |  |
| 1.  | All 'looked after' children or children who were previously 'looked after'   |
| 2.  | Children who appear to the Council to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted   |
| 3.  | Children living in the catchment area with siblings at the school  |
| 4.  | Children living in the catchment area  |
| 5.  | Children living outside the catchment area with siblings at the school   |
| 6.  | Children, one or more of whose parents/carers have, at the time of application, shown commitment to the Church of England or another Christian church by attending a service at least once a month for the year prior to an application being made*. |
| 7.  | Any other children   |

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| <b>Edward Peake CofE VC Middle School</b>               | <b>Published Admission Number: 210</b>   |
| <b>Designated measuring point:</b> Headteacher's office |  |
| 1.  | All 'looked after' children or children who were previously 'looked after'   |
| 2.  | Children who appear to the Council to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted   |
| 3.  | Children living in the catchment area with siblings at the school  |
| 4.  | Children living in the catchment area  |
| 5.  | Children living outside the catchment area with siblings at the school   |
| 6.  | Children, one or more of whose parents/carers have, at the time of application, shown commitment to the Church of England or another Christian church by attending a service at least once a month for the year prior to an application being made*. |
| 7.  | Children attending Dunton VC Lower, Northill VA Lower, Sutton VA Lower and Wrestlingworth VC Lower   |
| 8.  | Any other children   |

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| <b>St. Andrew's CofE VC Lower School</b>   | <b>Published Admission Number: 180 (West site 90, East site 90)</b>  |
| <b>Designated measuring point:</b><br>West site: Front entrance door<br>East site: Front entrance door |  |
| 1.   | All 'looked after' children or children who were previously 'looked after'   |
| 2.   | Children who appear to the Council to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted   |
| 3.   | Children living in the catchment area with siblings at the school  |
| 4.   | Children living in the catchment area  |
| 5.   | Children living outside the catchment area with siblings at the school   |
| 6.   | Children, one or more of whose parents/carers have, at the time of application, shown commitment to the Church of England or another Christian church by attending a service at least once a month for the year prior to an application being made*. |
| 7.   | Any other children   |

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| <b>Wrestlingworth CofE VC Lower School</b>    | <b>Published Admission Number:</b><br>13   |
| <b>Designated measuring point:</b> Front door |  |
| 1.  | All 'looked after' children or children who were previously 'looked after'   |
| 2.  | Children who appear to the Council to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted   |
| 3.  | Children living in the catchment area with siblings at the school  |
| 4.  | Children living in the catchment area  |
| 5.  | Children living outside the catchment area with siblings at the school   |
| 6.  | Children, one or more of whose parents/carers have, at the time of application, shown commitment to the Church of England or another Christian church by attending a service at least once a month for the year prior to an application being made*. |
| 7.  | Any other children   |

\*A Christian Church is defined as one which is a member, or is eligible for membership, of Churches Together in England or the Evangelical Alliance. Applications in this category will need to ask their priest or minister to complete the relevant section of the local authority common application form.

**Cranfield cluster schools:**

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| <b>Thomas Johnson Lower School</b>             | <b>Published Admission Number:</b> 18  |
| <b>Designated measuring point:</b> School gate |  |
| 1.   | All 'looked after' children or children who were previously 'looked after'   |
| 2.   | Children who appear to the Council to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted |
| 3.   | Children living in the catchment area with siblings at the school  |
| 4.   | Children living in the catchment area  |
| 5.   | Children living outside the catchment area with siblings at the school   |
| 6.   | Children of staff  |
| 7.   | Any other children   |

**Dunstable and Houghton Regis cluster schools:**

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| <b>Dunstable Icknield Lower School</b>          | <b>Published Admission Number:</b> 60  |
| <b>Designated measuring point:</b> School tower |  |
| 1.  | All 'looked after' children or children who were previously 'looked after'   |
| 2.  | Children who appear to the Council to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted |
| 3.  | Children living in the catchment area with siblings at the school  |
| 4.  | Children living in the catchment area  |
| 5.  | Children living outside the catchment area with siblings at the school   |
| 6.  | Children of staff  |
| 7.  | Any other children   |

**Leighton Buzzard cluster community schools:**

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| <b>Leighton Middle School</b>                                | <b>Published Admission Number: 150</b>   |
| <b>Designated measuring point:</b> Centre of memorial garden |  |
| 1.   | All 'looked after' children or children who were previously 'looked after'   |
| 2.   | Children who appear to the Council to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted |
| 3.   | Children of staff  |
| 4.   | Catchment Siblings   |
| 5.   | Catchment  |
| 6.   | Sibling (no- catchment)  |
| 7.   | Any other children   |

| <b>School</b>  | <b>Published Admission Number</b>  | <b>Designated measuring point</b> |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| Greenleas School,<br>Derwent Road  | 60   | Front door                        |
| Greenleas School,<br>Kestrel Way   | 60   | Front door                        |
| Heathwood Lower<br>School  | 30   | Front door                        |
| Southcott Lower School   | 60   | Main door                         |
| <p><b>If the schools listed above are oversubscribed priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in order:</b></p> |  |                                   |
| 1.   | All 'looked after' children or children who were previously 'looked after'   |                                   |
| 2.   | Children who appear to the Council to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted |                                   |
| 3.   | Children with siblings at the school   |                                   |
| 4.   | Children of staff  |                                   |
| 5.   | Children for whom the school is their nearest lower/primary school*  |                                   |
| 6.   | Any other children   |                                   |

| <b>School</b>  | <b>Published Admission Number</b>  | <b>Designated measuring point</b>          |
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| Beaudesert Lower School  | 56   | Main pedestrian entrance                   |
| Clipstone Brook Lower School   | 75   | School notice board at top of school drive |
| Doverly Down Lower School  | 30   | Front door                                 |
| Hockliffe Lower School   | 15   | Front door                                 |
| Leedon Lower School  | 90   | Middle of school quadrant                  |
| Linslade Lower School  | 30   | Pupils main gate                           |
| Stanbridge Lower School  | 24   | Front gate                                 |
| The Mary Bassett Lower School  | 60   | Front door                                 |
| <p><b>If the following schools listed above are oversubscribed priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in order:</b></p> |  |  |
| 1.   | All 'looked after' children or children who were previously 'looked after'   |  |
| 2.   | Children who appear to the Council to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted |  |
| 3.   | Children with siblings at the school   |  |
| 4.   | Children for whom the school is their nearest lower/primary school*  |  |
| 5.   | Any other children   |  |

**Shefford, Arlesey and Stotfold cluster schools:**

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| <b>Shefford Lower School</b>                                   | <b>Published Admission Number: 90</b>  |
| <b>Designated measuring point:</b> War memorial in town centre |  |
| 1.   | All 'looked after' children or children who were previously 'looked after'   |
| 2.   | Children who appear to the Council to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted |
| 3.   | Children living in the catchment area with siblings at the school  |
| 4.   | Children living in the catchment area  |
| 5.   | Children living outside the catchment area with siblings at the school   |
| 6.   | Children of staff  |
| 7.   | Any other children   |

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| <b>Roecroft Lower School</b>                          | <b>Published Admission Number: 90</b>  |
| <b>Designated measuring point:</b> Main entrance door |  |
| 1.  | All 'looked after' children or children who were previously 'looked after'   |
| 2.  | Children who appear to the Council to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted |
| 3.  | Children of staff  |
| 4.  | Children living in the catchment area with siblings at the school  |
| 5.  | Children living in the catchment area  |
| 6.  | Children living outside the catchment area with siblings at the school   |
| 7.  | Any other children   |

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| <b>Fairfield Park Lower School</b>   | <b>Published Admission Number: 90</b>  |
| <b>Designated measuring point:</b> Equidistant point between Dickens Boulevard and Ruskin Drive sites  |  |
| Applications for Fairfield Park Lower will be ranked according to the standard admissions criteria as mentioned above. Where a place can be offered, the following process will determine at which school site, either Dickens Boulevard or the Ruskin Drive site, the child will attend. Successful applicants will be notified at the time of offer which school site their child will attend. |  |
| 1.   | <p><b>All ‘looked after’ children or children who were previously ‘looked after’</b><br/> <i>Looked after children in catchment will be prioritised by which priority area they are in, with those out of catchment being prioritised by straight line distance from their home address to the nearest school site to them.</i></p>  |
| 2.   | <p><b>Children who appear to the Council to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted</b><br/> <i>Allocated children will be prioritised by which priority area they are in, with those out of catchment being prioritised by straight line distance from their home address to the nearest school site to them.</i></p>  |
| 3.   | <p><b>Children of staff</b><br/> <i>Where possible pupils will be allocated a place at the site at which their parent is based.</i></p>  |
| 4.   | <p><b>Children living in the catchment area with siblings at the school</b><br/> <i>Before applications in this criterion are allocated children will be prioritised for either the Dickens Boulevard or the Ruskin Drive site according to which site their sibling attends and will be ranked by their straight-line distance from the designated measuring point.<br/> If children are unable to obtain a place at the site at which their sibling attends they will be then ranked by their straight-line distance to the other Fairfield Park site. Places will be allocated in accordance with this distance after allocations have been made to those with siblings at that site taking precedence before those with siblings at the other school site.</i></p> |
| 5.   | <p><b>Children living in the catchment area</b><br/> <i>Before applications in this criterion are allocated children will be prioritised for either the Dickens Boulevard or the Ruskin Drive site according to which priority area they reside in first and be ranked by their straight-line distance from the designated measuring point.<br/> If children are unable to obtain a place at the site within their priority area they will be then ranked by their straight-line distance to the other Fairfield Park site which is not in their priority area. Places will be allocated in accordance with this distance after allocations have been made to those in their priority area taking precedence before those from the other priority area.</i></p>        |
| 6.   | <p><b>Children living outside the catchment area with siblings at the school</b><br/> <i>Siblings will be prioritised for either the Dickens Boulevard or the Ruskin Drive site depending on which site their sibling attends and will be ranked by their straight-line distance from the designated measuring point. There will be no guarantee that a sibling can attend the same school site.</i></p>   |
| 7.   | <p><b>Any other children</b><br/> <i>Where possible pupils will be allocated a place at the site nearest to them, measured from their home address in a straight line, although if this is not possible a place will be allocated at the other site.</i></p>   |

**Priority areas for Fairfield Park Lower School catchment area**

| <b>Address</b>  | <b>Priority for Fairfield Park Lower site</b> |
|---|---|
| Alfred Row  | Ruskin Drive                                  |
| Anderson Walk - properties 2,4,6                      | Ruskin Drive                                  |
| Anderson Walk - properties 1,3,5,7                    | Dickens Boulevard                             |
| Beatrice Place  | Ruskin Drive                                  |
| Bronte Avenue - properties 1-21, 23,25,27             | Ruskin Drive                                  |
| Bronte Avenue - properties 22,24,26,28-155            | Dickens Boulevard                             |
| Brunel Walk   | Dickens Boulevard                             |
| Burton Close  | Dickens Boulevard                             |
| Cavell Walk - properties 1,3,5,7,9                    | Ruskin Drive                                  |
| Cavell Walk - properties 2,4,6,8,10                   | Dickens Boulevard                             |
| Charlotte Avenue                                      | Dickens Boulevard                             |
| Connely Lane  | Ruskin Drive                                  |
| Copperfield Close                                     | Dickens Boulevard                             |
| Dickens Boulevard - properties 1-23                   | Ruskin Drive                                  |
| Dickens Boulevard - properties 24-74 inc Beeton Court | Dickens Boulevard                             |
| Disraeli Place  | Ruskin Drive                                  |
| Doyle Place   | Dickens Boulevard                             |
| Earnshaw Drive  | Dickens Boulevard                             |
| Edison Way  | Dickens Boulevard                             |
| Emily Place   | Dickens Boulevard                             |
| Fairfield Mews  | Ruskin Drive                                  |
| Faraday Gardens                                       | Dickens Boulevard                             |
| Fleming Drive - properties 1-15, 17, 19,21            | Ruskin Drive                                  |
| Fleming Drive - properties 16,18,20,22-47             | Dickens Boulevard                             |
| Franklin Place  | Dickens Boulevard                             |
| Gaskell Place   | Dickens Boulevard                             |
| Gladstone Drive                                       | Ruskin Drive                                  |
| Hardy Way   | Dickens Boulevard                             |
| Heathcliff Avenue                                     | Dickens Boulevard                             |
| Helena Crescent                                       | Ruskin Drive                                  |
| Hitchin Road - properties 153-167, inc East Lodge     | Ruskin Drive                                  |
| Hitchin Road - Icknield House                         | Dickens Boulevard                             |
| Kingsley Avenue                                       | Ruskin Drive                                  |
| Kipling Crescent                                      | Dickens Boulevard                             |
| Leopold Corner  | Ruskin Drive                                  |
| Livingstone Way                                       | Dickens Boulevard                             |
| Louise Rise   | Ruskin Drive                                  |
| Middlemarch   | Ruskin Drive                                  |
| Nickleby Way  | Dickens Boulevard                             |
| Nightingale Way - properties 1-6,8,10,12,14           | Ruskin Drive                                  |
| Nightingale Way - properties 7,9,11,15,17,19          | Dickens Boulevard                             |
| Palmerston Way  | Ruskin Drive                                  |
| Paxton Drive  | Dickens Boulevard                             |
| Russell Walk  | Ruskin Drive                                  |
| Salisbury Close                                       | Ruskin Drive                                  |
| Shaftesbury Drive                                     | Ruskin Drive                                  |
| Stephenson Walk                                       | Dickens Boulevard                             |
| Lower Wilbury Farm                                    | Dickens Boulevard                             |