



Department
for Education

WATLING PRIMARY SCHOOL admission arrangements for 2023

Introductory statement

Watling Primary is a Primary school, opening in September 2023, located in the Western Expansion Area of Milton Keynes.

Application process

The local authority will process applications as part of their agreed co-ordination scheme. This means you will need to complete your LA common application form (CAF) for your school choices including this school.

Common application forms can be accessed via your local authority's website. For those living within Milton Keynes, the CAF can be accessed here :

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schools-and-lifelong-learning/school-admissions>

The closing date for applications is 15/01/2023.

Offers will be made on 17/4/2023.

Watling Primary School is a new school that is due to open in September 2023. At the time of publication, the Department for Education has not yet approved the funding agreement for the new school. School place offers will be subject to funding agreement approval being made by March 2023. If the funding agreement has not been approved by this time, a school place offer at the next available preference will be made.

Admission number(s)

The school has an admission number of 5 for entry in year Reception 2023. The school will accordingly admit this number of pupils if there are sufficient applications. Where fewer applicants than the published admission number(s) for the relevant year group are received, the Academy Trust will offer places at the school to all those who have applied.

Oversubscription criteria

The criteria in this section apply to entry at all phases of the school.

When the school is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care plan naming the school, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

1. 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)
2. Children living within the priority 1 catchment area of the school with a sibling at the school who is expected on be on roll at the time of admission. Children living on the boundary line are considered to be living in catchment
3. Children living within the priority 1 catchment area of the school. Children living on the boundary line are considered to be living in catchment (see map)
4. Children living within the priority 2 catchment area of the school with a sibling at the school who is expected on be on roll at the time of admission
5. Children living within the priority 2 catchment area of the school
6. Children of staff employed by the academy trust who have been recruited to fill a skill-shortage
7. Any other children.

Tie-break

If in categories 2-5 above a tie-break is necessary to determine which child is admitted, the child living closest to the school will be given priority for admission. Distance is measured from the child's home to the front gates of the school in a straight line.

Random allocation undertaken by the local authority or another body unconnected with the Academy Trust will be used as a tie-break in categories 2-5 above to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between a child's home and the academy is equidistant in any two or more cases.'

Random allocation will not be applied to multiple birth siblings (twins and triplets etc.) from the same family tied for the final place. We will admit them all, as permitted by the infant class size rules and exceed our PAN.

Late applications

All applications received by the LA after the deadline will be considered to be late applications. Late applications will be considered after those received on time. If, following consideration of all applicants the school is oversubscribed, parents may request that their child is placed on the school's waiting list.

Deferred entry for infants

Parents offered a place in reception for their child have a right to defer the date their child is admitted, or to take the place up part-time, until the child reaches compulsory school age. Places cannot be deferred beyond the beginning of the final term of the school year for which the offer was made.

Children reach compulsory school age on the prescribed day following their 5th birthday (or on their fifth birthday if it falls on a prescribed day). The prescribed days are 31 August, 31 December and 31 March.

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Parents may request that their child is admitted outside their normal age group. To do so parents should include a request with their application, specifying why admission out of normal year group is being requested and the year group in which they wish their child to be allocated a place.

When such a request is made, the academy trust will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child concerned, taking into account the views of the headteacher and any supporting evidence provided by the parent.

Waiting lists

The school will operate a waiting list for each year group. Where the school receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until the end of the academic year. This will be maintained by the Academy Trust and it will be open to any parent to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application.

Children's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Where places become vacant they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. The waiting list will be reordered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria whenever anyone is added to or leaves the waiting list.

Appeals

All applicants refused a place have a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel constituted and operated in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code.

Appellants should contact L James (Admissions Office, The Denbigh Alliance) by 18/05/2023 for information on how to appeal. Information on the timetable for the appeals process is on our website at <https://watlingprimary.net/>

Notes:

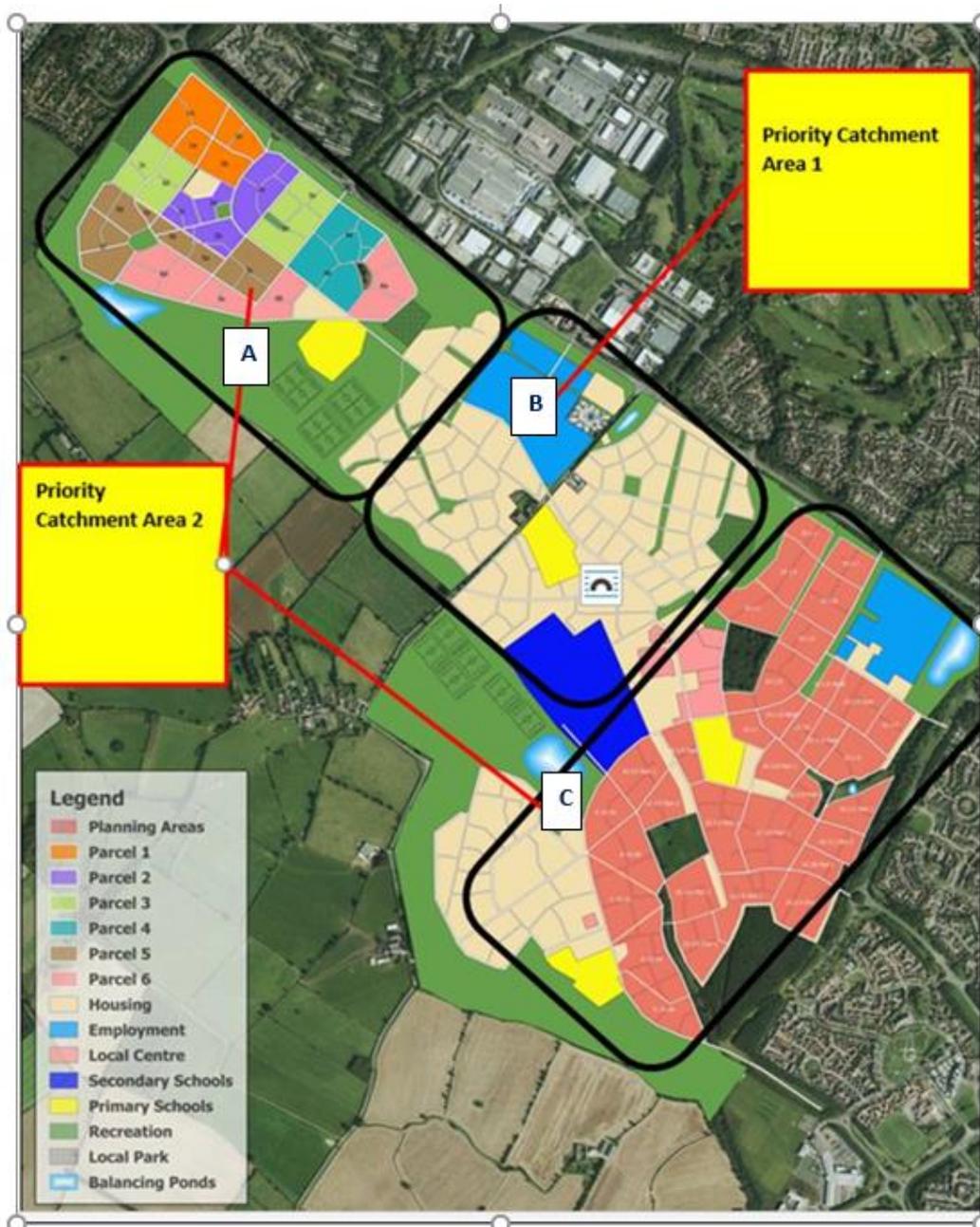
Home address:

The home address is where a child normally lives. Where a child lives with parents with shared parental responsibility, each for part of a week, the address where the child lives is determined using a joint declaration from the parents stating the pattern of residence. If a child's residence is split equally between both parents, then parents will be asked to determine which residential address should be used for the purpose of admission to school. If no joint declaration is received where the residence is split equally by the closing date for applications, the home address will be taken as the address where the child is registered with the doctor. If the residence is not split equally between both parents then the address used will be the address where the child spends the majority of the school week.

Sibling:

'Sibling' means a natural brother or sister, a half brother or sister, a legally adopted brother or sister or half-brother or sister, a step brother or sister or other child living in the same household as part of the same family who, in any of these cases, will be living at the same address at the date of their application for a place.

Catchment area map.



Street names/post codes will be added to this policy as the housing development progresses.

Priority catchment 1- B (The area to the south of Calverton Lane bounded by but not including Antolian Avenue)

Priority catchment 2 – A (Fairfields) and C (Whitehouse)

Those applicants living in priority catchment 1 (Area B on the map) will be given priority over those living in Priority catchment 2 (Area A and C on the map)