THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE ADMISSION POLICY FOR COMMUNITY SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

1. All applications must be made in accordance with the Buckinghamshire coordinated admissions scheme (the scheme).

2. All governing bodies of maintained schools are required by section 324 of the Education Act 1996 to admit to the school a child with a statement of special educational needs or Education, Health and Care Plan that names the school. These children will therefore be admitted prior to applying the admission rules.

3. Details of the dates for timely applications and how late applications are handled are given in the secondary and in year schemes and the detailed timelines for late applications are given in the parents’ guide.

4. If there are more applications received than the places available at a school then the places will be allocated within the secondary scheme in accordance with the published admission rules for the school.

Admission rules for

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1. Looked after children (See Note 1)

2. Children who have exceptional medical or social needs supported by written evidence from a doctor, social worker, educational welfare officer or other appropriate person. (See Note 2)

3. Children living within the catchment area of the school. (See Note 3)

4. For the main point of admission: Siblings (See Note 4) of children in Years 7 to 10 who are on the roll of the school at the time allocations are made, and are expected to be on the school roll at the time of the proposed admission.

   For immediate casual admission after the normal point of entry: Siblings of children who are in Years 7-11 at the time of admission.

5. Once the above rules have been applied then any further places will be offered in distance order; using the distance between the child's Normal Home Address (See Notes 5 and 6) and the school's nearest open entrance gate offering the closest first. We use a straight line distance. (See Note 7)

6. Where a school can take some, but not all, of the children who qualify under one of these rules, we will give priority to children by taking account of the next rule (or rules) in the numbered list to decide who has priority for places.
7 If it still not possible to decide between two applicants who are equidistant then a random allocation will be made to allocate the final place. An explanation of the method of making random allocations is on the council website.

**Explanation of terms used in the admission rules for all the above schools.**

**Note 1: Definition of looked after children**

For admissions purposes a ‘looked after child’ is a child who is a) in the care of a local authority, or b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22 (1) of the Children Act 1989). This covers accommodated children and those who are in care under a Care Order/interim order. This can include: living with family or friends, in foster care, a children's home, residential school, special school or in supported lodgings.

This includes children who were previously looked after and immediately after being looked after became the subject of an adoption, residence or special guardianship order as set out below.

Other definitions:

- residence order: is an order setting the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live under section 8 of the children's Act 1989
- special guardianship order: an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child’s special guardian (or special guardians) under Section 14A of the Children Act 1989

**Note 2 Exceptional Social and Medical process**

A panel comprising of independent education professionals will consider the applications under this rule on receipt of information from the parent to indicate strong reasons for the child attending a particular school. When making an application parents should send evidence from an independent professional person (this might be a doctor, health visitor, or Education Welfare Officer, for example) who knows about the child and supports the application to the school. It must clearly show why the school is the most suitable and any difficulties if alternate schools were offered.

The panel will consider which children can be considered under this rule prior to each admission round.

**Note 3: Secondary School Catchment Areas**

The County Council’s agreed catchment map for each school can be viewed on the checker: [http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/education/schools/admissions-and-moving-school/catchment-areas/](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/education/schools/admissions-and-moving-school/catchment-areas/)

**Note 4: Definition of sibling**

A sibling is a brother or sister. For admission purposes we mean one of two or more individuals who have one or more parent in common or any other child (including an
adopted or fostered child) who lives at the same address and for whom the parent also has parental responsibility or, (in the case of a fostered child) delegated authority.

A pupil in a secondary school will only count to provide a priority to a sibling if he or she is attending the school in Y7 to Y10 at the allocations are made (March 2016 for the main point of entry) and is still expected to be on the school's roll at the time of the proposed admission (September 2016) or Years 7-11 at the time of admission for in-year admissions.

**Note 5: Definition of parent**

This is as defined in law (the Education Act 1996) as either:

- Any person who has parental responsibility (defined in Children Act 1989) for the child or young person; or
- Any person who has care of the child or young person.

**Note 6: Definition of normal home address (more detail can be found in the guide)**

This is the child's home address. This must be where the parent or legal carer of the child live together unless it is proved that the child is resident elsewhere with someone who has legal care and control of the child. The address should be a residential property that is owned, leased or rented by the child’s parent(s) or person with legal care and control of the child.

To avoid doubt where a child lives with parents with shared responsibility, each for part of a week or month, the address where the child lives will be determined by

1) Confirmation of the registered address to which Child Benefit is currently being paid, or, if child benefit is not received then the address from which the child in question is registered with the doctor.

2) If 1) above is not applicable then the parent with whom the child spends the greater proportion of the school week from Sunday evening to Thursday evening.

**Note 7 Definition of home to school distance**

The **straight line distance definition**: is 'the distance from the address point of the child’s normal home address, as set out by Ordnance Survey, to the nearest open school gate available for pupils to use'.

As part of the computer system we use for school admissions there is a program that measures the 'straight-line’ distance from the nearest open school gate to the child’s home address.

The point we measure to at the child’s normal home address is determined by the Ordnance Survey ADDRESS-POINT which is an Ordnance Survey data product that provides a National Grid coordinate and a unique reference for each postal address in Great Britain that is on the Royal Mail’s Post Office Address File (PAF®).

The PAF contains postal address data for approximately 26 million delivery points. These delivery points include premises that are shown on Ordnance Survey large-
scale mapping data, such as buildings or permanent mobile and park homes, plus other features such as temporary buildings and houseboats.

Where Service families or families or other Crown Servants, who often move within the UK and from abroad are posted to the area, we will allocate school places in advance of the family move if you provide an official government letter declaring a relocation date and an intended address. A unit postal address or quartering area address will be sufficient if there is not a new home address. Where Service families are returning to live in a property they already own, evidence of ownership will be needed.

Please provide evidence by 30 January (Secondary allocation) to be included in the first allocation round.

**Note 8 Multiple births – twins, triplets etc**

In cases where there is one remaining place and the next child on the waiting list is one of a twin, triplet or other multiple birth group then both twins would be admitted (or all the siblings in the case of multiple births) even if this goes above the admission number of the school.

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Prior to 2017 intakes the above schools may become academies, but for 2017 the admission rules used for admission will be as set out above.