

Stantonbury School - admissions arrangements for September 2025

Stantonbury School admits children of all abilities at age 11. The number of admissions is 300. Children with a statement of special educational needs naming Stantonbury School will be given preference for admission within the normal admission round at 11+

Oversubscription criteria

If applications for admissions exceed the number of places available, the following order of priority will be applied:

1. 'Looked after' children or children who were previously looked after but immediately after became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order
2. Children living in the listed area with a sibling* in attendance in Years 8 – 11 at the school at the date of admission and attending one of the named partner schools
3. Children of staff who have been employed at the school for two or more years at the time of which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or children of staff who are recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. It is at the absolute discretion of the Principal to determine when there is a demonstrable skill shortage
4. Children living in the listed areas with a sibling* in attendance in Years 8 -11 at the school at the date of admission
5. Children living in the listed areas and attending one of the named partner schools
6. Children living in the listed areas
7. Children living outside the listed areas with a sibling* in attendance in Year 8-11 at the school at the date of admission and attending one of the named partner schools
8. Children living outside the listed areas with a sibling* in attendance in Years 8-11 at the school at the date of admission
9. Children living outside the listed areas and attending one of the named partner schools
10. Other children living outside the listed areas

Tiebreaker arrangements

In circumstances where the school admissions number has been exceeded in any of the above categories and there is a need to discriminate within the category, preference will be given to those children living closest to the school, measured in a straight line to the school main reception using the Local Authority's computerised distance measuring system, with those living nearer to the school receiving the higher priority.

Appeals

Following the refusal of an application, only one appeal is allowed in the same academic year, unless there has been a significant change in circumstances, e.g., a house move.

Siblings and multiple birth groups

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 groups, all siblings* would be admitted even if this goes above the planned number for the school.

*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.

How to apply - the admission process at 11+

Milton Keynes City Council co-ordinates the admissions arrangements for all schools in Milton Keynes. Procedures for applying to Stantonbury School are explained in the Admissions to Secondary Schools in Milton Keynes: Information to Parents booklet.

In September in the academic year before the transfer, information and application forms will be sent by Milton Keynes City Council to parents. It is important that parents read this information carefully and meet the deadlines as indicated. Parents and children will have the opportunity to visit the school during September or October. Further information will be posted on the school website www.stantonbury-tove.org.uk

A deadline date for the return of applications will be set by Milton Keynes City Council. Applications must be returned as indicated in the 'Information to Parents' booklet and are encouraged to do so via the online booking system.

Stantonbury School will hold a waiting list for applicants who have not been allocated a place on national offer day.

Partner Schools

Bradwell Village School
Brooksward School
Giffard Park Primary School
Great Linford Primary School
Hanslope School
New Bradwell School
Southwood School
Stanton School
Summerfield School
Willen Primary School

Defined Area

Bancroft
Bancroft Park
Blakelands
Blue Bridge
Bolbeck Park
Bradville
Bradwell
Bradwell Common
Campbell Park (Northern part)
Castlethorpe – area shared with The Radcliffe School
Central MK (Northern part)
Conniburrow
Downhead Park
Downs Barn
Giffard Park
Great Linford
Hanslope – area shared with The Radcliffe School
Haversham – area shared with The Radcliffe School
Heelands
Neath Hill
New Bradwell
Oakridge Park
Pennyland
Redhouse Park
Stantonbury
Stantonbury Fields
Willen
Willen Park

Admissions for other years

Applications for years other than the year of intake are also made through Milton Keynes City Council who organise the co-ordinated scheme for In-Year admissions. Parents/carers must apply via <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schools-and-lifelong-learning/school-admissions> or contact the School Admissions Team.

Sixth Form

The planned admissions number (PAN) is 200 learners. Stantonbury School 6th Form is open to all existing members of Stantonbury School who meet the minimum entry requirements as specified in the Stantonbury School 6th Form prospectus.

Applications from external learners are encouraged, given that places on courses are available after allocation of learners from Stantonbury School. The numbers admitted into the 6th Form are determined by places available on the various courses and the required combinations of individual learners.

Oversubscription criteria

If there are more external applicants meeting the entry requirements that places available for specific courses, then the following criteria will be used to determine to whom offers will be made:

1. Children with an EHCP naming Stantonbury School
2. 'Looked after' children and children who were previously looked after. A looked after child is (a) in the care of the local authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see definition in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989). A previously Looked After Child is a child who was adopted, or subject to a residence or special guardianship order, immediately following having been Looked After.
3. Those who are highest placed according to their position in a ranking based on the aggregated point scores of their top 8 GCSE subjects including English and Mathematics.
4. Those living in the defined area of Stantonbury School.

Appeals

Learners and/or the families of learners, internal or external, who are not offered a place, have a right of appeal through our Independent Appeals Panel. Information about our independent appeal procedure can be obtained by contacting the school directly. Appeal packs can be sent via post or can be picked up from Stantonbury School.

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