

Information Sheet

Transfer to Secondary School

2027

This leaflet for parents / carers of children starting secondary school (Year 7) in September 2027 explains how to apply for a secondary school place for a child born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016.

All the information you need to apply for a secondary school place is available in our School Transfer Booklet (PDF) and on our website; please scan the QR code, or go to www.bedford.gov.uk/secondarytransfer. This explains how we process your application for a school place. Please read this carefully before you apply.



The website also allows residents of Bedford Borough Council to apply for a place online at www.bedford.gov.uk/onlineadmissions.

You may apply using a paper application form if you prefer, please contact the School Admissions Service via email admissions@bedford.gov.uk, or call 01234 718120

If you live in another Local Authority, you **must** complete your home Local Authority's application form and return it to them. Contact information is overleaf.

Application Deadline: 31 October 2026

Secondary School Admissions Timetable

September 2026

We will send you information on secondary school transfers through your child's current school.
You can apply online from 12th September 2026..

September / October 2026

Schools will hold their open days / evenings. Details are overleaf.

31 October 2026

Closing date for applications.

1 March 2027

If you have applied online, you will receive an email to let you know the outcome of your application. If you have not applied online we will post a letter to you on this day.

Schedule of Open Days / Evenings

Bedford Borough schools with a Year 7 Transfer to Secondary intake

Bedford Academy: 1 October 2026 – 6:00pm to 8:30pm

Bedford Free School: 24 September 2026 – 5:00pm to 8:30pm

Biddenham International School & Sports College: 5 October 2026 – 4:15pm to 7:00pm

Castle Newnham School: 12 October 2026 – 5:30pm to 8:30pm

Daubeney Academy: 15 October 2026 – 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Goldington Academy: 15 October 2026 – 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Kempston Academy: 30 September 2026 – 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Lincroft Academy: 7 October 2026 (For full details please refer to school's website)

Mark Rutherford School: 8 October 2026 – 5:30pm to 8:00pm

Sharnbrook Academy: 29 September 2026 – 5:45pm to 8:00pm

St Thomas More Catholic Secondary School: 23 September 2026 – 6:00pm to 8:30pm

Wixams Academy: 8 October 2026 – 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Wootton Academy: 22 September 2026 – 4:30pm to 7:30pm

Central Bedfordshire schools

This information is provided for those parents / carers whose catchment area secondary school is within the Central Bedfordshire Council area. Please visit the Central Bedfordshire website, or contact their School Admissions Service, for information about open evenings for other schools in the Central Bedfordshire Council area.

Sandy Secondary: 1 October 2026 – 4:30pm to 8:00pm

Contact Us

School Admissions Service General Enquiries: 01234 718120

Email: admissions@bedford.gov.uk

Contact details for School Admission teams in neighbouring authorities

Cambridgeshire

Phone: 0345 045 1370

Email: admissions@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Central Bedfordshire

Phone: 0300 300 8037

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Milton Keynes

Phone: (01908) 253338

Email: secondaryadmissions@milton-keynes.gov.uk

North Northamptonshire

Phone: 0300 126 3000

Email: coordinatedadmissions@northnorthants.gov.uk

West Northamptonshire

Phone: 0300 126 7000 (West Northants)

Email: admissions@westnorthants.gov.uk