



Milton Keynes Education Trust

Kents Hill School

**Admissions Policy for
Nursery Entry 2021**

Nursery Admissions Policy

TOMORROW'S SUCCESS BEGINS TODAY

Kents Hill School aims to **enhance** and **enrich** the lives of children and young people by **enabling** them to make the most of outstanding learning opportunities within and beyond the curriculum; instilling an appreciation that there are **no limits** to what they can achieve and developing the attributes needed to successfully shape and respond to the future.

A clear moral framework will promote honesty, integrity, tolerance and respect as well as an appreciation of individual and collective responsibility.

In this way we will bring out **the very best** in our children.

This policy relates to all admissions to Kents Hill School Nursery. Places are allocated in line with Kents Hill School's admissions criteria.

Currently all 3 and 4 year-olds are entitled to 15 hours of free childcare each week. In September 2017 the Government introduced an additional 15 hours childcare for those families that are eligible, please see criteria below, this is known as the 30 hours childcare scheme.

The 30 hour childcare scheme aims to help families with 3 and/or 4 year olds to start back into work or to extend their working pattern. These changes extend the current 15 hours to 30 hours per week in total for those eligible working families. These changes are being introduced as part of the Childcare Act 2016.

Parents need to check how many hours they are entitled to via an online Eligibility Checker at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk. If eligible for 30 hours, an 11-digit code will be generated and should be given to the school, for confirmation with Milton Keynes Council. You do not need to apply for the 15 hours free childcare as this is a Universal Entitlement.

Our Nursery places are made up of children who are entitled to the universal 15 hours of free childcare who can attend from 9am-12pm, Monday to Friday (Universal Entitlement) and those who are eligible to 30 hours of free childcare (Extended Entitlement) who can attend from 9am-3pm, Monday to Friday.

If you require more hours than those you are entitled to, you can purchase additional sessions of wraparound care. These sessions run from a) 7:30 to 9.00 b) 12.00 to 15.00 c) 15.00 to 18.00. Sessions can be purchased in a pattern to suit your needs subject to availability.

If you would like to apply for a Nursery place then a registration form is available from the school office. Parents should complete the form and return it.

For admission to Nursery in September 2021, the following dates apply:

Friday 12th February 2021

Deadline for applications

By Friday 26th March 2021

Correspondence sent to parents/carers, advising if a place can be offered.

If a place cannot be offered details will be kept on a waiting list. In the event of any spaces being available before the end of the Autumn and Spring terms, consideration will be given to the admission of children who have become 3 years of age prior to the beginning of their admission term. The criteria below will again apply, priority being given to the oldest children.

Places offered are for either 15 hours (9am-12pm) or 30 hours (9am-3pm), Monday-Friday.

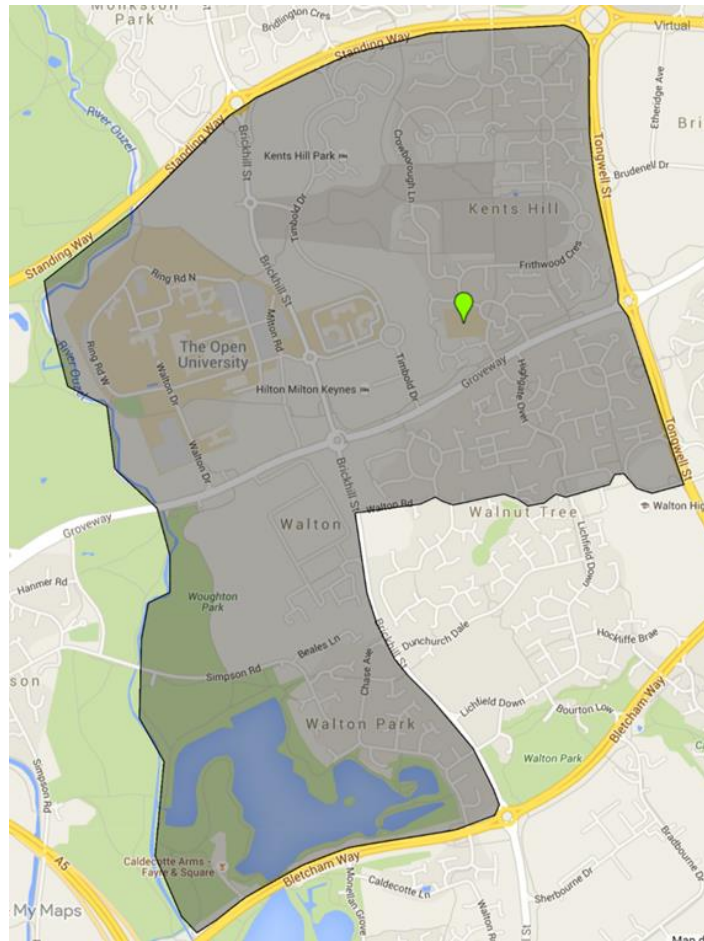
Places are offered on the basis that children will attend 5 days a week.

Nursery places are allocated according to the following criteria: in the order of priority, for children being admitted for the first time or who request admission during the year.

1. Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs (SEN) or an Education, Health and Care plan (EHC)
2. Looked after or previously looked after children. 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) at the time of making an application to a school. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order).
3. Children who live in the defined area served by the school and have a sibling attending a school within Milton Keynes Education Trust. Parents may be required to provide proof of permanent residence in the defined area.
Milton Keynes Education Trust schools are:
Kents Hill School,
Heronsgate School,
Walton High School,
New Chapter Primary School.
4. Children of staff employed by Kents Hill School. Children of staff may only be given priority where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application to the school is made, and/or a member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
5. Children who live in the defined area served by the school. Parents may be required to provide proof of permanent residence in the defined area.
6. Children who live outside the defined area and have a sibling attending a school within Milton Keynes Education Trust (see criterion 3)
7. Children who live outside the defined area.

Defined Area

Kents Hill School's defined area for admissions is the area of Milton Keynes east of the Ouzel to Tongwell Street (V11) and between Standing Way (H8) and the north part of Walnut Tree. This area covers Kents Hill, Kents Hill Park, Walton, Walton Manor and part of Walnut Tree to the north of and including Walton Road, Hindhead Knoll and Fyfield Barrow.



Please contact the school office with any queries you have in relation this policy.

This policy is reviewed annually by the Governing Body.