Apply online from 1 September 2023 to 15 January 2024

You must apply by
15 January 2024
or you will
have limited choice

Starting school for the first time in September 2024?

For children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020

To access support with making an application, face to face drop-in sessions are available at Milton Keynes Central Library on the following dates between 10.00am - 2.00pm

- 20 September
- 27 September
- 11 October
- 18 October
- 25 October
- 6 December
- 13 December
- 10 January

Following dates will start from 11.30am

- 4 October
- 3 January

Find out more at:

Starting primary or junior/middle school in September 2024 | Milton Keynes City Council (milton-keynes.gov.uk)



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Maximise your chance of getting a preferred reception class place

Apply on time

- The closing date is 15 January 2024
- Any applications received after this will be processed after national offer day
- A late application means you are less likely to get any of your preferences
- Notifications of the places offered will be made on 16 April 2024 (unless your application is late)

Apply online

- You can only apply online at Citizen Portal - Sign in (milton-keynes.gov.uk) between 1 September 2023 and 15 January 2024
- You will be able to view, update and submit your application through the portal
- Communication with you will be quicker and your application will be secure
- You will be able to log on from 16 April 2024 to view the school that has been allocated

Use all four preferences

- You can apply for up to four schools. The schools will not know in which order you have placed the preferences
- Each preference is considered in its own right, so please ensure that you give yourself four separate chances
- If more than one school is able to offer your child a place then the order of preferences is important, so ensure you list the schools in the order that you want them considered
- It's best to include your catchment school as one of your preferences, it does not need to be your first preference
- A Guide for Parents and Carers is available on our website for further guidance

Choose wisely

- Ensure you are aware of the oversubscription criteria for your preference schools. This is how all the applications will be ranked
- Don't assume you will be allocated a place at your catchment school if you don't state it as one of your preferences
- Give consideration to your secondary school liaison group, is your preferred school linked to the secondary school within your area?
- Don't assume your child will get priority just because they attend a nursery class attached to your preferred school
- Consider how you will access your school place