

Transfer to Secondary School (Year 7) – September 2025

The table below lists the number of requests for places for the Year 7 intake at each of the secondary schools/academies and the number of places that have been offered in accordance with the published admissions arrangements. The information will give you an indication of the level of oversubscription, which you may find helpful if we have been unable to offer you a place at your preferred school(s), because your application was not high enough on the list for admission.

School	Type	Published Admissions Number	Requests received	Places Offered	Additional Offers *
Bedford Academy	Academy	250	329	300	
Bedford Free School	Academy	100	224	110	
Biddenham School	Foundation (Trust)	240	343	240	
Castle Newnham School	Academy	150	167	150	
Daubeney Academy	Academy	120	122	122	
Goldington Academy	Academy	168	335	187	
Kempston Academy	Academy	180	116	116	36
Lincroft Academy	Academy	210	190	190	
Mark Rutherford School	Academy	200	194	194	
Sharnbrook Academy	Academy	270	258	258	
St Thomas More Catholic School	Academy (Catholic)	150	126	126	16
Wixams Academy	Academy	210	165	165	5

Additional Offers

* Where a child living within the administrative area of Bedford Borough Council has been unable to secure a school place through the normal transfer process, and they are not attending a school where they can remain in September, the Local Authority has a duty to nominate the next nearest school with places available.

Appeals

If your application has been unsuccessful, you have the right to appeal against this decision.

You can lodge your appeal for a place at a school in Bedford Borough Council on-line at www.bedford.gov.uk/appeals or you can request a form from the Appeals Clerk, tel 01234 228905. Please read the Appeals Guidance before submitting your appeal.

If you have been unsuccessful in gaining a place at a school in another local authority and you wish to appeal, you should contact the relevant council for more information.

Waiting Lists

If your child has not been offered a place at your preferred school(s), they will be placed on the waiting list which has been prioritised in accordance with the admissions criteria for individual schools. If a place becomes available the relevant local authority will contact you,

even if you have accepted a place at an alternative school/academy. The waiting lists will be maintained until the end of the Autumn term 2025 (31 December 2025). If you wish to remain on the waiting list beyond that time, you will need to contact the School Admissions Service of the relevant local authority.

Schools with vacancies

The following schools/academies currently have a limited number of places available:

Kempston Academy
Lincroft Academy
Mark Rutherford School
Sharnbrook Academy
St Thomas More Catholic Secondary School
Wixams Academy

If you would like to request a place at any of the schools listed, you should email the School Admissions Service by 17 March 2025 admissions@bedford.gov.uk

Admission of younger siblings

If we have offered your child a place you should be aware that this will not guarantee a place at this school to any younger siblings in future years, particularly if the school is oversubscribed.