

Starting School – September 2025

The table below lists the number of requests for places at each of the lower/primary schools/academies and the number of places that have been offered in accordance with the published admissions arrangements on **National Offer Day, 16th April 2025**. 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.

‘Places available’ column updated as at 21st May 2025 after 2nd/late allocation process

School	Type	Published Admissions Number	Requests Received	Places Offered	Additional Offers *	ICS Applies?	Places Available
Balliol Primary	C	52	27	27		No	Yes
Bedford Road Primary	A	60	52	52		N/A	Yes
Brickhill Primary	C	30	36	30		Yes	No
Broadmead Lower	C	60	44	44		N/A	Yes
Bromham Primary	VC	90	74	74		N/A	Yes
Camestone Primary	C	60	62	60		Yes	No
Carlton Primary	VC	15	7	7		N/A	Yes
Castle Newnham Primary	A	90	94	90		Yes	No
Cauldwell Primary	A	60	63	60		Yes	No
Christopher Reeves Primary	VA	15	8	8		N/A	Yes
Cotton End Primary	C	60	69	60		Yes	No
Edith Cavell Primary	F	45	25	25	3	N/A	Yes
Eileen Wade Primary	F	10	14	14		No	No
Elstow Primary	A	60	58	58		Yes	No
Goldington Green Primary	A	90	63	63		N/A	Yes
Great Barford Primary	A	30	26	26		N/A	Yes
Great Denham Primary	F	90	122	90		Yes	No
Great Ouse Primary	A	60	68	60		Yes	No
Harrold Primary	A	30	16	16		N/A	Yes
Hazeldene Primary	F	60	73	60		Yes	No
Kempston Rural Primary	C	60	76	60		Yes	No
Kings Oak Primary	C	120	93	93		N/A	Yes
Kymbrook Primary	F	15	11	11		N/A	Yes

Lakeview Primary	C	60	49	49	3	N/A	Yes
Livingstone Primary	F	60	65	60		Yes	No
Milton Ernest Primary	VC	12	8	8		No	Yes
Oakley Primary	A	40	29	29		No	Yes
Pinchmill Primary	F	15	6	6		N/A	Yes
Priory Primary	F	26	46	26		No	No
Putnoe Primary	A	90	53	53		N/A	Yes
Queens Park Primary	A	60	60	60		N/A	No
Ravensden Primary	A	15	10	10		N/A	Yes
Renhold Primary	VC	30	23	23		N/A	Yes
Riseley Primary	VA	28	19	19		No	Yes
Roxton Primary	A	15	6	6		N/A	Yes
Scott Primary	C	60	46	46		N/A	Yes
Shackleton Primary	A	60	61	60		Yes	No
Sharnbrook Primary	A	30	23	23		N/A	Yes
Sheerhatch Primary	C	30	20	20		N/A	Yes
Shortstown Primary	A	60	66	60		Yes	No
Springfield Primary	A	60	44	44	1	N/A	Yes
St James Primary	VA	30	31	30		Yes	No
St John Rigby Primary	A	60	19	19	1	N/A	Yes
St Joseph's & St Gregory's Primary	A	60	26	26		N/A	Yes
St Lawrence Primary	VA	30	10	10		N/A	Yes
The Hills Primary	A	60	68	60		Yes	No
Thurleigh Primary	F	15	13	13		No	No
Turvey Primary	F	15	8	8		N/A	Yes
Ursula Taylor Primary	A	60	34	34		N/A	Yes
Westfield School	C	60	39	39		N/A	Yes
Wilden Primary	VA	12	5	5		No	Yes
Willow Grove Primary School	A	25	41	30		Yes	No
Wilstead Primary	F	30	22	22		N/A	Yes
Wixams Tree Primary	A	90	54	54	1	N/A	Yes
Wootton Primary	A	120	106	106		N/A	Yes

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 admissions process, the Local Authority has a duty to nominate the next nearest school with places available.

School Type

A	-	Academy
C	-	Community School
VA	-	Voluntary Aided School
F	-	Foundation School
VC	-	Voluntary Controlled

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 wish to appeal for a school in another local authority please contact the relevant council for more information.

ICS – Infant Class Size Limits

The column 'ICS applies?' in the table indicates whether the school has reached its Infant Class Size limit.

Government legislation states that no infant class (Year R, Year 1 or Year 2) can have more than 30 children in it. If a school exceeds this number they will have to take qualifying measures (employ another teacher and set up a new class to keep class sizes at or under 30). If the 'ICS applies?' column states 'Yes' then it means your application has been unsuccessful on the grounds of infant class size limits and although you have the right of appeal the Appeal Panel can only uphold your appeal in the following circumstances:

- 1) it finds that the admission of additional children would not breach the infant class size limit; or
- 2) it finds that the admission arrangements did not comply with admissions law or were not correctly and impartially applied and the child would have been offered a place if the arrangements had complied or had been correctly and impartially applied; or

3) it decides that the decision to refuse admission was not one which a reasonable admission authority would have made in the circumstances of the case.

If the 'ICS applies?' column states N/A (not applicable) this means that the school is undersubscribed. However if we received more applications and the school subsequently becomes oversubscribed and reaches its published admissions number then Infant class size limits will apply.

Waiting Lists

If we have not been able to offer you a place at your preferred school(s), your child's name 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 we 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 write to the School Admissions Service.

Schools with vacancies

Some schools currently have a limited number of places available. These schools are marked with 'Yes' on the table.

If you would like to request a place at any of the schools listed, you should do so in writing to the School Admissions Service.

Please email admissions@bedford.gov.uk

Admission of younger siblings

If you have been offered a place at a school/academy 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.

Deferred Places

If you are offered a school place for your child, you can ask that school for the place to be deferred. This means that the place is kept open for you but must be taken up by the time your child is of statutory school age or April 2026, whichever is the earlier. You **cannot** defer for the whole of the academic year and start your child in year 1 instead.