



# Information Sheet

## Starting School 2024

**This leaflet for parents/carers of children starting school (Year R) for the first time in September 2024 explains how to apply for a lower/primary school place for a child born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020.**

All the information you need to apply for a school place is available on our website [www.bedford.gov.uk/startingschool](http://www.bedford.gov.uk/startingschool). It gives details of all the schools in the area and a PDF copy of the admissions booklet, Starting School 2024, which 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](http://www.bedford.gov.uk/onlineadmissions)**

You may apply using a paper application form if you prefer. An application form can be requested from your local Bedford Borough lower/primary school or by contacting the School Admissions Service: email: [admissions@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@bedford.gov.uk) tel: 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 15 January 2024

### Starting School Admissions Timetable

#### September 2023

We will publish information about the Starting School process.



#### 26 September 2023 – 15 January 2024

You can **apply online** or you can complete and return a paper application form to the School Admissions Service.



#### 15 January 2024

Last day for applications.



#### 16 April 2024

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.

## Contact Us

School Admissions Service General Enquiries - 01234 718120

Email: [admissions@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@bedford.gov.uk)

### Contact details for school admission teams in neighbouring authorities

**Cambridgeshire**

Tel: 0345 045 1370

[admissions@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

**Central Bedfordshire**

Tel: 0300 300 8037

[admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)

**Milton Keynes**

Tel: (01908) 253338

[primaryadmissions@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:primaryadmissions@milton-keynes.gov.uk)

**North Northamptonshire**

Tel: 0300 126 3000

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**West Northamptonshire**

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