



**Olney Middle School**



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At Olney Middle School we believe that positive behaviour in children stems from learning the core values. These core values are CARING.

By looking beyond our school, we know we have a responsibility to society for our children to become valuable citizens in the future, being fully prepared for later life including the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead in Secondary School.

Enthusiastic children, excellent staff, memorable learning experiences, fun, inspiring and exciting lesson opportunities and a rich curriculum all contribute to our happy school. We are proud of all members of the Olney Middle School community and the fact that providing the best educational experience for the children is at the heart of everything we do.

Olney Middle school currently has 376 pupils aged 7-11.

### **Admissions 2025 – 2026**

The number of intended admissions (the Published Admission Number) for our Year 3 stands at 96.

### **How to apply**

The Local Authorities in which IFtL schools sit co-ordinate the admission arrangements for all schools in that Local Authority.

- Milton Keynes:
  - Procedures for applying to Olney Middle School are explained at <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schools-and-lifelong-learning/school-admissions/> which includes a guide for parents and carers.

It is important that parents and carers read this information carefully and meet the deadlines as indicated within. Deadline dates for the return of applications are set by the Local Authorities. Applications must be returned as indicated in the above web addresses.

## **Entry at Year 3:**

### **Oversubscription criteria**

If applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following order of priority will be applied.

1. 'Looked after' children or children who were previously looked after but immediately after became subject to adoption, residence or special guardianship order
2. Children of staff who have been employed at the school for two or more years at the time of which the application for admission to the school is made, and / or children of staff who are recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. It is at the absolute discretion of the CEO of Inspiring Futures through Learning to determine when there is a demonstrable skill shortage
3. Children with a sibling\* in attendance at the school at the date of admission
4. Children living in the listed catchment area and attend a named feeder school
5. Children living in the listed catchment area
6. Other children living outside the listed catchment area and attend a named feeder school
7. Children living outside the listed catchment area

Children with Statements of Special Educational Needs naming Olney Middle School will be given priority for admission at the normal transfer point at Year 3.

### **Tiebreaker arrangements**

In circumstances where the school admissions number has been exceeded in any of the above categories and there is a need to discriminate within the category, preference will be given to those living closest to the school, measured in a straight line to the school main reception using the Local Authority's computerised distance measuring system, with those living nearer to the school receiving the higher priority.

### **Siblings and multiple birth groups**

In cases where there is one remaining place available and the next child on the waiting list is one of a twin, triplet or other multiple birth groups, all siblings\* would be admitted even if this goes above the planned number for the school.

\*A sibling is a brother or sister, which for admission purposes means brothers and sisters of whole or half blood, or any other child (including an adopted child) who permanently resides at the same address and for whom the parent also has parental responsibility.

### **Waiting lists**

A waiting list will operate for each year group. Where in any year the school receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until the end of the academic year. This will be maintained by the council on

behalf of the Academy Trust and it will be open to any parent to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application. Children's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Where places become vacant they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. The waiting list will be reordered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria whenever anyone is added to or leaves the waiting list.

### **Listed catchment area**

Pupils who live in the defined catchment area of the school and resident in the following parishes: Clifton Reynes, Cold Brayfield, Emberton, Filgrave, Newton Blossomville, Olney, Petsoe, Ravenstone, Tyringham, Warrington, Weston Underwood.

### **Feeder schools**

Pupils enter Olney Middle at the age of 7 (Year 3) from local infant schools. Olney Infant Academy, Newton Blossomville Infant School, Sherington, North Crawley and Stoke Goldington schools. Sherington, North Crawley and Stoke Goldington also feed to Tickford Park.

### **Admissions for other years**

Applications for other years (other than the year of intake) are also made through the relevant Local Authorities who organise the co-ordinated scheme for 'in-year admissions'.

- Milton Keynes:
  - Parents/carers must apply through <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schools-and-lifelong-learning/school-admissions>

### **Appeals**

All applicants refused a place have a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel constituted and operated in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code. Appellants should contact the Education Access Team at Milton Keynes Council as relevant for information on how to appeal. Details will be included in your decline letter and further guidance is available at: <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schools-and-lifelong-learning/school-admissions/school-admission-appeals>