

LEON SCHOOL & SPORTS COLLEGE

PROPOSED ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR SEPTEMBER 2011

Introduction

This information has been prepared to help parents understand the admission arrangements for children to attend Leon School & Sports College. Leon School is a foundation trust school and is therefore its own admissions authority. The Governing Body determines the admissions criteria and operates the admissions process.

Parents should note that for Milton Keynes Secondary Schools there is no automatic right to a place at the local school. It is essential that the correct application form is completed and returned by the set deadline date. The common application form is the only form that will be accepted and the timeline for admissions is published in Local Authority's booklet "Admission to Secondary Schools in Milton Keynes – Information for Parents".

Admissions criteria for pupils aged 11+

The planned admissions number (PAN) for September 2011 is 135 students.

Leon School's defined area for admissions is the area of Bletchley east of the west coast railway line and south of the Bedford railway line, which covers Central Bletchley, Fenny Stratford and Water Eaton, plus Little Brickhill and the Newton Leys Estate.

Places are allocated in line with the following criteria:

Children with a statement of Special Educational Needs, that names Leon School & Sports College on their statement, will be given priority for admission within the normal admission round at 11+.

Where there is oversubscription the following criteria will be used to allocate places.

1. Children in care.

2. Children living in the defined area (see above) and have a sibling (brother or sister) in Years 8 to 11 attending Leon School at the time of admission. Proof of residence will be required. The definition of 'sibling' is shown below.
3. Children living in the defined area (see above). Proof of residence will be required.
4. Children attending one of Leon's partner schools (also known as feeder schools) which are:

Knowles Junior, Eaton Mill Primary, Drayton Park, Water Hall Primary.
5. Children living outside the defined area but with a sibling in years 8 to 11 attending Leon School.
6. Children living outside the defined area.

Definition of a sibling

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

Multiple Births

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 births the following will apply:

- Both twins would be admitted (or all siblings in the case of multiple births) even if this goes above the admission number for the school.

In the event of over subscription under any of the criteria above, places will be allocated to those children living closest to Leon School as measured in a straight line from the front door of the child's home to the school's main entrance gate, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system. For applicants living in flats the distance will be measured in a straight line from the school's main entrance to the front door of the ground floor flat underneath the child's main residence.

The school, if oversubscribed will hold a waiting list. At the end of the summer term parents will be asked to complete a form to confirm if they wish their child's name to continue to be held on the waiting list.

Procedure for admission at 11+

Procedures for applying to Leon School are explained in "Admission to Secondary Schools in Milton Keynes – Information for Parents" handbook. Parents/carers should read the information, definitions provided, dates and deadlines. The booklet also contains the common application form, which is the only form that will be accepted. **It is vitally important that you submit your application on line or by completing the application form. If your child attends a Milton Keynes primary or junior school please return it via that school. If your child attends an independent school or a school outside Milton Keynes please send your form to the Local Authority by the date in the booklet.**

Allocations

The Pupil Support Section of the Local Authority will write to all parents in March 2011 advising whether a place is available.

Admissions Appeals

If a place is not offered, parents will be told how they may appeal against that decision.

In-Year Admissions

From September 2010 the Local Authority will co-ordinate all admissions, including those for children requiring a place during the year, to any year group. The Local Authority works in partnership with all secondary schools.

Any parents seeking a place in Years 7 to 11 from September 2010 should contact the Pupil Support Section who will provide them with an application form. The Pupil Support Section, following consultation with Leon School, will write to parents advising whether a place is available.

Admissions criteria for pupils aged 16+

The planned admissions number for September 2011 is 200 learners per year for Leon, within the partnership's total number.

Leon School's Key Stage 5 provision is part of the new **Milton Keynes South Sixth Form**, which comprises Lord Grey School, White Spires and Milton Keynes College. These institutions believe barriers to learning can be addressed more effectively by working together, rather than in isolation.

Consequently, the partnership is able to offer a wide range of academic AS and A2 GCE courses, a variety of vocational BTEC courses at levels 1, 2 and 3, and a number of Diplomas, as well as some GCSE re-sit opportunities and functional skills learning.

Students can choose from the following three pathways:

Pathway One: Vocational Courses plus Foundation Learning tier courses.

Pathway Two: AS and A2 GCE Level Courses

Pathway Three: Level 3 Diplomas

Students from all learning establishments are able to apply for Leon courses. All courses require minimum entry levels or competencies, and some vocational courses require interviews and appropriate safeguarding enquiries.

Details of all courses and how to apply for them are provided in the **Milton Keynes South Sixth Form prospectus**.