

Mid-Year Casual Admissions Policy for Walton High Years 7-11 from September 2022

Walton High is one school but based on two campuses that are just over two miles apart, i.e. Walton High, Fyfield Barrow, Walnut Tree and Walton High, Fen Street, Brooklands.

Walton High aims to **enhance** and **enrich** the lives of children and young people by **enabling** them to make the most of outstanding learning opportunities within and beyond the curriculum; instilling an appreciation that there are **no limits** to what they can achieve and developing the attributes needed to successfully shape and respond to the future.

A clear secular moral framework will promote honesty, integrity, tolerance and respect as well as an appreciation of individual and collective responsibility.

In this way we will bring out **the very best** in our children and young people.

This policy relates to all admissions to Walton High in Years 7-11, except for the initial September entry into Year 7 which is managed as part of the Coordinated Admissions Programme for the Local Authority and which is explained in the document "*Admission arrangements for Year 7 entry into Walton High in September 2022*".

Parents should be aware that this is an oversubscribed school with more applicants than places available and that every year many parents are unsuccessful in their application for a place.

Walton High will consider applications for admissions in Years 7 to 11 throughout the year, with any available places allocated strictly in accordance with this admissions policy.

For children who wish to attend Walton High, after the September in which they enter Year 7, an application form is available from the school's Admissions Office. Parents should complete the form and return it to the school. Where no place is available the applicant will be advised in writing and informed of their right to request an independent appeal. Verbal or telephone applications will **not** be considered. The school does not maintain a waiting list.

Prospective applicants should note:

Published Admissions Number – September 2022

The school's published admissions number for each year is as follows:

Walton High, Fyfield Barrow, Walnut Tree

Year 7 : 220

Year 8 : 220

Walton High, Fen Street, Brooklands

Year 7 : 220

Year 8 : 220

Year 9 : 220
Year 10 : 220
Year 11 : 220

Year 9 : 220
Year 10 : 220
Year 11 : 120

For a place to be available the number of students in the relevant year group will have fallen below the published admissions number.

The defined area for admissions into Walton High's two campuses covers: Walnut Tree, Kents Hill, Kents Hill Park, Wavendon Gate, Browns Wood, Old Farm Park, Caldecotte, Walton Park, Walton, Walton Hall, Walton Manor, Wavendon, Simpson, Ashlands, Bow Brickhill, Little Brickhill, Woburn Sands, Aspley Guise, Aspley Heath, Towergate, Broughton Gate (including MK10 7** postcodes), Brooklands, Salford & Hulcote, Willen, Willen Park, Campbell Park and Strategic Land Areas including Glebe Farm, Eagle Farm South, Cross End and Lower End.

As far as possible, children are allocated to a campus based on where they live:

For mid-year casual admissions, a place will be offered at the campus that has a place available.

Prospective applicants should note that it is generally not Walton High's policy to allocate a place for a child to a year above or below that of the child's chronological age.

How places are allocated

Places are allocated by applying the following admissions criteria:

- 1) Children who have a statement of Special Educational Need or Education, Health and Care Plan that names Walton High will be allocated a place in accordance with national regulations.
- 2) Children who are looked after (LAC) and all previously looked after children (PLAC) but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (IAPLAC)..
- 3) Children of staff who are employed by Milton Keynes Education Trust where at least one of the following conditions is met:
 - a) which the application for admission to the school is made or
 - b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
- 4) Children living within the defined area who will have a sibling still in attendance at Walton High in Years 8 to 13 at the time of admission.
- 5) Children attending a school that is part of Milton Keynes Education Trust (MKET) and living in the defined area.
- 6) Children attending a Walton High partner school and living in the defined area.
Partner schools are:

- a) Wavendon Gate School
 - b) Bow Brickhill CoE Primary School
 - c) St Mary's Wavendon CoE Primary School
 - d) Brooklands Farm Primary School
- 7) Children who live in Walton High's defined area
 - 8) Children living outside the defined area attending a Milton Keynes Education Trust school.
 - 9) Children living outside the defined area with a sibling still in attendance in Years 8 to 13 at the time of admission.
 - 10) Children attending a Walton High partner school and living outside the defined area.
Partner schools are:
 - a) Wavendon Gate School
 - b) Bow Brickhill CoE Primary School
 - c) St Mary's CoE Primary School, Wavendon
 - d) Brooklands Farm Primary School
 - 11) Children living outside the defined area

In the case of entry into Years 9, 10 and 11, the school will take into account the available capacity in the student's chosen examination subject classes. Places will be offered on the basis of "best fit" once the above criteria have been taken into consideration.

In the event of further over subscription, once places have been allocated under the criteria above, any remaining places will be awarded according to the proximity of the child's main residence to Walton High as measured by the shortest available route. This is measured in a straight line, from the front door of the child's home to the school main entrance gate of the school's sites. This will be done using appropriate computer software which can provide cost effective, accurate measurements.

Additional Notes

1. Walton High reserves the right to make its own enquiries to verify any information supplied on admissions application forms. If the school discovers that a place has been given to a child based on false, inaccurate or misleading information, it will withdraw the place.
2. 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. To be included as a sibling within the admission rules, the other child (sibling) should still be in attendance in Year 7 – 13 when the applicant child joins the school.
3. Applicants who are seeking a transfer from another school in Years 9, 10 and 11, will be reminded that this is not recommended by the Governors due to the impact on the student's education, nor can Walton High guarantee to offer an equivalent combination of subject choices or exam boards.

4. For the purposes of mid-year admissions applicants who have not pursued their applications by returning the relevant forms by the relevant deadline will be considered to have withdrawn their application.

5. Walton High will continue to provide the Local Authority with information about all applications and the outcome as required by Admissions Legislation and the 2014 School Admissions Code.

