



**MID-YEAR CASUAL ADMISSIONS POLICY  
FOR WALTON HIGH YEARS 7-11  
FROM SEPTEMBER 2024**

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 2024*”.

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.

**Prospective applicants should note:**

**Published Admissions Number – September 2024**

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

Walton High, Fyfield Barrow, Walnut Tree		Walton High, Fen Street, Brooklands	
Year 7	240	Year 7	240
Year 8	240	Year 8	240
Year 9	240	Year 9	240
Year 10	240	Year 10	240

Year 11          240

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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:

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.

If the number of applications exceeds the number of places available, priority will be given to children in the following order:

1. 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).
2. Children of staff who
  - a. have been employed by Milton Keynes Education Trust for two or more years at the time an application for admission to the school is made, and/or
  - b. are recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. It is at the absolute discretion of the school's Chair of the Governing Body Personnel, Finance and Facilities Committee to determine when there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
3. Children attending a school that is part of Milton Keynes Education Trust (MKET) and living in the defined area.
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 who live in Walton High's defined area.

6. Children living outside the defined area attending a Milton Keynes Education Trust school.
7. Children living outside the defined area with a sibling still in attendance in Years 8 to 13 at the time of admission.
8. Children living outside the defined area.

In the event of over subscription to either or both sites, including over subscription within any category above, remaining places will be awarded according to the proximity of the child's main residence to the main entrance gate of the school site that the child will be attending. This will be calculated by the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving higher priority.

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.

### **Sibling**

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 admissions rules the other child (sibling) should be expected to be in attendance when the applicant child joins the school. Siblings are always checked with the preferred school and it would be helpful if you indicated where the existing child has a different family name.

### **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 birth group, both twins would be admitted (or all the siblings in the case of multiple births) even if this goes above the admission number for the school.

Any application for a place at the school received after the published date for return will only be considered after all prior applications have been looked at in line with the above.

The Local Authority will hold a waiting list until December 2023 for the Year 7 intake.

Please note that Walton High will not reconsider an application following a refusal during the same academic year, unless there has been a significant material change of circumstances.

### **Procedure for admission at 11+**

Procedures for applying to Walton High are explained in Admission to Secondary Schools in Milton Keynes, A guide for parents and carers handbook. Parents should make themselves familiar with this information and take particular note of the definitions provided, dates and deadlines. The common application form is the only form that will be accepted. The timeline for admissions will be

that described in the Admission to Secondary Schools in Milton Keynes, A guide for parents and carers handbook.

### **Additional Notes**

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Walton High will continue to provide the Local Authority with information about all applications and the outcome as required by Admissions Legislation and the 2021 School Admissions Code.

# Annex A Walton High's Defined Area

