

Relevant Area for School Admission Arrangements from September 2026

The Local Authority (LA) is required to set the relevant area well in advance of the admissions round.

The relevant area for consultation on school admissions policies and procedures for September 2026 will be the whole of the area of Buckinghamshire, extending to the limit of the County boundary.

1. Where the Council is the admission authority, consultation will take place with:
 - All other primary admission authorities within Buckinghamshire (for primary and secondary policies)
 - All Buckinghamshire maintained community and voluntary controlled primary schools (for primary and secondary policies)
 - All other secondary admission authorities within Buckinghamshire
 - All Buckinghamshire maintained community and voluntary controlled secondary schools (on secondary policies only)
 - Neighbouring Local Authorities

The Council will consult those schools for which it is the admission authority before consulting other bodies.

2. Where the Governing body of a school is the admission authority, consultation will take place with:

Primary schools

- The Buckinghamshire LA
- All primary schools within Buckinghamshire – community, voluntary controlled, voluntary aided and foundation schools and Academies (including free schools)
- Any other LA within 3.2 Km of the school entrance
- The Oxford Diocese (for Church of England voluntary aided schools only)
- The Roman Catholic Diocese of Northampton (for Roman Catholic schools only)
- Parish Councils

Secondary schools

- The Buckinghamshire LA
- All secondary schools and Academies (including free schools) within Buckinghamshire
- All primary schools and Academies (including free schools) within Buckinghamshire
- Any other LA within 8 Km of the school entrance
- The Oxford Diocese (for Church of England voluntary aided schools only)
- The Roman Catholic Diocese of Northampton (for Roman Catholic schools only)
- Parish Councils