

**Fairfield Park Lower School
Central Bedfordshire Council
Admission Arrangements for Academic Year 2020/21**

The Published Admission Number for the school is 90.

The designated measuring point of the school is the equidistant point between Dickens Boulevard and Ruskin Drive sites.

If there are fewer applications than places available at the school all applicants will be admitted. If there are more applications than places available, the criteria below will be used to prioritise applications. The admissions criteria will be applied separately and sequentially until all places are filled. Priority is not given within each criterion to children who meet other criteria.

Where a place can be offered, the following process will determine at which school site, either Dickens Boulevard or the Ruskin Drive site, the child will attend. Successful applicants will be notified at the time of offer which school site their child will attend.

1) All 'looked after' children or children who were previously 'looked after'

Looked after children in catchment will be prioritised by which priority area they are in, with those out of catchment being prioritised by straight line distance from their home address to the nearest school site to them.

2) Children who appear to the Council to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted

Allocated children will be prioritised by which priority area they are in, with those out of catchment being prioritised by straight line distance from their home address to the nearest school site to them.

3) Children living in the catchment area with siblings at the school

Before applications in this criterion are allocated children will be prioritised for either the Dickens Boulevard or the Ruskin Drive site according to which site their sibling attends and will be ranked by their straight-line distance from the designated measuring point.

If children are unable to obtain a place at the site at which their sibling attends they will be then ranked by their straight-line distance to the other Fairfield Park site. Places will be allocated in accordance with this distance after allocations have been made to those with siblings at that site taking precedence before those with siblings at the other school site.

4) Children living in the catchment area

Before applications in this criterion are allocated children will be prioritised for either the Dickens Boulevard or the Ruskin Drive site according to which priority area they reside in first and be ranked by their straight-line distance from the designated measuring point.

If children are unable to obtain a place at the site within their priority area they will be then ranked by their straight-line distance to the other Fairfield Park site which is not in their priority area. Places will be allocated in accordance with this distance after allocations have been made to those in their priority area taking precedence before those from the other priority area.

5) Children living outside the catchment area with siblings at the school

Siblings will be prioritised for either the Dickens Boulevard or the Ruskin Drive site depending on which site their sibling attends and will be ranked by their straight-line distance from the designated measuring point. There will be no guarantee that a sibling can attend the same school site.

6) Children of staff

Where possible pupils will be allocated a place at the site at which their parent is based.

7) Any other children

Where possible pupils will be allocated a place at the site nearest to them, measured from their home address in a straight line, although if this is not possible a place will be allocated at the other site.

Tiebreaker

Straight line distance will be used as a tiebreaker in each criterion where required to determine the allocation of places. The distance the pupil lives from the school which is measured in a straight line, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority. The Local Authority will measure the distance from the address point of the pupil's home to a point on the school site agreed with the governing body of the school, which is known as the designated measuring point. In the event of (a) two or more children living at the same address point (e.g. children resident in a block of flats) or (b) two addresses measuring the same distance from the school, the ultimate tie-breaker will be random selection, using the Synergy Admissions database to allocate the place.

Pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan

In accordance with the Education Act 1996, children with an Education, Health and Care Plan are required to be admitted to the academy/school named in the Plan and will be allocated a place ahead of those without an Education, Health and Care Plan in the allocation process. Thereafter the admissions criteria for each academy/school will apply to those children without an Education, Health and Care Plan. After allocations have been made, if an application is made late or is received as part of the in-year process, pupils who have an Education, Health and Care Plan are required to be admitted to the school which is named on the Plan, even if the school is full.

Fair Access Protocol

All Local Authorities must have a Fair Access Protocol which operates outside of the arrangements of co-ordinated admissions (i.e. those children being admitted to the point of entry at an academy/school) to ensure unplaced children, especially the most vulnerable are offered a suitable school place. Pupils identified for admission through the Fair Access Protocol will be admitted even if the school is full.

Unsuccessful applications

Waiting List

All unsuccessful applicants will be added to the waiting list which will run until the end of the academic year (July 2021). Waiting lists are ranked solely by the published oversubscription criteria for the school. The list will be ranked each time a child is added to the waiting list.

Appeals

If a place cannot be offered at Fairfield Park Lower School applicants have the right of appeal. All appeals are heard by an independent panel. Information regarding the appeal process will be sent to all unsuccessful applicants when notified of the outcome of their application.

Definitions of Admissions Criteria:

'Looked after' children

A 'looked after' child is a child in the care of a local authority as defined by Section 22 of the Children Act 1989. In relation to school admissions legislation a 'looked after child' is a child in public care at the time of application to a school.

Previously 'looked after' children

A previously 'looked after' child is a child who was 'looked after', but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a residence order or a special guardianship order.

Children who appear to the Local Authority to have been in state care outside of England and have ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted

A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society.

Catchment area

A catchment area is a geographical area from which children are given priority for admission to the particular school. Please see www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions for more information on school catchment areas.

Sibling

A sibling refers to a brother or sister, half brother or sister, step brother or sister, adopted brother or sister or fostered brother or sister where foster care has been arranged by a Local Authority or the child of the parent / carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living at the same address. The sibling must be in the school at the time of application and be likely to remain in the school at the proposed date of admission. In the scenario where one twin or a child from multiple birth has an EHCP, the other twin or children from multiple birth will be considered as a sibling once the school named on the EHCP has been finalised.

Any other children

Pupils who do not meet any of the higher criteria will be prioritised by the distance with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority. Using their computerised measuring system, the Local Authority will measure the straight-line distance from the address point of the pupil's home to the designated measuring point for the school, as agreed with the school's governing body.

Children of staff

Permanent full or part-time staff who have either been employed at the school for two or more years at the time of application or recruited to fill a vacant post where there was a demonstrable skill shortage. The relationship to the child is defined as by blood or adoption or with legal parental responsibility and living with the child in the same house Monday – Friday.

Priority areas for Fairfield Park Lower School catchment area

Address	Priority for Fairfield Park Lower site
Alfred Row	Ruskin Drive
Anderson Walk - properties 2,4,6	Ruskin Drive
Anderson Walk - properties 1,3,5,7	Dickens Boulevard
Beatrice Place	Ruskin Drive
Bronte Avenue - properties 1-21, 23,25,27	Ruskin Drive
Bronte Avenue - properties 22,24,26,28-155	Dickens Boulevard
Brunel Walk	Dickens Boulevard
Burton Close	Dickens Boulevard
Cavell Walk - properties 1,3,5,7,9	Ruskin Drive
Cavell Walk - properties 2,4,6,8,10	Dickens Boulevard
Charlotte Avenue	Dickens Boulevard
Connely Lane	Ruskin Drive
Copperfield Close	Dickens Boulevard
Dickens Boulevard - properties 1-23	Ruskin Drive
Dickens Boulevard - properties 24-74 inc Beeton Court	Dickens Boulevard
Disraeli Place	Ruskin Drive
Doyle Place	Dickens Boulevard
Earnshaw Drive	Dickens Boulevard
Edison Way	Dickens Boulevard
Emily Place	Dickens Boulevard
Fairfield Mews	Ruskin Drive
Faraday Gardens	Dickens Boulevard
Fleming Drive - properties 1-15, 17, 19,21	Ruskin Drive
Fleming Drive - properties 16,18,20,22-47	Dickens Boulevard
Franklin Place	Dickens Boulevard
Gaskell Place	Dickens Boulevard
Gladstone Drive	Ruskin Drive
Hardy Way	Dickens Boulevard
Heathcliff Avenue	Dickens Boulevard
Helena Crescent	Ruskin Drive
Hitchin Road - properties 153-167, inc East Lodge	Ruskin Drive
Hitchin Road - Icknield House	Dickens Boulevard
Kingsley Avenue	Ruskin Drive
Kipling Crescent	Dickens Boulevard
Leopold Corner	Ruskin Drive
Livingstone Way	Dickens Boulevard
Louise Rise	Ruskin Drive
Middlemarch	Ruskin Drive
Nickleby Way	Dickens Boulevard
Nightingale Way - properties 1-6,8,10,12,14	Ruskin Drive
Nightingale Way - properties 7,9,11,15,17,19	Dickens Boulevard
Palmerston Way	Ruskin Drive
Paxton Drive	Dickens Boulevard
Russell Walk	Ruskin Drive
Salisbury Close	Ruskin Drive
Shaftesbury Drive	Ruskin Drive
Stephenson Walk	Dickens Boulevard
Lower Wilbury Farm	Dickens Boulevard