

## SOUTHWOOD SCHOOL

### ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS SEPTEMBER 2020



Southwood is a 7-11 junior school. There are eight classes with a total school population currently of 220. Entry to the school takes place in September when Year 3 pupils will be admitted. The school does not operate a selection process and places are available for pupils in line with our Single Equalities Policy and irrespective of where a pupil lives.

#### **The Defined Area**

City Centre North, Conniburrow, Downs Barn, Downhead Park South and Campbell Park, North of the Park.

#### **Admissions Procedure**

Children will be admitted to Southwood School at the age of 7. Any parent, wherever the family lives, wishing for a place at Southwood must complete the Local Authority's application form. The completed form should be returned to the child's current school.

Requests for admission are considered by the Governing Body. Decisions on admissions are usually made in March when parents will be informed and offered a place by Milton Keynes Council on behalf of the Governing Body.

If a place is required during the school year, for example when a family moves into the area, parents should still apply via the Local Authority.

#### **Admissions Criteria**

Priority will be given to children with a statement of special educational needs naming Southwood, in the normal round of admissions for children transferring at 7+.

If the school is over-subscribed places will be allocated using the following criteria:

- A looked after child or previously looked after child
- Pupils attending a school in the defined area (i.e. Germander Park and Downs Barn)
- Pupils with brothers and sisters attending the school at the time of admission
- Pupils who live in the defined area

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.

In the case of multiple births, places will be offered in priority according to alphabetical forename order.

In the event of over-subscription, once places have been allocated under the above criteria, the remaining places will be awarded according to the proximity of the child's home to school as measured by the nearest available route. This is from the child's front door to the school gate.

If it is not possible to offer your child a place at this school then you will be advised about how you can appeal against that decision. The Local Authority will also let you know about available places at other schools. The official limit for admission to the school at the beginning of Year 3 is 75 pupils. The capacity of the school is 300.