



**Orchard Meadow Primary School**

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# Y6 Secondary Applications 2020

*Parent meeting (virtual) 12 October 2020*

# Purpose of the session:

- To outline the admissions process for Oxfordshire;
- Signpost key websites, i.e. the [OCC admissions site](#);
- Share open-day events details for local secondary schools.

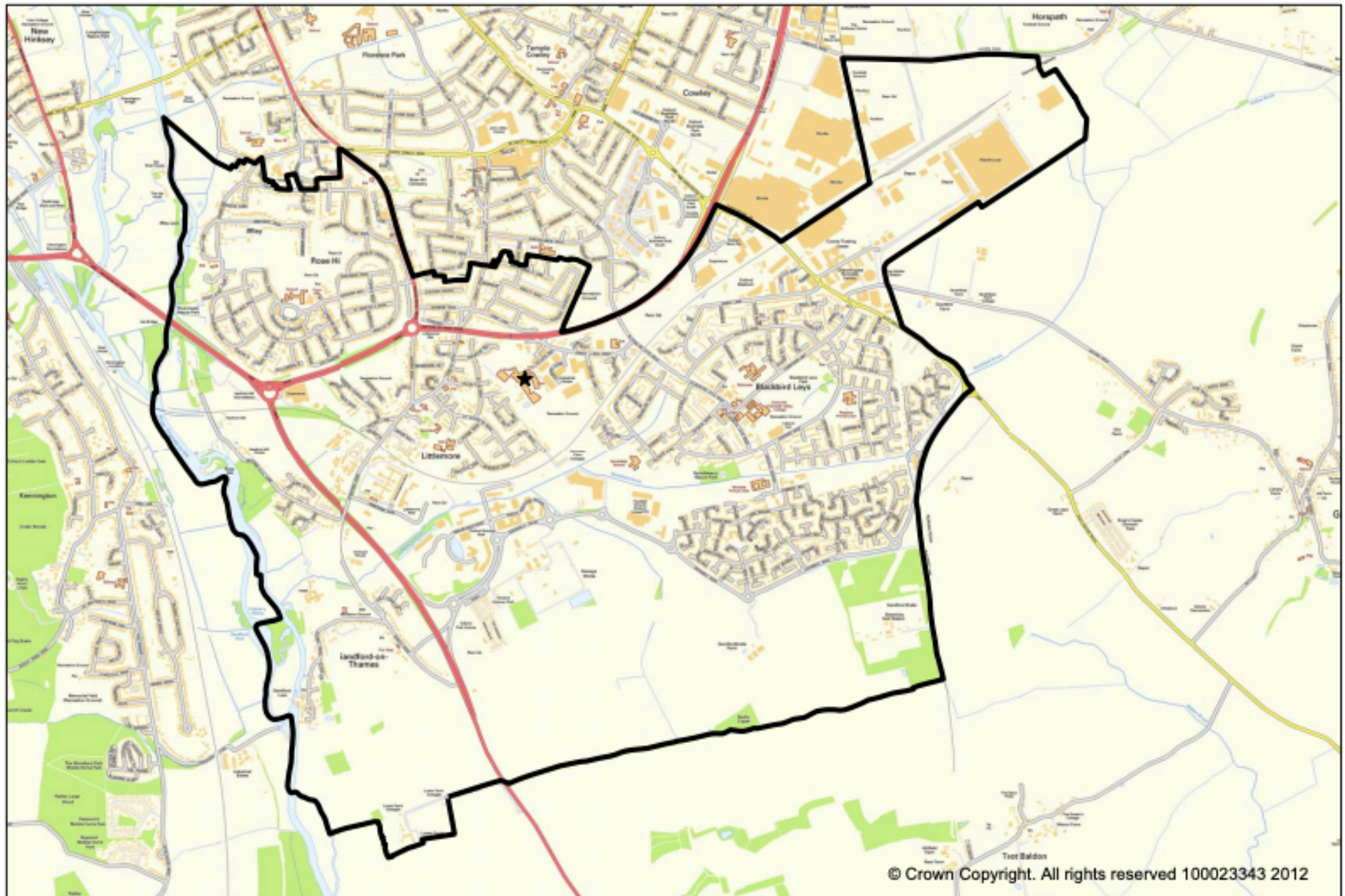
# Key document

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/file/admission-policies/MovingOnSecondary.pdf>



# Which schools can you choose?

- You can apply to any school
- Consider the catchment area for 2019-20
- Admissions criteria, e.g. siblings, EHCP
- Find out as much about the school as you can: Ofsted, website, open evenings (virtual)
- How will your child get there? [Travelling to School](#) section of website
- [Individual school pages](#) tell you how places were allocated last year





# TOA - example

## Procedures where the Academy is oversubscribed

7. Where the number of applications for admission is greater than the published admissions number for any relevant age group, the Academy will consider applications against the criteria set out in the sub-paragraphs. The criteria should be read together with the notes that follow. Children with a Statement of Special Educational Need or with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan naming The Oxford Academy will always be offered places. If there is then greater demand for admission than there are places available, the following criteria will be applied in the order set out below:
  - a) **Looked After Children** (children in public care) and children who were looked after or ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a Child Arrangements order or special guardianship order)
  - b) **children with a disability** who need to be admitted to a school on the grounds of physical accessibility, where this is supported by appropriate professional evidence being submitted at the time of application. The decision in each case will be determined by the **Governing Board's Admissions Committee**. (The definition of disability is that contained within the Equality Act 2010 as amended);

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- c) **Those children who will have a sibling at the Academy at the time of application who will still be there on entry** (See note 2 below).
- d) **Children of staff:** To qualify for this criterion the member of staff concerned must have been in post at the school for 2 or more years at the date of application. The only exception to this rule will be where the school is able to provide evidence of a demonstrable skills shortage for that post.
- e) **Children who live in the designated areas of Windale Primary School, Pegasus Primary School, Rose Hill Primary School, Orchard Meadow Primary School, and John Henry Newman CE (Aided) Primary School**  
(A copy of the map is available at the Oxfordshire Local Authority website or at The Academy)

# Can I apply outside Oxfordshire?

- Yes
- You still follow the OCC process and application form; they will liaise with the relevant local authorities on your behalf



Key date!

**31 October 2020**

## Key dates when applying for secondary school

Key dates	Event
4 September 2020	<b>Applications open.</b>
31 October 2020	Closing date for applications.
1 March 2021	National offer day: look online, receive email and letters are sent out by second class post where needed.
16 March 2021	Last date to respond to offers. Last date to be added to the continued interest list for offers made on 1 March. Last date for late applications, and changes of preference.
6 May 2021	Offer day for late applications made by 16 March.
21 May 2020	Last date to respond to offers made on 6 May. Last date to be added to the continued interest list for offers made on 6 May. Last date for change of preference for offers on 6 May
September 2021	Start of the school year.

# How do I apply?

*Parents of children born between 1 September 2009 and 31 August 2010 (inclusive) need to apply for a secondary school place in September/ October 2020.*

- Online application [here](#)
- We will support parents to apply in school if they are having difficulties
- Paper forms are available
- List 4 preferences: Don't just list one – it won't increase your chances!
- Schools are not told whether a parent ranked the school as a first, second or third preference
- You will receive your offer more quickly if you apply online

# What if I miss the deadline?

*If your application is late, it will be processed later in the year, and you are far less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools.*

- Online applications close after 31 October. Late applications must be submitted by paper
- Applications received after 16 November 2020 will, as a matter of course, be considered as late applications regardless of whether genuine extenuating reasons have been provided.

# When do I find out about my child's place?

## **National offer day: 1 March 2021**

*Every letter sent on 1 March 2021 will include a leaflet called "What to do next?"*

This leaflet explains how to:

- Respond to the offer a place;
- Place a child's name on one or more Continued Interest lists;
- Respond to the offer of school transport or request school transport as appropriate (See Section 4);
- Make a school admissions appeal.



# Continued interest list?

Parents are able to place their child's name on the Continued Interest List for schools where a requested place could not be offered.

Children living in Oxfordshire are not automatically placed on the Continued Interest List for any school. Parents must complete a Continued Interest List request form if they want their child's name added to a list.

# Appeals

Parents have a statutory right to appeal for a place at any school where a place was not offered.

For notifications sent on 1 March 2021, the deadline for returning the appeal form is 27 March 2021 (20 school days after the letter).

Anyone who has an application for a place at a school turned down (for the years Reception to Year 13) has the right to appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel.

# School information

- TOA - Video: <https://www.theoxfordacademy.org.uk/about-us/open-day-2020>
- Oxford Spire - Interest needs to be registered to be able to join their Zoom meetings for next week:  
<https://www.oxfordspiresacademy.org/category/event/>
- St Greg's - Video: <https://t.co/KNSZbqgejR?amp=1>
- Mathew Arnold - Link on website <http://www.maschool.org.uk/news/virtual-open-evening-2020>

Any questions!