Bristol City Council

Admission Arrangements for 2019/20 school year for first admission to Secondary Schools in Bristol

All Local Authorities in England are required to have co-ordinated arrangements for admission to Reception in primary schools and to Year 7 in secondary schools. Parents of children resident in Bristol apply to the City Council on the common application form regardless of where the schools applied for are situated.

Bristol will co-ordinate applications for schools in Bristol including academies, community schools, free schools, foundation schools, voluntary aided schools and voluntary controlled schools and will liaise with other local authorities where Bristol parents apply for schools outside of the city.

All Bristol resident children will receive a single offer of a school place that will be sent by Bristol City Council on the relevant National Offer Day.

In some cases where new academies and free schools are being established the first year of entry may not be co-ordinated through the local authority.

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The following schools are responsible for determining their own admission arrangements for September 2019. The schools have adopted the arrangements of the Local Authority.

- Ashton Park School (Admission Number – 216)
- Henbury School (Admission Number – 189)
- Orchard School, Bristol (Admission Number – 185)

Other schools arrangements are published separately.

Where there are more applications than places available, allocations will be made in the following order of priority.

Initial allocations will involve only those applications received by the submission date and accepted as on-time.

Priority is not given to first preferences. The admission arrangements are applied equally to all applications, with the aim of meeting the highest preference possible.

1. **Children in care or children who were previously in care but immediately after being in care became subject to an adoption, child care arrangements or special guardianship order.**
Children in care are children who are in the care of the local authority or provided with accommodation by the authority in accordance with section 22 of the Children Act 1989.

2. **Sibling living in the first, second or joint area.**

Where there are siblings of statutory school age in attendance at the preferred school and who will still be on roll in the year of entry and where the home address is within the designated areas of first, second or joint priority.

3. **Geography - Children living in the first area.**

Children living within the school’s designated area of first priority.

4. **Geography - Children living in the second or joint area.**

Children living within the school’s area of second priority/joint area. Siblings living outside the area. Where there are siblings of statutory school age in attendance at the preferred school and who will still be on roll in the year of entry and where the home address is outside the designated areas or first, second or joint priority. (See map below for more information on priority areas)

5. **Sibling living outside the area.**

Where there are siblings of statutory school age in attendance at the preferred school and who will still be on roll in the year of entry and where the home address is outside the designated areas of first, second or joint priority.

6. **Geography - Out of the area children.**

Children living closest to the school as measured in a direct line from the home address to the school.

**Priority Areas**

Maps of areas of first, second and joint priority are published on the Bristol City Council website.

**Definitions**

**Sibling**
Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, step brother or sister, or a child of the parent or carer’s partner where the child for whom a place is being sought is living in the same family unit at the same address.

Pupils will not be considered as a sibling link where the older child is attending the school in the year of entry as Year 12 or Year 13 students.

Home address

The child’s permanent home address, where he or she resides with a person with parental responsibility, or with a parent (as defined in Section 576 of the Education Act 1996). It is the address where the child spends the majority of their time. Documentary evidence may be required to confirm a child’s home address. If a child regularly lives at more than one address the admission authority will have to reach a conclusion about which address should be counted as the main address when allocating school places. This will normally be the address where the Child Benefit is paid and where the child is registered with a doctor.

Home to school distance

Home to school distance will be measured in a direct line from a point on the home address as held by the Local Authority to a point within the school building using the Local Authority’s computerised mapping system.

Tie-breaks

Where there are more applications than there are places remaining within a particular category, the direct line distance from home to school will be used as a tie-break. When the furthest distance to qualify for a place relates to a household containing two or more children for whom application are made (e.g. twins), the place will be offered to one child. The remaining child(ren) will be considered under the sibling criterion if further places become available.

Where two or more children live in a flat or other multi-home dwelling and it is not possible to determine which applicant lives closest to the preferred school as measured in a direct line from building to school; the available place(s) will be allocated by drawing lots. Any offer of a place determined by random allocation will be overseen by a member of staff from the Legal Division of Bristol City Council.

Education, Health and Care Plan/ Special Educational Needs

Children with Education Health and Care Plan/ Statement of SEN (EHCP) follow the transfer arrangements set out in the SEN Code of Practice and associated regulations and are not subject to general admissions arrangements.
**Areas of First, Second and Joint Priority**

The map indicates the defined Areas of First, Second and Joint Priority for schools and academies in Bristol. Some schools and academies do not have designated areas.

If a home address is within a school’s Area of First, Second or Joint priority does not guarantee a place at the school. When a school has places available to allocate using the published geographical criteria, priority is given to applicants living in the area of first priority is given to applicants living in the Area of First and then the Second and Joint Area (where applicable) over those living outside. The map herewith is for general guidance only. If a home address is close to, or on a boundary between Areas of Priority you are strongly advised to contact Schools Admissions to confirm the position.
Area of First Priority

Many former community schools serve a designated geographical area known as the “Area of First Priority”. Children living within these areas receive priority over those living outside when the geographical parts of the oversubscription are being applied.

Joint Areas

In addition to their areas of first priority, some schools also form with other schools part of a joint area. Children outside the first priority area but living within the joint area receive priority over those living outside when the geographical parts of the oversubscription criteria are being applied.

Bristol Online Map

To view the areas of priority, visit http://maps.bristol.gov.uk/pinpoint/.

Specific addresses can be located by entering a postcode via the Address tab.

School priority areas can be seen via the Education tab and selecting Secondary school areas of first priority or Secondary school areas of second priority.

To view the map in more detail use the zoom in bar on the map.