

Allocation Statement for REDLAND GREEN SCHOOL - September 2016 First Round

As Redland Green School is oversubscribed, the criteria stated in the booklet 'A guide for parents and carers on applying for a secondary school place for the school year 2016-2017' have been applied to allocate the places that are available at the school.

670 on-time applications (260 first preferences, 251 second preferences and 159 third preferences) have been received for Redland Green School which has a published admission number of 189. The school has breached the admission number for Year 7 in September 2016 to 216.

3 places are required for children with the school named in their Statement of Special Educational Needs/Education, Health and Care Plan.

This left 213 places to allocate using the published criteria.

How the Initial Allocation of Places was made

The **213 places** have been offered to the following children:

1. Those children who are defined as Children in Care or children who were previously in care but immediately after being in care became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order. **(1 place)**
2. Those children living within the area of first, second or joint priority for Redland Green School, with siblings of statutory school age attending the school, who will still be on roll in September 2016. **(74 places)**
3. Children who live within the area of first priority for Redland Green School, who live closest to the school as measured in a direct line from the home address to the school. **(138 places)**

The furthest distance offered a place in this category was 1.145 km.



School Appeals Guidance Notes for Redland Green School

The appeal panel will take into account the reasons for your preference, and individual circumstances relating to your application. You may wish to write a further letter to the appeal panel in advance of your appeal. Any additional correspondence should be sent to School Admissions as soon as possible.

You will be given not less than 10 school days' notice of the date, time and place of the hearing at which you can be present and speak. You can, if you wish, be accompanied by a friend who may speak for you and represent your views to the appeal panel. Parents for whom English is not the first language may wish to arrange for an interpreter to be present.

You are encouraged to attend the appeal panel meeting. If you prefer not to attend the panel will consider the case based on your written submission(s). Alternatively, a friend or representative may present the appeal on your behalf.

You may wish to write down in advance what you wish to say to the panel, and use your own notes to speak from on the day. It is important that you don't think afterwards of something you forgot to say, or wish you had said, as the panel must not accept additional information after the appeal has been heard.

You will need to demonstrate that your child's need for a place at the school outweighs the Admission Authority's reasons for refusing a place. You should consider how that school will meet your child's individual needs. What will your child gain from attending your preferred school that he/she will not get from attending any other school?

You are also welcome to submit additional letters of support from professionals or other parties who have been, or are currently, involved with your child. Please submit all supporting documentation by 6th May 2016. These may be letters which substantiate your case, or actively support your preference. The appeal panel will take into account all submissions received by 6th May 2016.

Appeals are normally held at Brunel House, Bristol. When you arrive for your appeal, you will be directed to a waiting area. The Clerk to the Independent School Appeals Panel will explain the procedure of the appeal hearing before the appeal begins.

The sequence of events is likely to be:

School's Case:

- i) Presentation of the school's case by the representative of the Admission Authority
- ii) Questioning by the parent/carer(s) and the Appeal Panel
- iii) Summing-up by the representative of the Admission Authority

Parent/Carer's Case:

- iv) Presentation of the case by the parent/carer
- v) Questioning by the Appeal Panel/representative of the Admission Authority
- vi) Summing-up by the parent/carer

If more than one family are appealing for the same school on the same day all parents/carers are invited to the same School's case hearing. The Parent/Carer's case will be held in private and will be confidential. It should not be necessary for a child to attend, or for there to be witnesses, other than a friend or interpreter mentioned previously.

The appeal panel will ask all parties to withdraw while considering a decision. The decision of the appeal panel will be sent to you in writing by the Clerk to the School Appeals Panel. The decisions of appeal panels are binding upon the parent and the Admission Authority, but parents have statutory rights under other legislation should they wish the matter to be investigated further.

Useful Links

Department for Education (DfE) <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-admissions-code--2>
Advisory Centre for Education provides online leaflets and guidance for parents: E-mail: enquiries@ace-ed.org.uk Website: www.ace-ed.org.uk

Letter of Appeal – Redland Green School

Parent/Carer Contact Details – BLOCK CAPITALS

Parent/Carer Name _____

Home Telephone Number _____

Mobile Telephone Number _____

Alternative Telephone Number _____

Email address _____

Child's Details

First Name(s): _____

Surname/Family Name: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Address: _____

Reasons for Preference/Grounds for Appeal:

Please provide your grounds for appeal in writing as soon as possible. An appeal hearing cannot be set up until the written grounds for appeal are received. *If required, please continue on a separate sheet.*

Signed (Parent/Carer): _____ Date: ____/____/____

Please return to: School Admissions (Romney House), Bristol City Council, PO Box 3176, BRISTOL, BS3 9FS.