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Admission Arrangements for 2021/2022 school year for first admission to Reception year

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.

Admission Arrangements for 2021/2022 school year for first admission to Cotham Gardens Primary School

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

Initial allocations will involve only those applications received by the published closing date and accepted as 'on time'.

Priority is not given to first preferences. We aim to meet the highest preference possible for every applicant by applying the published oversubscription criteria equally to all applications for a school.

1. Children in Care or children who were previously in Care but immediately after being in Care became subject to an adoption, child arrangement order, or special guardianship order.

Children in care are children who are in the care of a local authority or provided with accommodation by that authority in accordance with section 22 of the Children Act 1989.

2. Siblings

Where there are siblings in attendance at the school and who will still be on roll in the year of entry.

3. Geography

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

The home address is where the child spends the majority of the time and is living with the person who has parental responsibility and is the main 'carer' as defined in section 576 of the Education Act 1996 (documentary evidence may be requested). If a child regularly lives at more than one address the LA will have to reach a conclusion about which should be counted as the main address when allocating 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 distances will be measured in a direct line from a point on the home address as held by the Local Authority to a central point within the main school building using the Local Authority's computerised mapping system.

Definitions

Siblings

Sibling refers to children who live permanently in the same household AND who are brother or sister, half brother or sister, step brother or sister, adopted 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 children are in pre-school, in a nursery class attached to the school or children who have left the school in the year of entry. For example, children applying for a Reception place where the older sibling is in Year 6 and will no longer be in primary education for the following September.

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 unless the admission authority agrees to admit the subsequent child(ren) as an excepted child under infant class size legislation (2.15 (g)). 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.