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Our plan to make sure there are enough places in schools

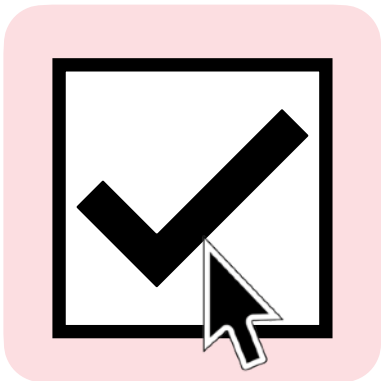
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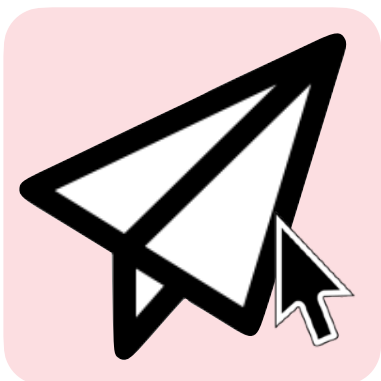
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You can complete this survey on your computer. First you will need to download it.



When you open the survey on your computer, you will be able to click on the tick boxes and write in the text boxes.



When you have finished the survey, save it to your computer and email a copy to:

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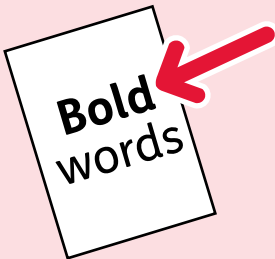
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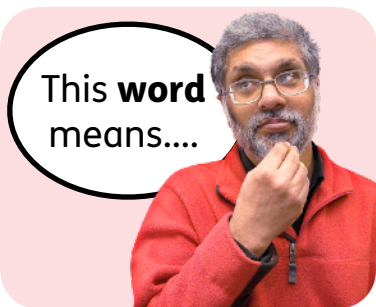
This is an Easy Read version of some information. It may not include all of the information but it will tell you about the important parts.



This Easy Read booklet uses easier words and pictures. Some people may still want help to read it.



Some words are in **bold** - this means the writing is thicker and darker. These are important words in the booklet.



Sometimes if a bold word is hard to understand, we will explain what it means.



[Blue and underlined](#) words show links to websites and email addresses. You can click on these links on a computer.

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You can fill in a quick survey to say what you think about this Easy Read booklet:

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About this booklet



This booklet is from Bristol City Council.

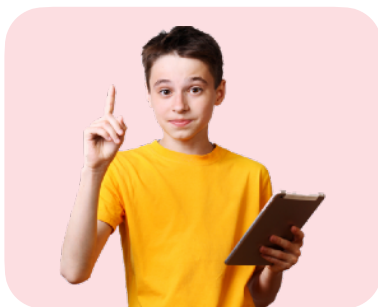
The law says we have to work with schools in Bristol to make sure there are not:



- Too **few** places in schools.



- Too **many** places in schools.



When we say places, we mean spaces for children. So, 1 place is space for 1 child at a school.



This booklet is our plan for how we will make sure there are the right number of places in schools in Bristol.



You can tell us what you think of our plan by answering the questions throughout this booklet.

About our plan

School Organisation Strategy

Our plan is called our **School Organisation Strategy**.



Our plan will help **mainstream** and **specialist schools** provide the right number of places.



A **mainstream school** is the type of school that most children go to.



A **specialist school** is the type of school that children who need extra support to learn go to.



Many children who go to specialist schools have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, or SEND for short.



Children and young people with SEND are aged 0 to 25 and need some extra support to learn and grow.



Our plan is only for **government-funded schools**.

Government-funded schools are schools that get money from the government.



Schools that do not get money from the government, like academies, free schools, foundation and voluntary aided schools are not included in the plan.



Our plan has ideas for how schools can make sure they offer the right number of places.

We can use our plan to decide:



- Who can get a place in the school and who cannot.



- How to manage having too many children who want a place at the school.



- The number of places that the school has.



Our plan also has ideas for how we can support children in getting the education they need.



You will be able to have your say on any changes to a school's number of places before we change them.

What do you think of our plan?



We would like to know what you think of the ideas in our plan.



You can tell us what you think by answering the questions in this booklet.



Please send us your answers by midnight on Monday 22 September 2025.

If you need this booklet in a different format, like large print, you can contact us by:

- Email: jessica.taylor@bristol.gov.uk
- Phone: 0787 613 7461



Our plan

Idea 1 - Childcare places for young children

We plan to:



- Support child care providers to make sure there are enough government funded child care places, including places for children under 2.



- Make sure families are getting all the government funding they are allowed to claim to help them pay for child care.



Question 1: How much do you agree or disagree with idea 1?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



Idea 2 - Reception places



Reception is the first year of primary school for children aged 4 to 5.

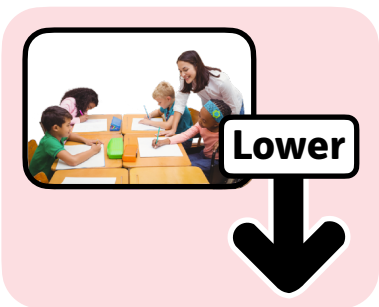


Over the next few years, there will be too many reception places.

This means schools will have places in reception that are not filled.



If we do not change this, many schools may struggle with money.



We think schools across Bristol should lower the number of reception places they offer.



Especially schools in areas that have the lowest need for reception places.



If schools lower the number of reception places they offer, there will be fewer places that are not filled.



You will be able to have your say on any changes to a school's number of places before we change them.



Question 2: How much do you agree or disagree with idea 2?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



Idea 3: Secondary school places



Secondary school is education after primary school for children aged 11 to 16.



It usually starts in year 7 and goes up to year 11.



By 2030, there could be too many secondary school places.



We do not think schools across Bristol need to lower the number of secondary school places they offer yet.

But this may change in the future.



Over the next 3 years, we plan to make sure there are enough secondary school places.



Question 3: How much do you agree or disagree with idea 3?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



Idea 4: Post-16 education



Post-16 education is education for children aged 16 to 19, after they have finished their GCSEs.



Post-16 education can include 6th form, college and apprenticeships.



We support children who have an Education, Health and Care plan to find post-16 education.



By 2030, more children will be moving into post-16 education.

We plan to support more children moving into post-16 education by:



- Finding out what may stop a child from moving into post-16 education as early as possible, so that we can help them.



- Working well with schools, colleges and other council services.



- Providing support plans.



- Offering more post-16 education opportunities, especially in areas that do not have many at the moment.



Question 4: How much do you agree or disagree with idea 4?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



Idea 5: Education for children with SEND



Over the next 5 years, more children with SEND will need support in education.

We plan to:



- Provide the right support to children with SEND at the right time.



- Offer more SEND support and education across Bristol.

We also plan to:



- Help mainstream schools support children with SEND.



- Work with schools, health services and families to make decisions about SEND services.



- Help children with SEND to be ready to become adults.



Question 5: How much do you agree or disagree with idea 5?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



Idea 6: Helping schools offer the right number of places



Over the next 3 years, we will help schools offer the right number of places.

We plan to:



- Work well with schools, especially schools which have a high number of places not being filled.



- Give advice to smaller schools.



- Look into how schools which have a high number of places not being filled can use this space.



- Change how we support schools if their needs change.



Question 6: How much do you agree or disagree with idea 6?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



Idea 7: Information about places



We want to make sure schools are clear about how many places they can offer in each year group.



We want to make sure schools share this information with people who live in Bristol.



We plan to work with schools to help make information about places clear.

We also plan to:



- Make sure the number of places schools offer in each year group stays the same for the whole school year.



- Share information about offering places with groups of schools in the same area, so they can plan better together.



Question 7: How much do you agree or disagree with idea 7?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot





Question 8: Please tell us any comments you have about the ideas in our plan:

A large, empty rectangular area with a thin red border, intended for providing comments or answers to the question above.

Questions about you



Please answer these questions about yourself.



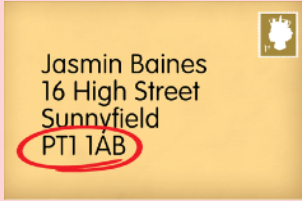
This will help us understand what people from different areas and backgrounds think.



You do not have to answer these questions if you do not want to.



We will follow the law about keeping your information safe and private.



Question 9: What is your postcode?

If you are answering for an organisation, please write their postcode.



Question 10: How old are you?

I do not want to say



Question 11: Are you disabled?

Yes

No

I do not want to say



Question 12: What is your ethnic group?

Your **ethnic group** means your race, background or the country you or your family come from.

Only tick 1 box.

Asian or Asian British

Black, Black British, Caribbean or African

Gypsy, Roma or Traveller

More than 1 ethnic background

White British

Other white background

I do not want to say

Any other ethnic background - please say:



Question 13: What is your religion?

No religion

Buddhist

Christian

Hindu

Jewish

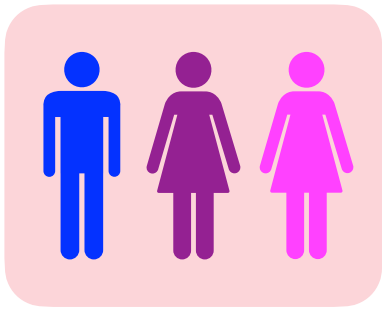
Muslim

Pagan

Sikh

I do not want to say

Any other religion - please say:



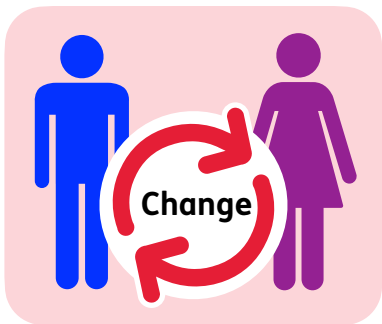
Question 14: What is your sex?

Female

Male

I do not want to say

Other - please say:



Question 15: Is your **gender** different to the one you were given when you were born?

Gender is whether you are a man, a woman or something else.

Yes

No

I do not want to say

If you said 'Yes', please tell us the word you use for your gender:



Question 16: Are you...

Bi - you are attracted to both men and women

Gay or lesbian - you are attracted to people who are the same gender as you

Heterosexual or straight - you are attracted to people who are the opposite gender to you

I do not want to say

Other - please say:



Question 17: Are you pregnant or have you recently given birth to a new baby?

Yes

No

I do not want to say



Question 18: Are you a carer?

Yes

No

I do not want to say

Other - please say:



Question 19: Are you a refugee or asylum seeker?

A **refugee or asylum seeker** is someone who has left their own country and asks to live in a new country.

Yes

No

I do not want to say



Question 20: Do you think you will be affected by our plans because of who you are? Like your sex or ethnicity.

I would be affected in a very bad way

I would be affected in a bad way

I would not be affected

I would be affected in a good way

I would be affected in a very good way

If you think the changes would affect you because of who you are, please say how:

Make our surveys better



Question 21: Do you agree or disagree that you have had enough information to answer the questions?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



Question 22: Do you agree or disagree that having these questions has made it easy for you to say what you think?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot





Question 23: Do you agree or disagree that this survey is **accessible** to you?

Accessible means it is easy to use and suitable for people with different needs.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



If you do not agree with how we have tried to make this survey better, please tell us why.

Find out more



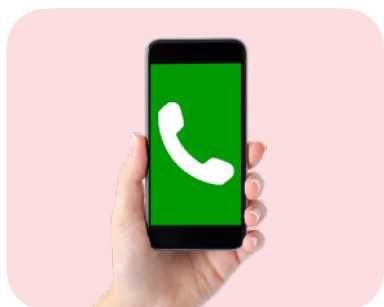
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