

# **September 2021 first round allocation statement for Trinity Academy**

As Trinity Academy is oversubscribed, the admissions criteria published on the School and Local Authority website have been applied to allocate the places that are available at the school.

## **Number of applications received**

490 on-time applications (180 first preferences, 172 second preferences and 138 third preferences) have been received for Trinity Academy which has a published admission number of 180.

4 places were required for children with the school named in their Education, Health and Care Plan.

This left 176 places to allocate using the published criteria.

## **How the initial allocation of places was made**

The 176 places have been offered to the following children:

1. Those children who are defined as looked after children and children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order. (None)
2. Those children who are at the named Feeder School. (26 places)
3. Those children with a sibling on roll at Trinity Academy. (32 places)
4. Those children who qualified as music specialists. (18 places)
5. Those children who live within the inner priority area. (25 places)
6. Those children who live in the outer priority area. (75 places)
7. Those children who live out of the priority areas. (None)

# **Trinity Academy appeals guidance**

Trinity Academy is part of Cathedral Schools Trust (CST) who is the Admission Authority. CST employs Democratic Services at Bristol City Council to administer the appeal process for Trinity Academy.

As a parent/carer you have expressed a preference regarding the school you would like your child to attend. However, if the year group applied for is oversubscribed and has reached its published admission number (PAN), the Admission Authority may not be able to meet your preference.

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 at Cathedral Schools Trust as soon as possible.

You will be given not less than 14 calendar 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 Trinity Academy outweighs the Admission Authority's reasons for refusing a place. 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 4th May 2021. These may be letters which substantiate your case, or actively support your preference. The appeal panel will take into account all submissions received by 4th May 2021.

Appeals are normally held at City Hall, College Green, Bristol. However, there are changes to the appeal process during the restrictions as a result of COVID and the Clerk to the Independent Appeal Panel will advise you of the options available for appeal hearings which are likely to be held remotely this year.

The sequence of events is likely to be

### **School's case:**

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

### **Parent/carer's case:**

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

If more than one family is 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.

### **Key Points**

- Read the Trinity Academy Admission Arrangements 2021/22 so that you understand how places are allocated at Trinity Academy.
- Send in your Appeal Form by 4th May 2021.
- Think about your child's individual needs.
- Find out about Trinity Academy and the school you have been offered.
- Decide what is unique about Trinity Academy in terms of meeting your child's needs.
- Prepare your case.

- Backup your points with evidence – simply stating your child lives locally, has friends at the school or has always wanted to attend Trinity Academy is not evidence.

## Further information

The Admissions Officer, Cathedral Schools Trust can be contacted via email [admissions@cathedralschoolstrust.org](mailto:admissions@cathedralschoolstrust.org)

The Clerk, Democratic Services via [school.appeals@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:school.appeals@bristol.gov.uk)

## Useful links

Trinity Academy Website: [Link to Trinity Academy Website](#)

Department for Education (DfE): [Link to School Admissions Code](#)

Guidance on School Appeals: [Link to Updated Guidance: Coronavirus School Appeals](#)

Advisory Centre for Education provides online leaflets and guidance for parents:  
E-mail: [Link to ACE email address](#) Website: [Link to ACE website](#)

# **Letter of appeal for Trinity Academy**

## **Parent/Carer contact details: use block capital letters**

Parent/Carer Name:

Telephone number and email address:

## **Child's details**

First name(s):

Surname/Family name:

Date of birth:

Address:

## **Reasons for preference or grounds for appeal**

Please provide your grounds for appeal in writing as soon as possible. We can't set up an appeal hearing until your written grounds for appeal are received. If required, please continue on a separate sheet.

Signed (Parent/Carer):

Date:

Return to: [admissions@trinityacademybristol.org](mailto:admissions@trinityacademybristol.org) by 4th May 2021

If you have no alternative please post to: Admissions, Trinity Academy, Cathedral Schools Trust, College Square, Bristol, BS1 5TS