

# **Bristol Free School first round allocation statement 2023**

As Bristol Free School 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.

The published admission number is 200 and remains 200. But in anticipation of families in the Admissions Priority Area (APA) who also seek places in the independent sector, the school has agreed to Bristol City Council “over offering” by 25 places in the first round only. This is to avoid the large number of students with BFS as a preference being needlessly disappointed in the first round. The criteria stated in Bristol Free School’s admissions policy have been applied to allocate the 225 offers of places at the school in the first round. Any places, including those over 200, accepted in the first round, will be admitted by the school in September 2023

## **Number of applications received**

600 on-time applications (258 first preferences, 211 second preferences and 131 third preferences) have been received for Bristol Free School which has a published admission number of 200.

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

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

This left 219 places to allocate using the published criteria.

The 219 places have been offered to the following children:

1. 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, at the time an application for a school is made; and children who have left care through adoption, a residence order or special guardianship order. (3 places)
2. Children who, on the date of admission, will have a sibling on the roll of the school. Sibling means a full, step, half, adopted or fostered brother or sister, but not cousin, who will be living permanently with them at the same address at the date of their entry to the school; the school may require proof of relationship. This will only apply, if at the time of entry, both siblings reside at the same address inside the defined Admissions Priority Area (APA) (76 places)
3. Children of staff\* directly employed by the Russell Education Trust on a permanent full time or fractional contract at Bristol Free School in either of the following circumstances:

i) The member of staff has been employed for two years or more before the admission application and still employed, without having given notice or been given notice that the employment will end, at the time the offer is made;

ii) The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant teaching post for which there is a demonstratable skill shortage (determined by the Headteacher with the Chair of Governors and CEO of RET) (2 places)

3. For entry into the school (normally Year7) an Admissions Priority Area (APA) will apply. The APA is a geographic area based upon the Neighbourhood Partnership Area (NPA), centred upon, the BS9 area, modified to incorporate the area close to the school.

i. 20% of the available places will be allocated to those applicants whose home address is closest to the school. The point to which measurements will be made is the mid-point on a line drawn between the centre of the Burghill Road and Concorde Drive entrances to the school. (28 places)

The furthest distance offered a place in this category was 0.774km.

ii.80% of the available places will be allocated to those whose home address is closest to a point defined by the mid-point at the junction of Elmlea Avenue and Rylestone Grove; this point lies close to the centre of the NPA. (110 places)

The furthest distance offered a place in this category was 1.611km.

4. Should there be fewer applications from within the APA than there are places available, then all applicants from outside the APA will be considered. Again, 20% of the available places will be allocated to those applicants whose home address is closest to the school. The point to which measurements will be made is the mid-point on a line drawn between the centre of the Burghill Road and Concorde Drive entrances to the school. 80% of the available places will be allocated to those whose home address is closest to a point defined by the mid-point at the junction of Elmlea Avenue and Rylestone Grove; this point lies close to the centre of the NPA. (0 places were offered on this basis as the school was oversubscribed from within the APA)

## **Bristol Free School second round allocation statement 2023**

As at 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023 Bristol Free School remained oversubscribed. **14** places had become available for reallocation and there were 94 applicants still seeking places.

The admissions criteria published on the School and Local Authority website have been applied to allocate the places that are available at the school.

The **14** places available within the Planned Admission Number (PAN) of 200 have been offered to the following children:

1. 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, at the time

an application for a school is made; and children who have left care through adoption, a residence order or special guardianship order. (0 places)

2. Children who, on the date of admission, will have a sibling on the roll of the school. Sibling means a full, step, half, adopted or fostered brother or sister, but not cousin, who will be living permanently with them at the same address at the date of their entry to the school; the school may require proof of relationship. This will only apply, if at the time of entry, both siblings reside at the same address inside the defined Admissions Priority Area (APA) (4 places)

3. Children of staff\* directly employed by the Russell Education Trust on a permanent full time or fractional contract at Bristol Free School in either of the following circumstances:

i) The member of staff has been employed for two years or more before the admission application and still employed, without having given notice or been given notice that the employment will end, at the time the offer is made;

ii) The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant teaching post for which there is a demonstratable skill shortage (determined by the Headteacher with the Chair of Governors and CEO of RET) (0 places)

3. For entry into the school (normally Year7) an Admissions Priority Area (APA) will apply. The APA is a geographic area based upon the Neighbourhood Partnership Area (NPA), centred upon, the BS9 area, modified to incorporate the area close to the school.

i. 20% of the available places will be allocated to those applicants whose home address is closest to the school. The point to which measurements will be made is the mid-point on a line drawn between the centre of the Burghill Road and Concorde Drive entrances to the school. (2 places)

The furthest distance offered a place in this category was **0.785 km**.

ii. 80% of the available places will be allocated to those whose home address is closest to a point defined by the mid-point at the junction of Elmlea Avenue and Rylestone Grove; this point lies close to the centre of the NPA. (8 places)

The furthest distance offered a place in this category was **1.987km**.

At this point it has not been possible to offer any pupils living outside of the Admissions Priority Area (APA).

