

September 2025 first round allocation statement for Bridge Learning Campus

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

Number of applications received

194 on-time applications (112 first preferences, 53 second preferences and 29 third preferences) have been received for Bridge Learning Campus which has a published admission number of 150. 49 places were held for children attending Bridge Learning Campus in current year 6 who will automatically transfer to year 7.

8 places were required for pupils with Education Health and Care Plans which named Bridge Learning Campus.

This left 93 places to allocate.

How the initial allocation of places was made

The 93 places have been offered to the following children:

1. Children in Care or children who were previously in Care but immediately after being in Care became subject to an Adoption Order, Child Arrangements Order, or Special Guardianship Order. (1 place)
2. Where there are children with a sibling of statutory school age in attendance at Bridge Learning Campus. (35 places)
3. Where there are children with a sibling at New Fosseway School. (0 places)
4. Children who live closest to Bridge Learning Campus as measured in a direct line from the home address to the Academy. (57 places)

The furthest distance offered a place in this category was 1.688 km.

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As of April 28th 2025, 5 places had become available at Bridge Learning Campus for reallocation. A total of 17 applicants were wanting to be considered so it was necessary to apply the published admissions criteria to determine who could be offered the places at the Academy.

The 5 places were offered to:

1. Children in Care or children who were previously in Care but immediately after being in Care became subject to an Adoption Order, Child Arrangements Order, or Special Guardianship Order. (0 places)
2. Where there are children with a sibling of statutory school age in attendance at Bridge Learning Campus. (0 places)
3. Where there are children with a sibling at New Fosseway School. (0 places)
4. Children who live closest to Bridge Learning Campus as measured in a direct line from the home address to the Academy. (5 places)

The furthest distance offered a place in this category was 0.808km

Letter of appeal for Bridge Learning Campus

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 school.admissions@bristol.gov.uk or upload to the Parent Portal by 24th April 2025.

If you have no alternative, please post to School Admissions (City Hall), PO Box 3399, Bristol, BS1 9NE

Appeals guidance

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 24th April 2025. These may be letters which substantiate your case, or actively support your preference. The appeal panel will consider all submissions received by 24th April 2025.

You can attend an appeal hearing virtually over zoom, or in person at City Hall, College Green, Bristol. If you are attending at City Hall 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:

- 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 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) Link to [School Admissions Code](#)