



Admission Arrangements for 2009/10 school year for first admission to Year 7 in Community secondary schools in Bristol

SECONDARY SCHOOLS (Year 7 admissions)

Where there are more applications than places available at a Community School, allocations will be made in the following order of priority as set out in sections 1, 2,3 and 4 below.

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 Public Care

- Children in public 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

In area and/or sibling attending the school prior to September 2007

Where there are siblings of statutory school age in attendance at the preferred school and who will still be on roll in the year of entry where

a) The child lives in the designated area of first or second priority/joint area for the preferred school

And/Or

b) The sibling was admitted to the preferred school prior to September 2007

- Children are siblings if they are half, full or adoptive brother or sister or if they are children of the same household.
- Pupils will not be considered as a sibling link where the older child is attending the school as a Year 12 or Year 13 student in the year of entry.

3. Geography

- I. Children living within the school's designated area of first priority.
- II. Children living within the school's area of second priority/joint area.
 - 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.

4. Siblings

Out area where the sibling was admitted in or after September 2007

Siblings resident outside the designated area of first or second priority/joint area where the older sibling was admitted to the preferred school in or after September 2007.

5. Geography

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

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 applications are being made (eg twins), the place will be offered to one child. 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 the building to the 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.

Distances will be measured using a computerised mapping system.

N.B Children with Statements of Special Educational Needs follow the transfer arrangements set out in the SEN Code of Practice and associated regulations and are not subject to the general admission arrangements.

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