



## **Bristol Free School - Admissions Policy for 2011 and 2012 (for entry to current Y11)**

Bristol Free School is a new school, set up by a newly established trust. The school will have the following agreed admission number for the academic year 2011/12 and, subject to any changes approved by the Secretary of State, for subsequent years:

The agreed admissions number for year 7 of the school will be 150. That number of places will be offered in year 7 annually.

The Admissions Priority Area, map attached as an appendix has been based upon the local communities closest to the school (C), with two additions that are more distant (B and A); these additions will lead to a more socially "balanced" intake.

### **Admissions policy 2011/2012**

1. All children with a statement of Special Educational Need that identifies the Bristol Free School will be offered a place at the school.

Where the number of applications for admission is greater than the number of places available for any given intake, the following over subscription criteria will apply, in the order set out below:

2. Children who are looked after by a local authority in accordance with Section 22 of the Children Act 1989 at the date the relevant application for admission is made, and who the local authority has confirmed will continue to be looked after by it in accordance with the said section at the time they are admitted to the school.

3. Children for whom it is essential to be admitted to this school because of special circumstances to do with significant medical or social needs evidenced by written professional advice, explaining why these needs can realistically only be met by Bristol Free School. The definition of what constitutes medical or social needs for this purpose will be set out in the school's prospectus.

4. 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 the older sibling entered the school between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011 and the 24<sup>th</sup> July 2012, the foundation year.

For students who enter the school from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 onwards, their younger siblings can only claim entry on the basis of a sibling connection if their address at the time of application is within the Admissions Priority Area (A, B and C)

5. For entry into the school (normally Year7) an Admissions Priority Area (APA) will apply. The APA is a geographic area encompassing parts of Southmead and Sea Mills bordering Henleaze, Stoke Bishop and Westbury on Trym (Outer areas of responsibility) and Henleaze, Stoke Bishop and Westbury on Trym (Inner area of responsibility) (See APA Map attached).

a. Outer Area - 20% of the available places remaining after the application of 1,2,3 and 4 shown above, will be allocated to areas 'A' and 'B' on the attached map, 10% to each of the two areas. Should one of these areas have fewer than 10% of the applications, these places will transfer to the other Outer Area. If the total number of applications from A and B together is fewer than the 20% available, then these will be transferred to the Inner Area, designated C on the map.

b. Inner Area – 80% of the available places, after the application of 1, 2, 3 and 4 shown above will be allocated to the area marked C on the attached map.

6. Any other applicant residing outside the areas designated on the attached map.

7. Should any category be oversubscribed, the available places will be offered in order of distance from the home address to the school, distance being measured in a straight line from the middle of the front door of the pupil's accommodation to the centre of the main front gate of the school. For this purpose, the ground floor is considered closer than the first and so on. Should there be a 'tie' between two or more applicants for a place in any category then lots will be drawn.

## **Notes**

### **Operation of waiting lists**

Where in any year the school receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate [at least until the end of the Autumn term]. This will be maintained by the School and it will be open to any parent to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list following an unsuccessful application. A child's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria set (as applicable). Where places become vacant they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria.

### **Home Address**

The home address is where the child spends the majority of time and is living with the person who has parental responsibility and is the parent as defined in Section 576 of the Education Act 1996 (we may require documentary evidence). If a child regularly lives at more than one address the Governing Body 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 Child Benefit is paid and where the child is registered with a doctor.

### **Boundaries**

Where the areas A, B and C have boundaries defined by roads, all houses with a postal address on that road will be included in the area. Where a road is the boundary between area C and area B or between area C and area A, all houses with a postal address on that road will be in area C. If a boundary divides a property, that property will be deemed to be within the area.