

# **Bristol Free School first round allocation statement 2024**

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.

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 temporarily “over offering” by 25 places on the 1st of March 2024. This is to avoid the large number of students with BFS as a preference being needlessly disappointed and to maximise parental preference. 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 2024.

## **Number of applications received.**

580 on-time applications (294 first preferences, 176 second preferences and 110 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.**

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

This left 221 places to allocate using the published criteria.

The 221 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. (2 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) (82 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. (27 places)

The furthest distance offered a place in this category was 576m.

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 Rylstone Grove; this point lies close to the centre of the NPA. (108 places)

The furthest distance offered a place in this category was 1.496km.

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)

# Letter of Appeal – Bristol Free School

## 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 by email to [school.admissions@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@bristol.gov.uk) or upload to the Parent Portal by **24<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

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

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