

Transfer to Secondary School

Useful Information

For children born between 1 September 2009 and
31 August 2010



Key Points – do your research

- Find out your **Priority Area School** & home to school distances using the 'My Neighbourhood Bristol' tool
- **Visit the schools** if possible
- **Look at BCC Admissions website** – what happened last year under 'Allocation of new Year 7 places for September 2020'
- **Read the Admissions Criteria**
- Check if you also need to complete a **Supplementary Form** (e.g. St Mary Redcliffe & Temple, BCCS...)
- **Cathedral & Trinity – 3rd October – Music Aptitude Test**



Key Points

- **Everyone must apply**
- **SEND** apply through us, EHCP via SEN Team – all secondary schools must ensure appropriate support is in place and child's needs are met
- Use all **3 preferences** if you can
- Use **child's permanent address** where he/she spends the majority of their time – if 50/50 care it's the address where the Child Benefit is paid
- If you are in the process of **moving** or living in temporary accommodation keep us informed
- **Don't rely on hearsay**



Key Points

Apply ONLINE before midnight of

31st October 2020

through your home Local Authority

www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions

New Year 7 Secondary School Place



Key Points

When you apply online:

- You get a confirmation email – check this email to make sure all the details were inputted and submitted correctly
- You can review and amend your application up until the midnight of 31st October 2020
- You find out results first on 1st March 2021
- You can accept offered place online

**Any applications received after
31st October 2020 will be considered as
'Late'**

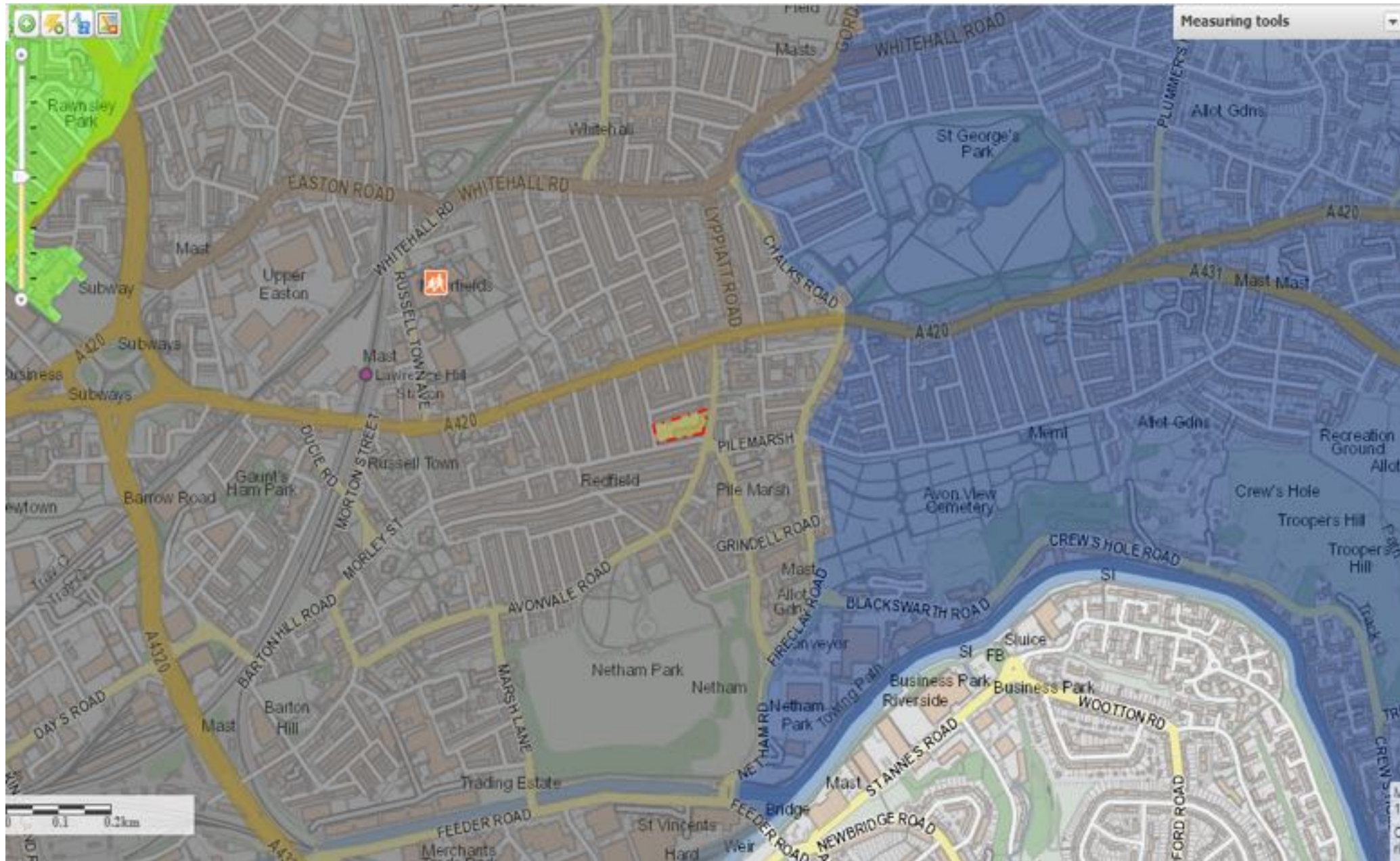


Priority Areas

- Have different shapes
- Schools are not in the middle of their priority areas
- Your nearest school is not necessarily your priority area school
- Very important to use 'My Neighbourhood Bristol' tool to find out your priority area



Priority Areas



Your Priority Area School

- Google 'My Neighbourhood Bristol'





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My neighbourhood search - bristol.gov.uk

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If you use the **My Neighbourhood** service, your UPRN is 12 numbers and won't have two letters at the start. Once you've paid, please forward payment ...



My neighbourhood search

My Place My Nearest Explore Bristol

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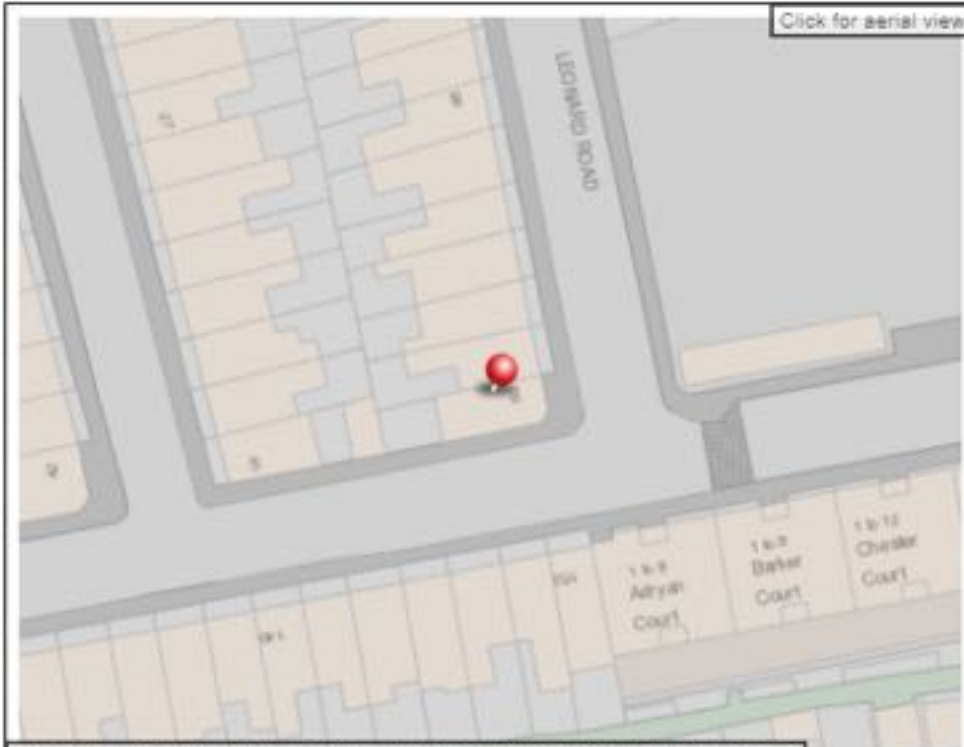
Address, street, or postcode:



My neighbourhood search

My Place **My Nearest** Explore Bristol

Choose a different address | Address Selected: 60B Leonard Road, BS5 9NR

Map  

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About your property

Unique Property Ref Number (UPRN): **00000224139** Council Tax Band: **A**

Secondary School Catchment Area

This property is in the catchment area for:
The City Academy Bristol

Residents' parking scheme

Not in a resident's parking scheme area

Solar Potential: Very good

Suitable roof area 34.7030 m²

Level of sunshine (Insolation) 1 015 1667 kWh/m² per year

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My neighbourhood search

My Place **My Nearest** Explore Bristol

Layer name

- Community and safety (21 items)
- Education (8 items)**
 - Early years
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 - Nursery schools
 - Primary schools
 - Referral units
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 - Secondary schools**
 - Special schools
- Environment and planning (19 items)
- Health and adult care (8 items)

Welcome to Bristol City Council's My Nea

This section allows you to search for facilities and cou... areas of the city. Search for local schools, libraries, ro... selecting one of the categories to the left of this screen...

+ Choosing the expand button will display the rang... available to view


The house symbol displays the address you ha...


My neighbourhood search


My Place **My Nearest** Explore Bristol


Layer name [View all Secondary schools on a large map](#)

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- Leisure and culture (17 items)
- Sport (10 items)
- Transport and streets (39 items)

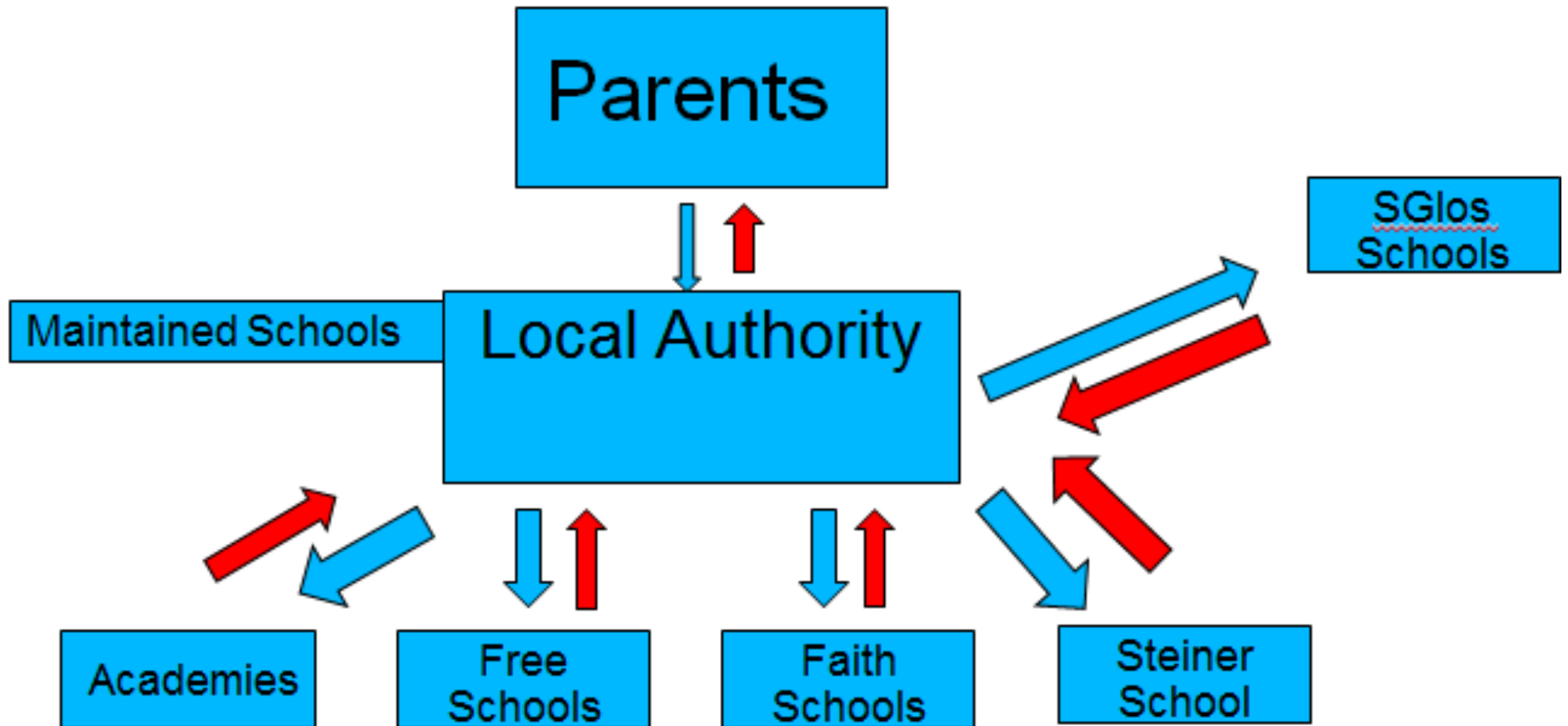
 **The City Academy Bristol**
map Headteacher: Mr Jon Angell
Russell Town Avenue
Tel: 01179413800
Post 16: Yes
Religious character: Admissions distance: 0.479401km away

 **Bristol Brunel Academy**
map Principal: Mr Jon Jones
Speedwell Road
Tel: 01173772700
E-Mail: info@bba.bristol.sch.uk ✉
Post 16: Yes
Religious character: Admissions distance: 2.273339km away

 **Fairfield High School**
map Executive Principal: Mr Nick Lewis
Allfoxton Road
Tel: 01179527100
E-Mail: fairfield.s@bristol-schools.uk ✉
Post 16: No
Religious character: Admissions distance: 2.334024km away

 **St Mary Redcliffe and Temple School**

Admissions Process



Admission Process

- Equal Preference System
 - Important to put your favourite 1st; 2nd favourite 2nd and 3rd favourite 3rd
 - Make sure your priority area school is at least your 3rd preference especially if you wish to apply for schools using random allocation as your 1st and/or 2nd preference
- Academies and Faith Schools - set their own Admissions Criteria (St Mary Redcliffe = Faith criteria; Cathedral/Trinity/Colston's Girls'/John Cabot = Random Allocation; Fairfield includes Social/Medical)
- Majority of schools still use Local Authority's Criteria



Local Authority's Criteria

Places are Reserved for Children with Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) in place – applications via SEN Team

Places are then offered to:

- **1. Children in Care / Previously in Care** where **immediately** after being in care Adoption; Special Guardianship or Child Arrangements Order was issued.
- **2. In priority area Siblings** – Brother, sister, half / step brother or sister, or a child of parent/carer's partner where the child for whom the place is sought is living in the **same family unit at the same address** as that sibling.
- **3. In priority area Geography – on distance** – Home to school distance is measured in straight line as the crow flies, in km not miles
- **4. Out of priority area Siblings**
- **5. Out of priority area Geography – on distance**



Case Study

- Lilly lives at 21 Cossham Road
- Parents check 'My Neighbourhood' and they live in Bristol Brunel Academy's 'Area'
- Parent visits all the schools and does a lot of research
- Lives close to BBA but would prefer Bristol Cathedral Choir because Mum works next door and best friend will be going there as has a sibling at the school



Scenario 1

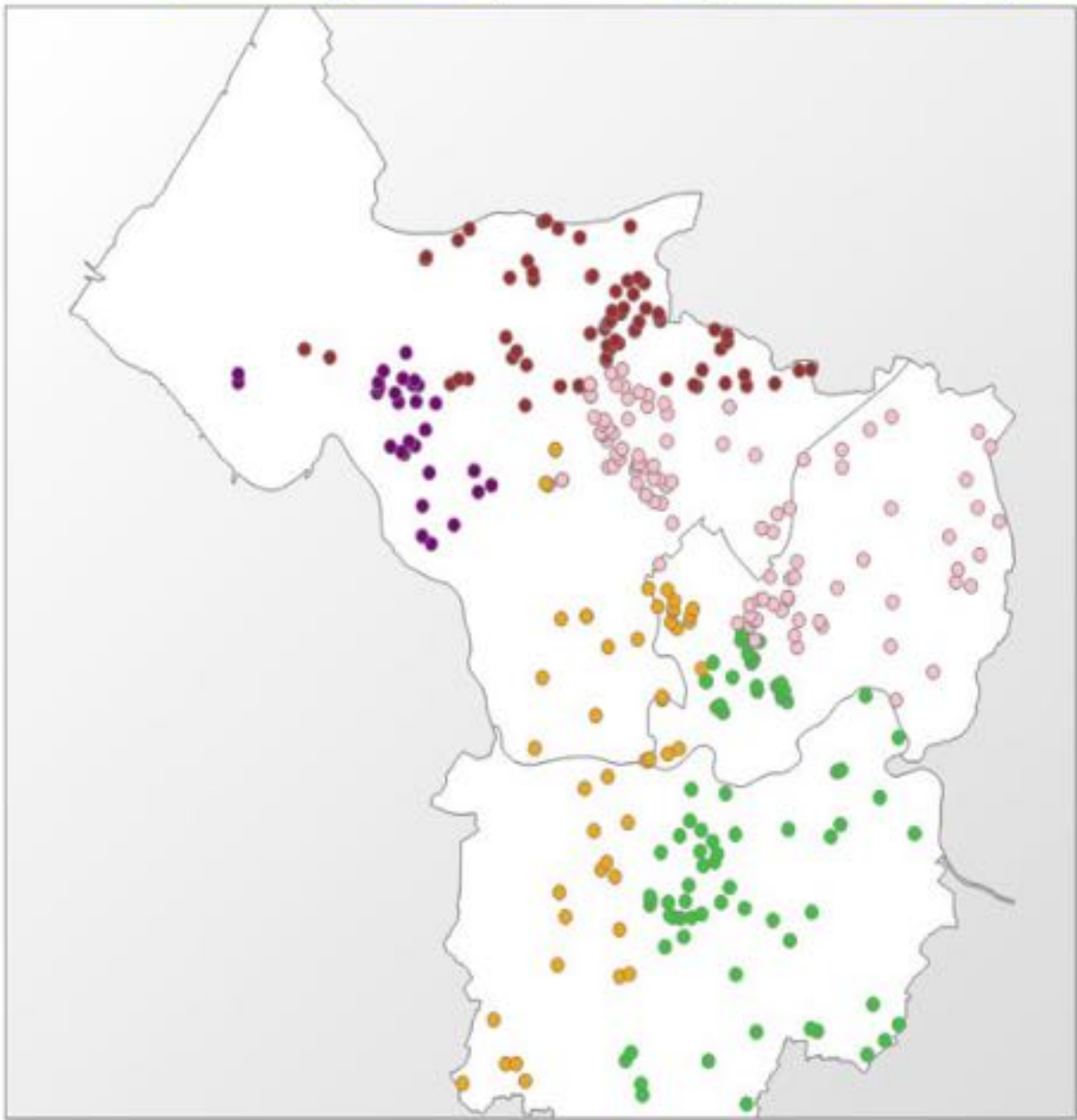
- *“I really want Bristol Cathedral Choir School. I feel it is the perfect school for Lilly. I am going to put it down as my one and only preference so that the Council wouldn't offer me anything else”*
- *1st Pref – Bristol Cathedral Choir School*
- *2nd Pref – None*
- *3rd Pref – None*



Scenario 1- Outcome

- *Lilly's application is considered under BCCS random allocation. A draw takes place and Lilly's name is drawn 897th. A place cannot be offered as the school only has 17 places.*
- *No other schools are listed as preferences.*
- *At the end of the process Denisa looks at the list of all those children yet to be offered a school, puts them on a map and offers them the nearest school with a place available which is 4km away.*

Location of applicants whose preferences were rejected, and the schools they were offered



- Blaise High School
- Bridge Learning Campus
- Merchants' Academy
- Oasis Academy Brightstowe
- The City Academy Bristol

School offered	Number
Blaise High School	69
Bridge Learning Campus	81
Merchants' Academy	49
Oasis Academy Brightstowe	29
The City Academy Bristol	102
Total	330

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Scenario 2

- *“I really want Bristol Cathedral Choir School. I feel it is the perfect school for Lilly. I am going to put it down as my 1st preference. I realise that there is a strong possibility that I may not get it, so I will add Bristol Brunel as my 2nd preference.”*
- *1st Pref – Bristol Cathedral Choir School*
- *2nd Pref – Bristol Brunel Academy*
- *3rd Pref - None*



Scenario 2 - Outcome

- *Lilly's application is considered under BCCS random allocation. A draw takes place and Lilly's name is drawn 523rd. A place cannot be offered as the school only has 17 places.*
- *Lilly qualifies for a place at BBA, the fact that it is her 2nd preference makes no difference. Her 2nd preference ranks higher than a 1st preference who lives further away.*
- *Lilly can still go on a waiting list for BCCS or appeal and the place at BBA will be saved while she waits.*



Timetable – Key Dates

- **31st October 2020 – Closing date**
- Around 9th November – Cut off for address change
- **1st March 2021 – Offer Day!** – on-time applicants
- Around 15th March – Parents respond to offers
- Early May – 2nd Round – ‘late’ applicants
- June/July – Appeals are heard
- September 2021– School starts & possibly few more places offered



What to do after 1st March

- **Accept the offer** – we would expect your child to start at this school. School will be in touch. Let us know if place is no longer required.
- **Waiting list only** – for up to 3 schools – offered place will be held unless we can offer a higher preference or September comes
- **Appeal** - automatically added on the waiting list – offered place will be held unless we can offer a higher preference, successful appeal or September comes
- **Change preference(s)** – max. 3 schools – **must be in writing** including reference number, child's full name, date of birth and clear order of new preferences, ask Admissions for schools with places



Waiting list or Appeal?

- Very fair transparent process
- Appeals worth a try as the Independent Appeal Panel can consider any personal, social or medical circumstances (evidence needs to be submitted)
- Appeal forms available on our website from 1st March - one per school and must be returned to the address stated on the form
- Child can go up as well as down the waiting list – not first come, first served basis or length spent on the waiting list
- Waiting lists are always maintained using schools oversubscription criteria



What is the 2nd Round?

- End of April - we process 'Late' applications together with everyone who asked to be included on the waiting list(s) or asked for new preference(s)
- Places become available as some offered children will be e.g. going to Private schools, moving out of Bristol etc.
- **We use same oversubscription criteria** as in the 1st round
- **Early May** – we only write to 'late' applicants and those we can offer places to
- If parents won't hear from us they automatically stay on the waiting list(s) – we will be in touch if we can offer a place



What Happened Last Year?

Health Warning

Things will be different this year

- More pupils in Year 6
- CST Trinity Academy – PAN increase from 120 to 180
- Oasis Temple Quarter – will not open in 2021
- Avanti Gardens (Steiner) – secondary closed



What happened last year?

- **Bristol Brunel Academy**
- 1st Round – Out of Area within 1.424km radius
- End of Process – In Area within 675m radius
- **Bristol Metropolitan Academy**
- 1st Round – Out of Area within 1.130km radius
- End of Process – In Area within 246m radius
- **Fairfield High School**
- 1st Round – Out of Area within 1.192km radius
- End of Process – Out of Area within 476m radius



What happened last year?

- **Redland Green**
- 1st Round – In Area within 900m radius
- End of Process – In Area with 999m radius
- There are applicants living outside the priority area with siblings who missed out
- **Cotham**
- 1st Round – Everybody within a 2.093km radius
- End of Process – In Area with 2.059km radius



What happened last year?

- **Bristol Cathedral Choir School**
- Received 1331 application!
- Only 17 places left for random allocation
- **Colston's Girls' School**
- Received 735 applications!
- Only 51 places left for random allocation
- **St Mary Redcliffe & Temple**
- Talk to School



Any questions?

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