

Air Balloon Hill Infants School

Admissions Policy

Bristol handle all Admissions for Reception intake. This is their policy:-

"Proposed Admission Arrangements for 2009/10 school year for first admission to Community and Voluntary Controlled Infant and Primary Schools in Bristol

INFANT AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS

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

- Where there are siblings in attendance at the preferred school or paired junior school and who will still be on roll in the year of entry.
- Children are siblings if they are half, full or adoptive brother or sister or if they are children of the same household.

3. Geography

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

- 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.

Tie-breaks

Where there are more applications than there are places remaining within a particular category, siblings will be given priority. After this, 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 arrangements set out in the SEN Code of Practice and associated regulations and are not subject to the general admission arrangements. w:\adm\admissio\Jane\Admission Arrangements 2009-2010\Proposed Reception Admission Arrangements”