

# **DETERMINED OVER-SUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO BRIMSHAM GREEN SCHOOL FOR SEPTEMBER 2020/21 ADMISSIONS**

## **Children with an education health care plan which names the school**

Children with EHCPs are placed in schools through the arrangements set out in the SEN Code of Practice and not through these admission criteria. Each governing body is required by Section 324 of the Education Act 1996 to admit to the school a child with an EHCP that names the school whether or not there are places available. Any appeal concerning the EHCP or the admission is to the independent First-tier Tribunal (Health, Education and Social Care Chamber).

### **1. Children in public care or previously in public care.**

**2. Local siblings** (those living within a school's Area of Prime Responsibility and who have named the school as a preference).

**3a. Geographical considerations (those living within a school's Area of Prime Responsibility).**

**3b. Geographical considerations (those living outside a school's Area of Prime Responsibility).**

**4. Tie breaker:** Where it does not prove possible to resolve allocations to an oversubscribed school by the application of criteria 1-3, any remaining places will be allocated by drawing lots.

### **Notes:**

1. Children in public care\* are those in the care of a local authority or being provided with accommodation by a local authority within the meaning of Section 22 of the Children Act 1989.

Children previously in public care\* are those who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted<sup>1</sup> (or became subject to a residence order<sup>2</sup> or special guardianship order<sup>3</sup>).

\* Documentation will need to be provided to South Gloucestershire Council as proof of care status.

1 Under the terms of the Adoption Act 1976 and the Adoption and Children Act 2002.

2 Under the terms of the Children Act 1989 and the Children and Families Act 2014.

3 Section 14A of the Children Act 1989.

2. Local siblings: Children are defined as local siblings if:

- they live within the APR; or,
- where there is no APR, local siblings will be deemed to be those living up to a maximum of two miles from school by straight line measurement; or,
- where the distance is over two miles but the school is still the nearest school;

AND

- they are full or half brother or sister; or
- they are adoptive brother or sister; or
- they are children of the same household;

AND

- the older sibling is already in attendance at the preferred school and will be in attendance in September 2019 (statutory school age only).

**Please note** that the offer of a place for one child does not guarantee an offer of a place for a sibling at a later date.

Brimsham Green School serves an Area of Prime Responsibility. Only children who live within the Area of Prime Responsibility will be afforded priority of admission under the local sibling criterion.

3a. Geographical considerations (for those living within the Area of Prime Responsibility): Priority will be given to those children who live within the Area of Prime Responsibility (APR) for the school. Brimsham Green School has an Area of First Responsibility. This means that children living in this area will be given the highest priority followed by children living within the Consortium Area of Prime Responsibility (see maps of schools section for details of the APR). If in any year, there are more children living within the Area of Prime Responsibility than the number of places available at the school, priority will be given to those children who live closest to the school. Distances from home to school are measured in a straight line between the address point of the child's home and a central point within the main school building using South Gloucestershire Council's computerised mapping system.

3b. Geographical considerations (for those living outside a school's Area of Prime Responsibility): After places have been allocated from within the Area of Prime Responsibility, any remaining places will be allocated to those children who live closest to the school.

Distances from home to school are measured in a straight line between the address point of the child's home and a central point within the main school building using South Gloucestershire Council computerised mapping system. All applications will be considered at the same time and the published oversubscription criteria applied.

4. Tie breaker: Lots will be drawn by a senior officer of South Gloucestershire Council who is independent of the school admissions process.

### **Home address**

The home address is considered to be where the child lives most of the time with his or her parent(s) or carer(s). South Gloucestershire Council cannot accept an address of a business, relative, friend, childminder, a temporary address or an address of a house it is intended to move to. The only exceptions are for children of UK service personnel for whom special arrangements apply. South Gloucestershire Council reserves the right to seek documentary evidence to support a claim of residence. Where the child spends time with each parent/carer equally at two different addresses, South Gloucestershire Council will ask for proof of the arrangements and will determine the appropriate address to be used in allocating a school place. In reaching this decision, evidence may be requested to show the address to which any Child Benefit is paid and from which the child is registered with a medical GP. Any other evidence provided by parents/carers will also be considered in reaching a decision on the home address for school admissions purposes.

### **Parental disputes**

South Gloucestershire Council can process only one application per child from one address for a school place. It is therefore important that parents/carers sharing responsibility for a child, and a child living at more than one address, agree on the application for a school place.

South Gloucestershire Council is unable to resolve parental disputes and if the parents/carers do not agree, or submit more than one application, the allocation of a school place may be delayed until an agreement is reached.

### **Admission to all Year Groups During the School Year 2020/2021**

All other applications for places for South Gloucestershire community and controlled secondary schools during the year 2020/2021, including those to other year groups, will be considered using the criteria set out at the beginning of this section in accordance with the in-year admission arrangements.

### **Children of Multiple Births**

Whenever possible, South Gloucestershire Council will endeavour to place children of multiple births in the same school within the places available. However, where the last child to qualify for a place is a twin or child of multiple birth, the place will be offered to one child and the other child/children considered under the admission criteria but normally admitted.

### **Children of UK Service Personnel (UK Armed Forces)**

South Gloucestershire Council recognises the particular needs of children of UK service personnel (UK Armed Forces). The Local Authority ensures that the needs of these children are taken into account by:

- Allocating a school place in advance if the application is accompanied by an official government letter which declares a relocation date and a Unit postal address or quartering address.
- Accepting a Unit postal address, or, if appropriate, a quartering area address (the address of the closest house in the relevant quartering area), for applications from service personnel in the absence of a new home postal address.
- Accepting a late application from UK service personnel as 'on time' where a notification of posting has been received after the closing date and before the date of exchange of information with other admission authorities.

- Considering an application on the criterion of 'local sibling' where another child in the family has been offered a place at the preferred school and the Unit postal address or quartering address is within the Area of Prime Responsibility for the preferred school.
- Wherever possible, children of UK service personnel will be offered a place at the preferred local school but taking into account the admission number for the school.

### **Waiting Lists**

Where any school has been over-subscribed in the normal admissions round and places have been refused to some applicants a waiting list will be maintained for any vacancies which subsequently occur in the school.

All waiting lists will be prioritised according to the admission criteria and not by reference to the date of joining the waiting list.

Waiting lists will be maintained until 31 December 2020 and then updated and maintained for the remainder of the academic year.

### **Admission Numbers 2020/2021 for Community and Controlled Secondary Schools.**

<b>Secondary School</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Admission Number</b>
Brimsham Green	Community	210

Note: Admission numbers for own admission authority schools i.e. academies will be published by individual academies with their admission arrangements.

## **POST 16 ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO BRIMSHAM GREEN SCHOOL FOR SEPTEMBER 2020/21**

- applications will be considered for admission at the age of 16+. These should be made direct to the school;
- where the number of applications exceeds the number of post 16 places available at individual schools, and after admission of any students with an Education, Health and Care Plan naming the school, priority will be given in accordance with the oversubscription criteria set for admissions to the school at 11+ years;
- in the case of applicants in public care or previously in public care, the applicant must meet any set academic criteria;
- the school will publish specific minimum academic achievement requirements for admission to post 16 provision. These criteria will be the same for both internal and external transfers.

Parents/carers are advised to check the number of post 16 places and the courses available with individual community and voluntary controlled schools.

Under the School Admissions Appeal Code there will be a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel for unsuccessful applicants for a sixth form place, both internal and external.