

# Transfer to Secondary School Process and useful information

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# Introduction

- Not connected to any school
- Coordinating role
- Everybody needs to apply by 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2018
- The 'My Neighbourhood Tool'

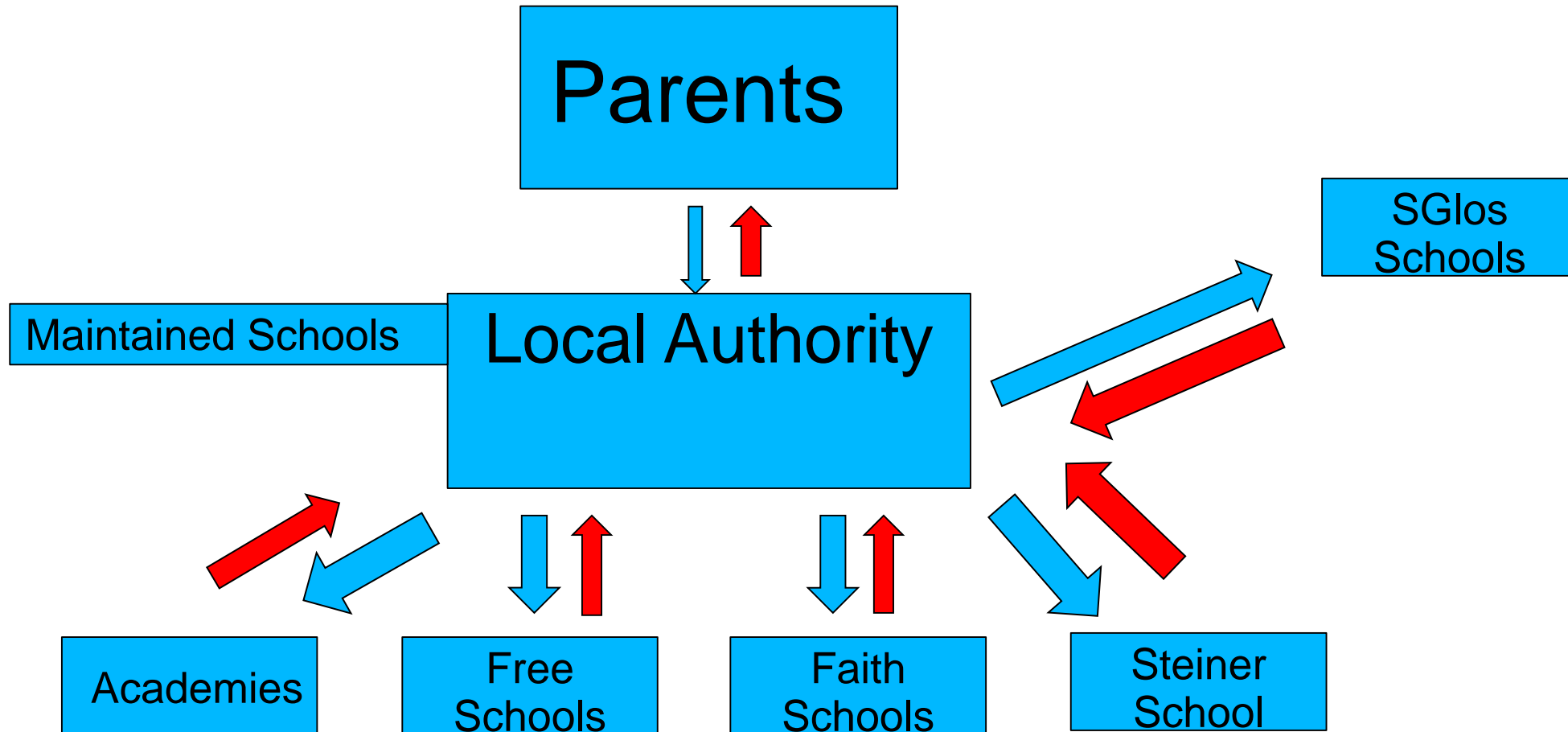


# Key Points

- Apply on time before midnight 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2018
- Read the Admission Criteria
- Check if you need to complete a SIF
- Check if you need to attend a test
- Use all 3 preferences if you can
- Use the tools on the BCC website
- Contact Jim if you have any questions



# The Admissions Process



# Admissions Criteria

- Academies, Faith Schools etc. can set their own Admissions Criteria
- Some use Catchment Areas
- Some prioritise FSM recipients
- Some have Social/Medical grounds
- Others have faith criteria
- Majority of schools still use the Local Authority's criteria
- Pupils with an EHCP need to follow a different process via the SEN Team



# 1. Children in care or previously in care

- Children in care co-ordinated by LA
- Definition of previously in care:  
'Children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order)'

## 2. Siblings

- Brother, sister, half brother or sister, step brother or sister or 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.
- Only applies when the sibling is in attendance

# 3. Geography

- APAs, Parish Boundaries
- Home to school distance
- As the crow flies
- Home address is where the child spends the majority of the time
- May need to request evidence eg. tenancy agreement or letter from solicitor
- **Consequences of using a false address**





# Useful Resources

- The Admission Booklet – Council Website
- My Neighbourhood
- School Open Evenings
- OFSTED
- Other Parents
- Admission Staff at CGS, StMRT, St Bede's, BCCS
- Jim



# LPG Points & Distance Calculation



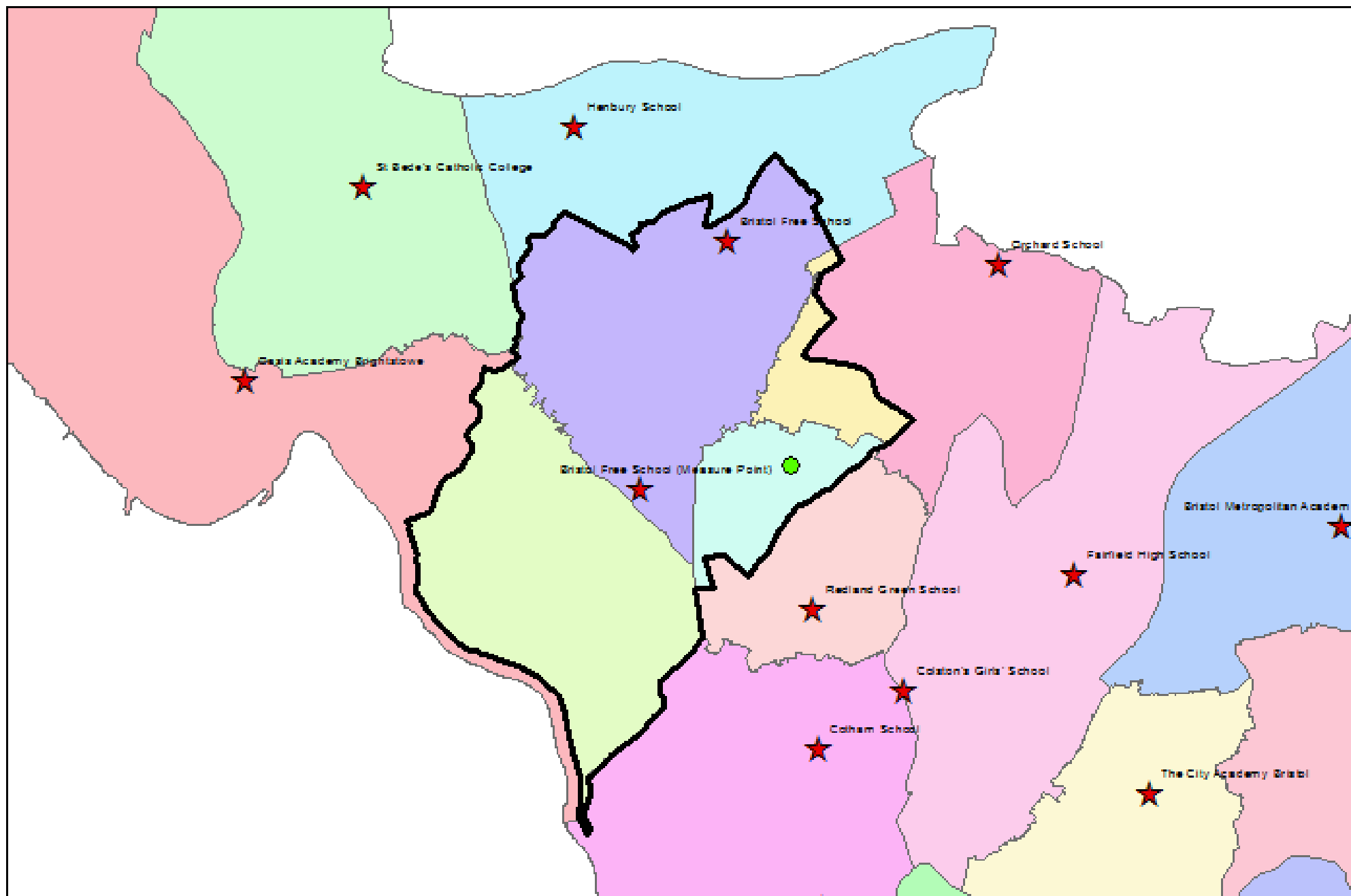
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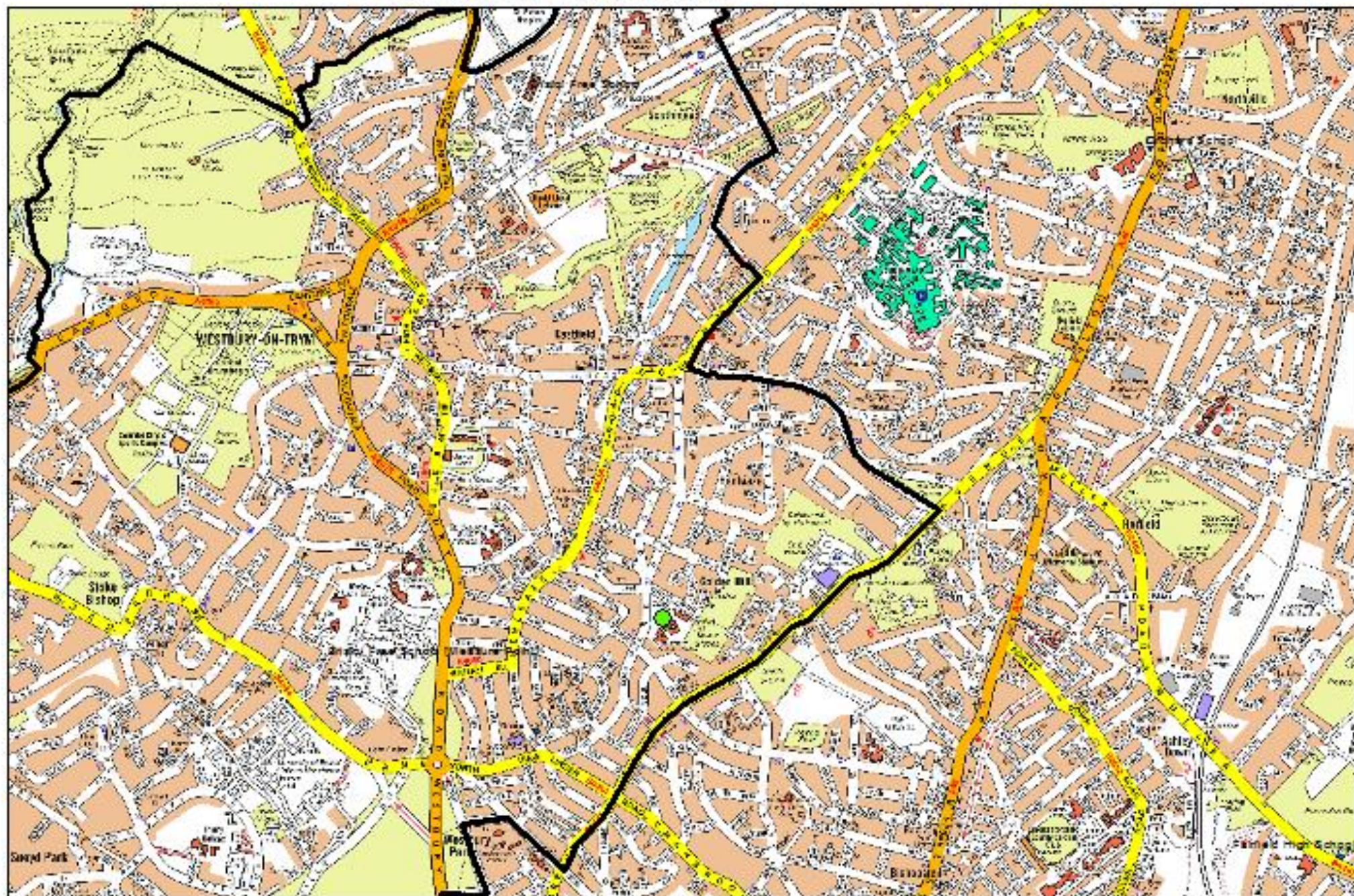


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# Case Study

- Jimmy lives at 1 Henleaze Avenue
- Parents check 'My Neighbourhood' and they live in Bristol Free and Redland Green's Area
- Parent visits all the schools and does a lot of research
- Lives very close to Redland Green but would prefer Bristol Cathedral Choir because Mum works next door and best friend will be going there as has a sibling.



# Scenario 1

- *“I really want Bristol Cathedral Choir School. I feel it is the perfect school for Jimmy. I am going to put it down as my one and only preference so that the council can’t fob me off with something else”*
- *1<sup>st</sup> Pref – Bristol Cathedral Choir*
- *2<sup>nd</sup> Pref – None*
- *3<sup>rd</sup> Pref - None*



# Scenario 1 - Outcome

- *Jimmy's application is considered under BCCS random allocation. A draw takes place and Jimmy's name is drawn 897<sup>th</sup> . A place cannot be offered.*
- *No other schools are listed as preferences*
- *At the end of the process Jim looks at a 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 6km away.*

# Scenario 2

- *“I really want Bristol Cathedral Choir School. I feel it is the perfect school for Jimmy. I am going to put it down as my 1<sup>st</sup> preference. I realise that there is a possibility that I may not get it, so I will add Redland Green as my 2<sup>nd</sup> preference and Bristol Free as my 3<sup>rd</sup>.*
- *1<sup>st</sup> Pref – Bristol Cathedral Choir*
- *2<sup>nd</sup> Pref – Redland Green*
- *3<sup>rd</sup> Pref – Bristol Free*





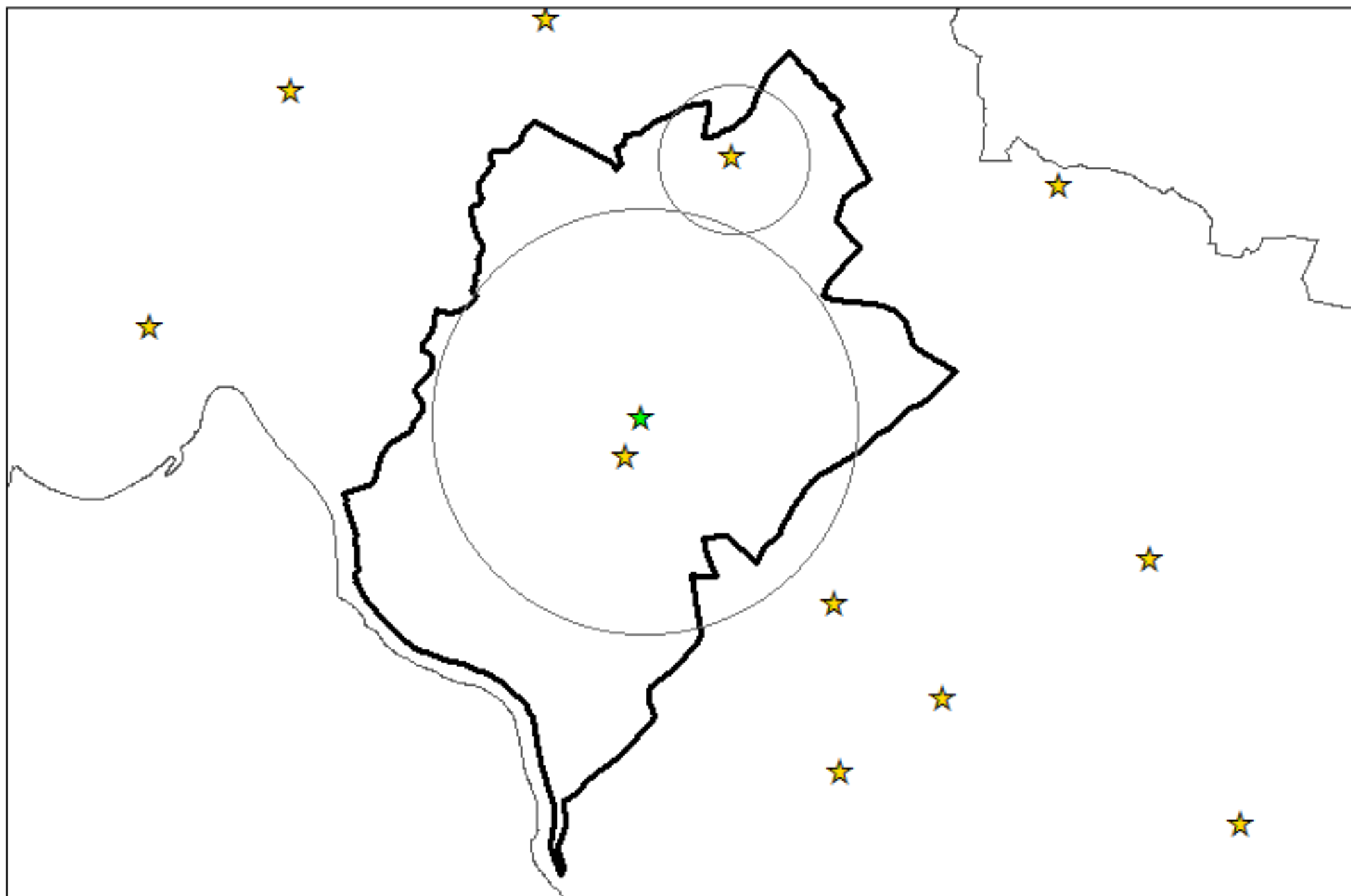
# Scenario 2 - Outcome

- *Jimmy's application is considered under BCCS random allocation. A draw takes place and Jimmy's name is drawn 523<sup>rd</sup> . A place cannot be offered.*
- *Jimmy qualifies for a place at Redland Green, the fact that it is a 2<sup>nd</sup> preference makes no difference. His 2<sup>nd</sup> preference ranks higher than a 1<sup>st</sup> preference who lives further away. He also qualifies for Bristol Free but this is ignored because we can offer RGS which is a higher preference*
- *Jimmy can still go on a waiting list for BCCS or appeal and the place at Redland Green will be saved while he waits.*



# Bristol Free School

Bristol Free and the 80/20 split

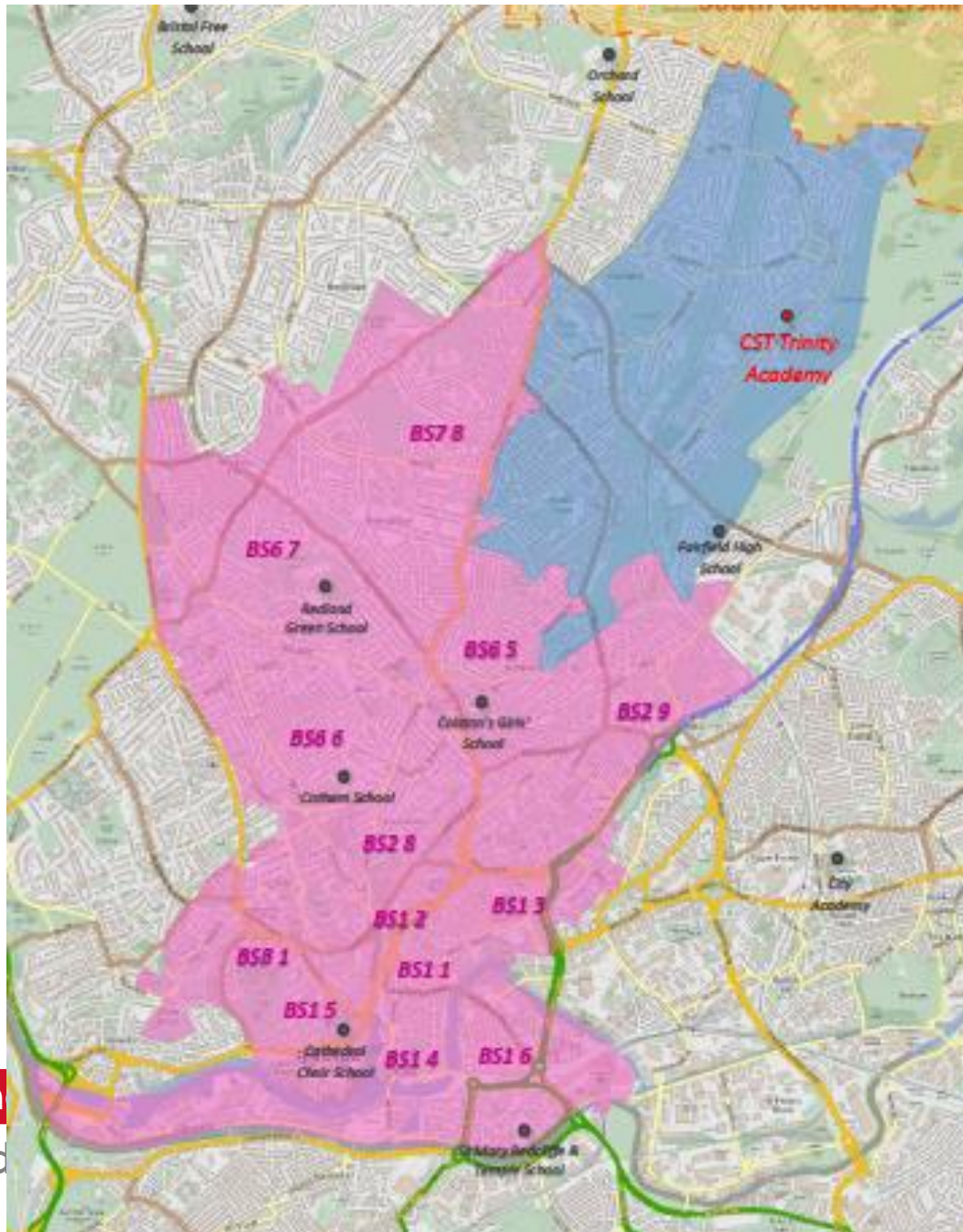


# CST Trinity Academy

- 120 places for Sept 2019 - **Possibly**
- Admission Criteria
  - Looked After/Previously LAC
  - Those on roll at Stoke Park
  - Siblings (none this year but need to be in their Area)
  - 10% Musical Specialism
  - 25% remaining places — Blue Area Random
  - Remaining places — Pink Area Random
- **NOT COORDINATING – APPLY VIA THE SCHOOL**



# CST Trinity Areas



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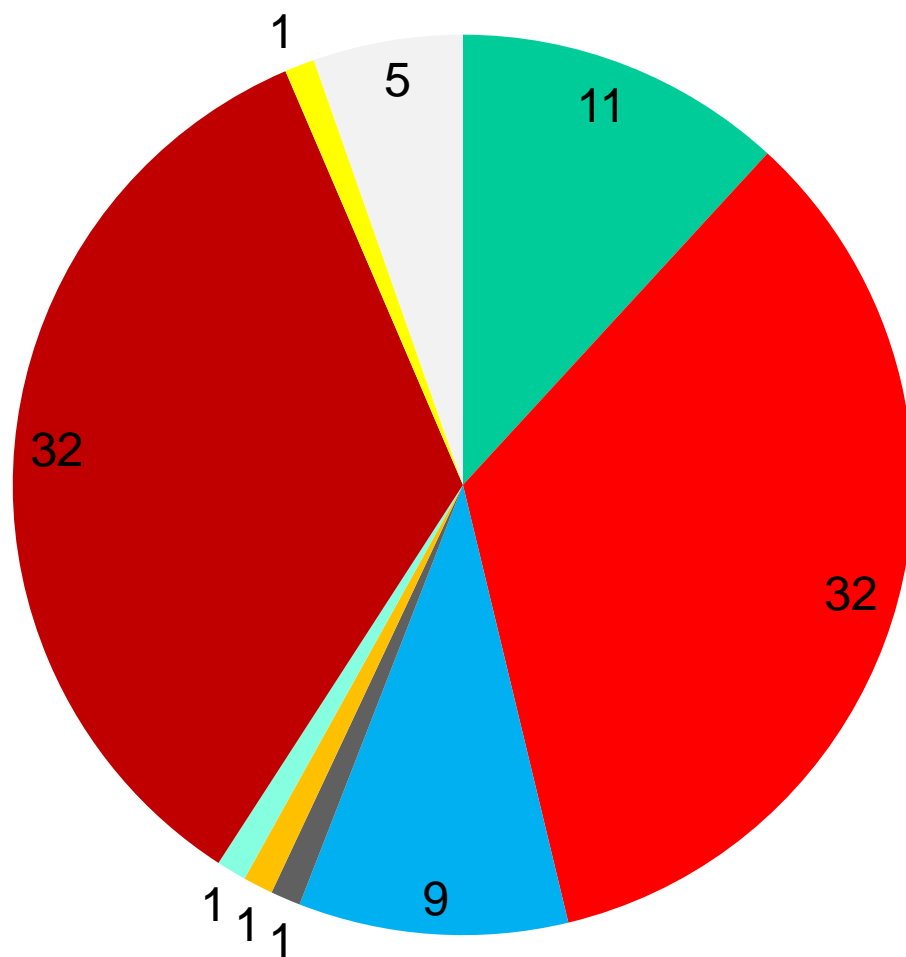


# Waiting List or Appeal?

- Both treated the same by me
- Appeals worth a try
- Very fair transparent process
- Appeals take place May – July 2019

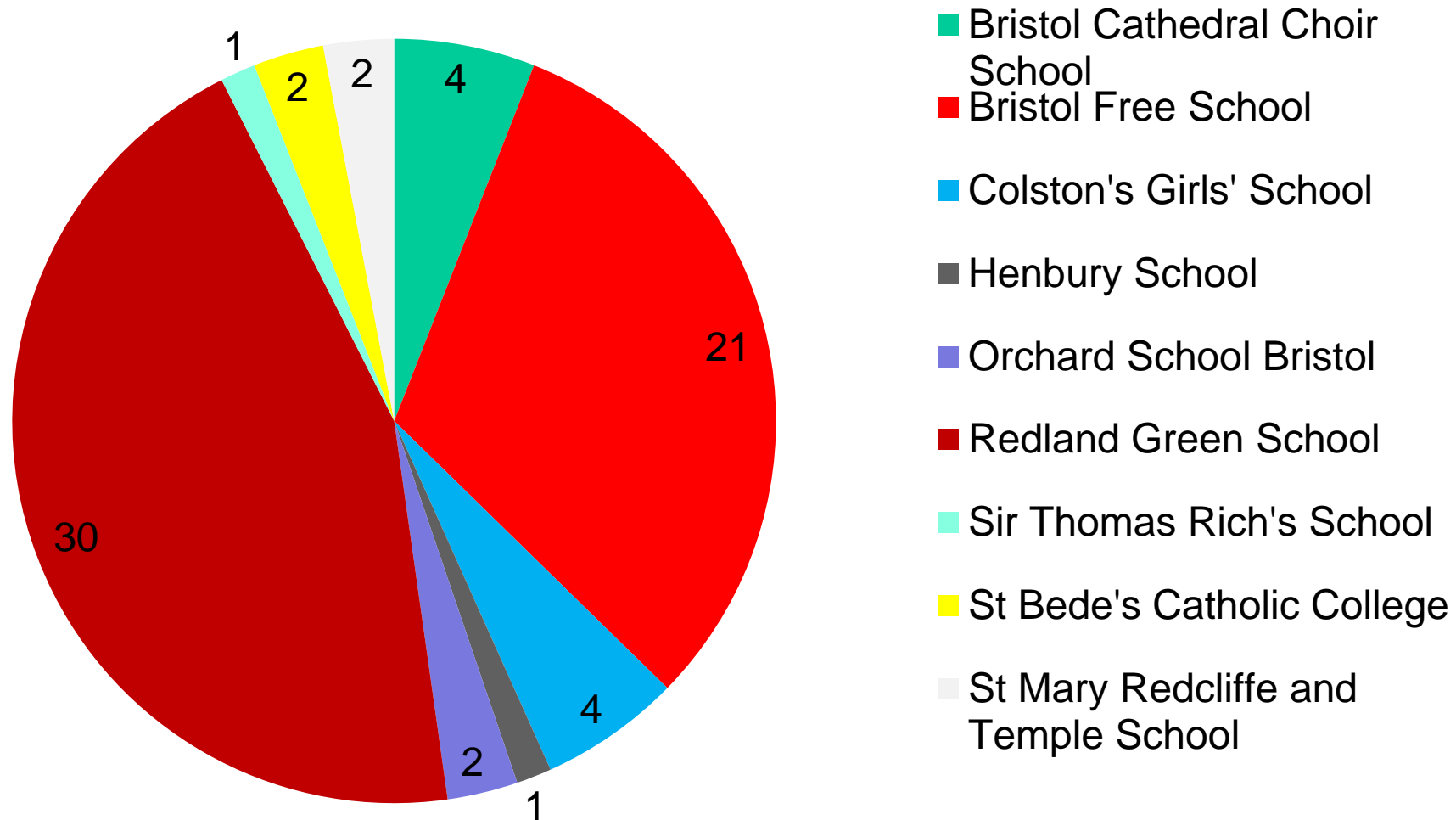


# Where did last year's Yr. 6 Henleaze Junior ask for? (1<sup>st</sup> Prefs)



- Bristol Cathedral Choir School
- Bristol Free School
- Colston's Girls' School
- Henleaze Junior School
- Orchard School Bristol
- Pate's Grammar School
- Redland Green School
- Sir Thomas Rich's School
- St Mary Redcliffe and Temple School

# Where did last year's Yr. 6 Henleaze Junior pupils end up going?



# Myths

- “I am only putting down one preference and then they will have to give it to me”
- I don't need to apply as I have a sibling already there
- St Bede's know I want a place as I have filled in a 'Faith Form'
- My Primary School is a feeder for Redland Green
- The Council holds back places for people moving into the area
- My child has dyslexia so gets priority





# Any questions?

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