

Transfer to Secondary School Process and useful information

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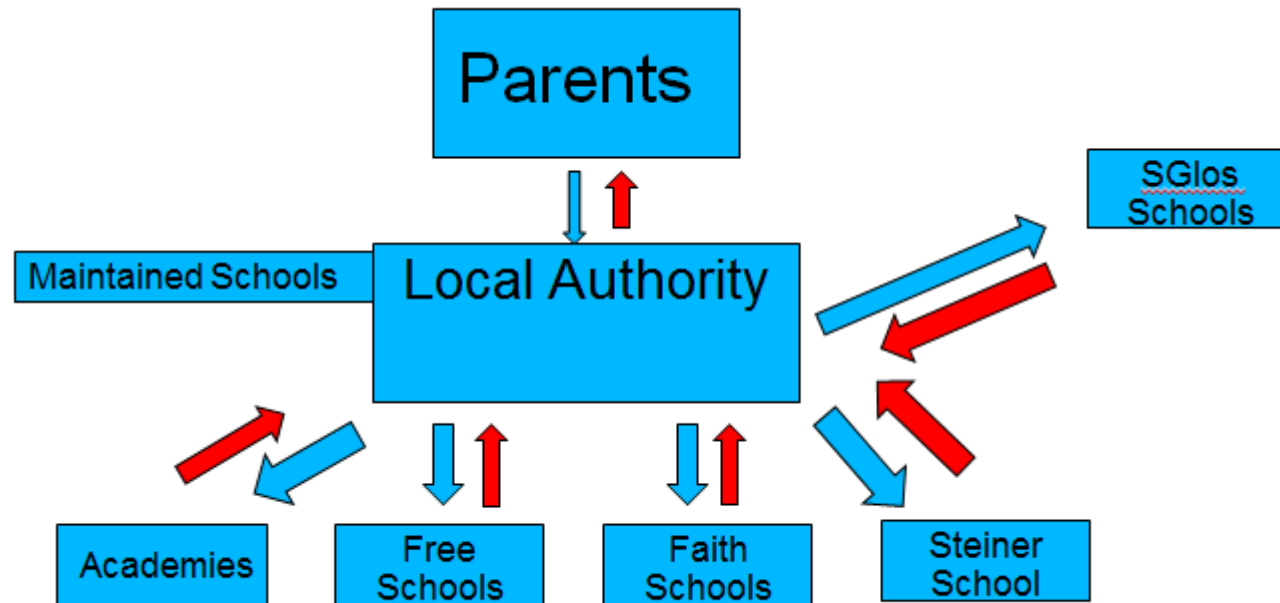
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Introduction

- Not connected to any School or Academy Trust
- Coordinating role



- Applications for all schools through Bristol
- Contact me at james.britton@bristol.gov.uk

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Key Points

- Apply on time before midnight 31st Oct 2019
- 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



Admissions Criteria – How they decide who gets the places

- Academies, Faith Schools etc. can set their own Admissions Criteria
- Some use Catchment Areas
- Some prioritise FSM recipients
- Others have faith criteria
- Most schools still use the Local Authority's criteria

Check the Website



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

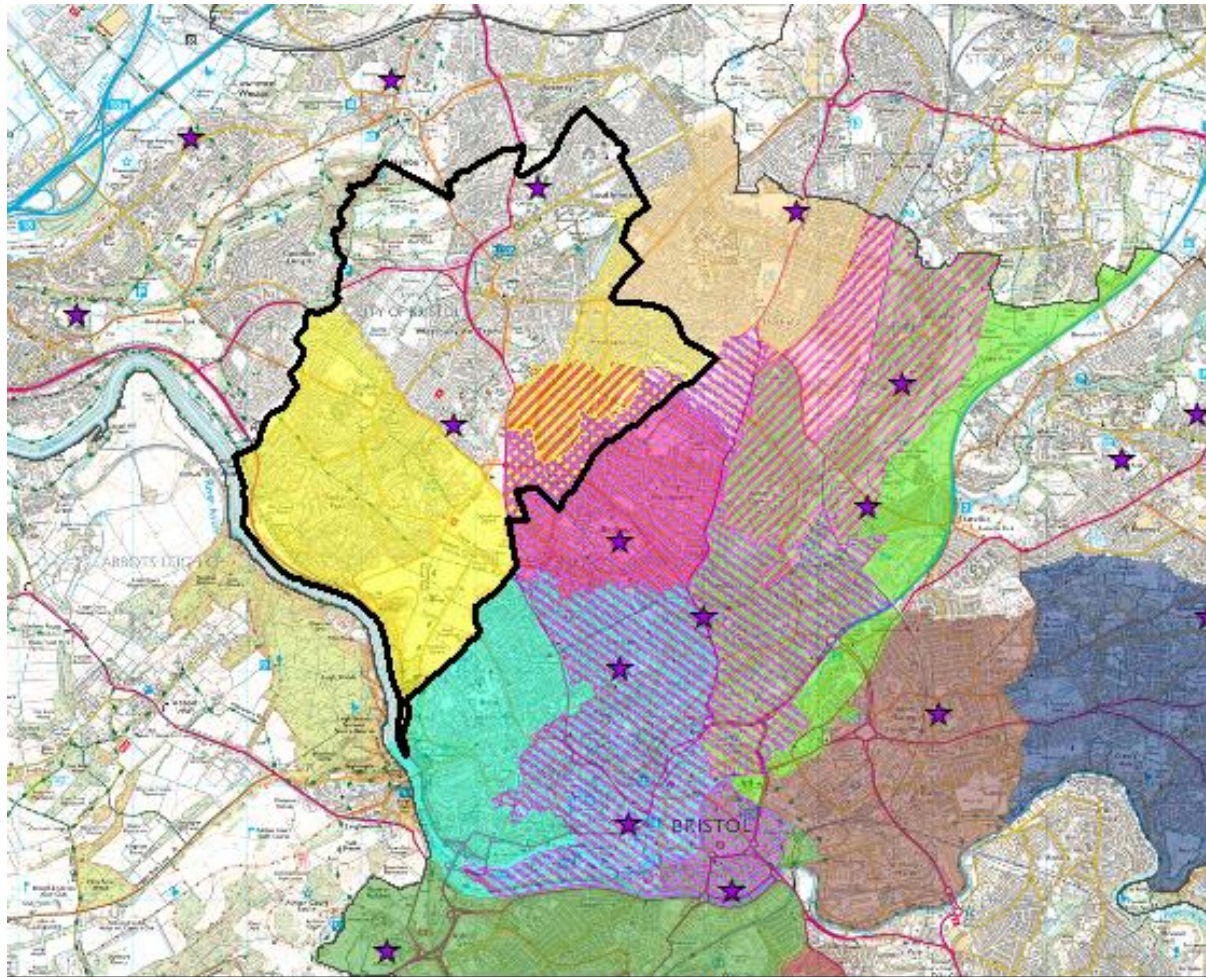
- Brother, sister, half brother or sister, step brother or sister or child of parent/carer's partner where the child for whom the place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling.
- Only applies when the sibling is in attendance

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**



Admissions Priority Areas



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Date: 16/08/2019

[Use the My Neighbourhoods Tool](#)

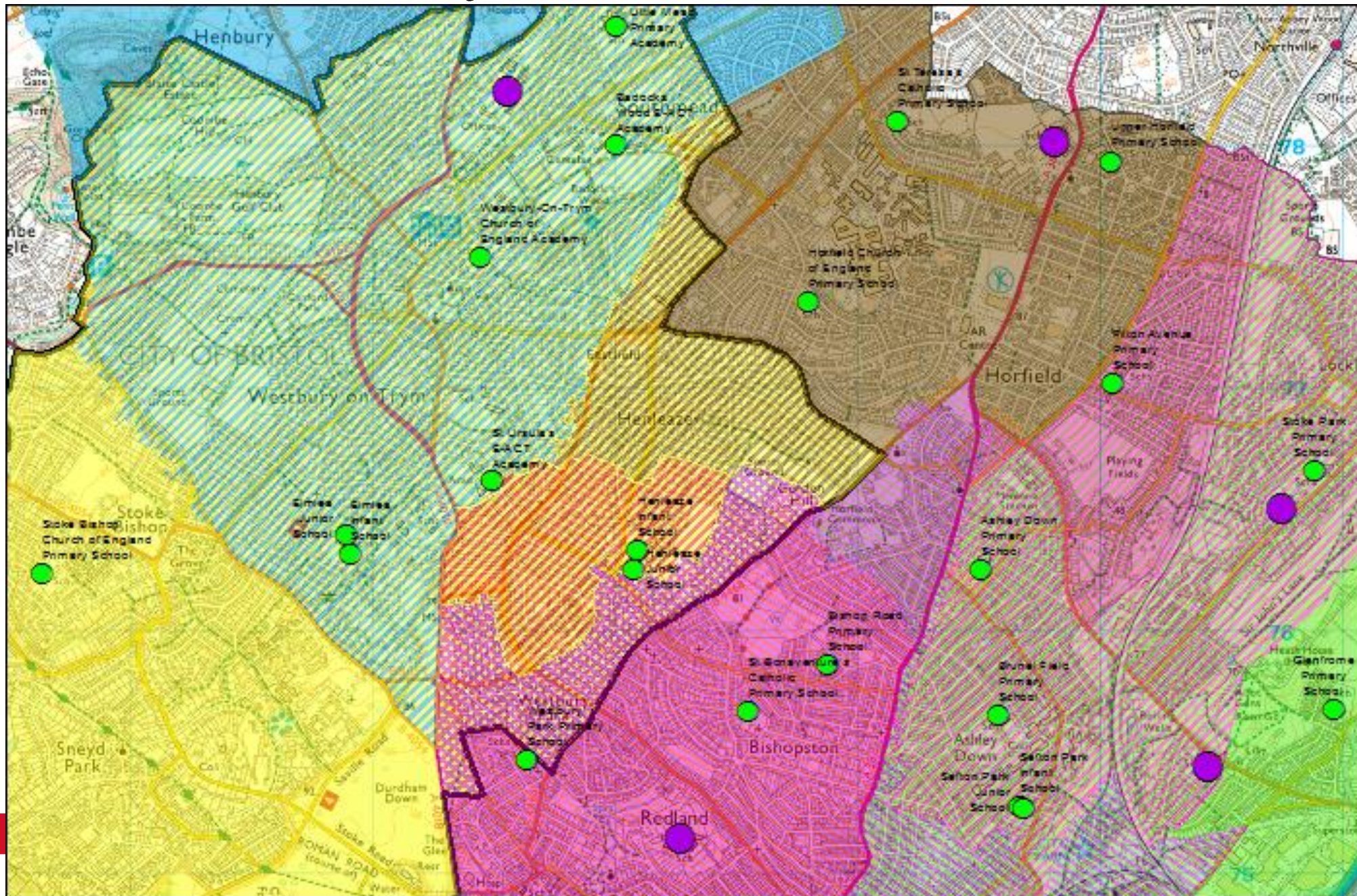
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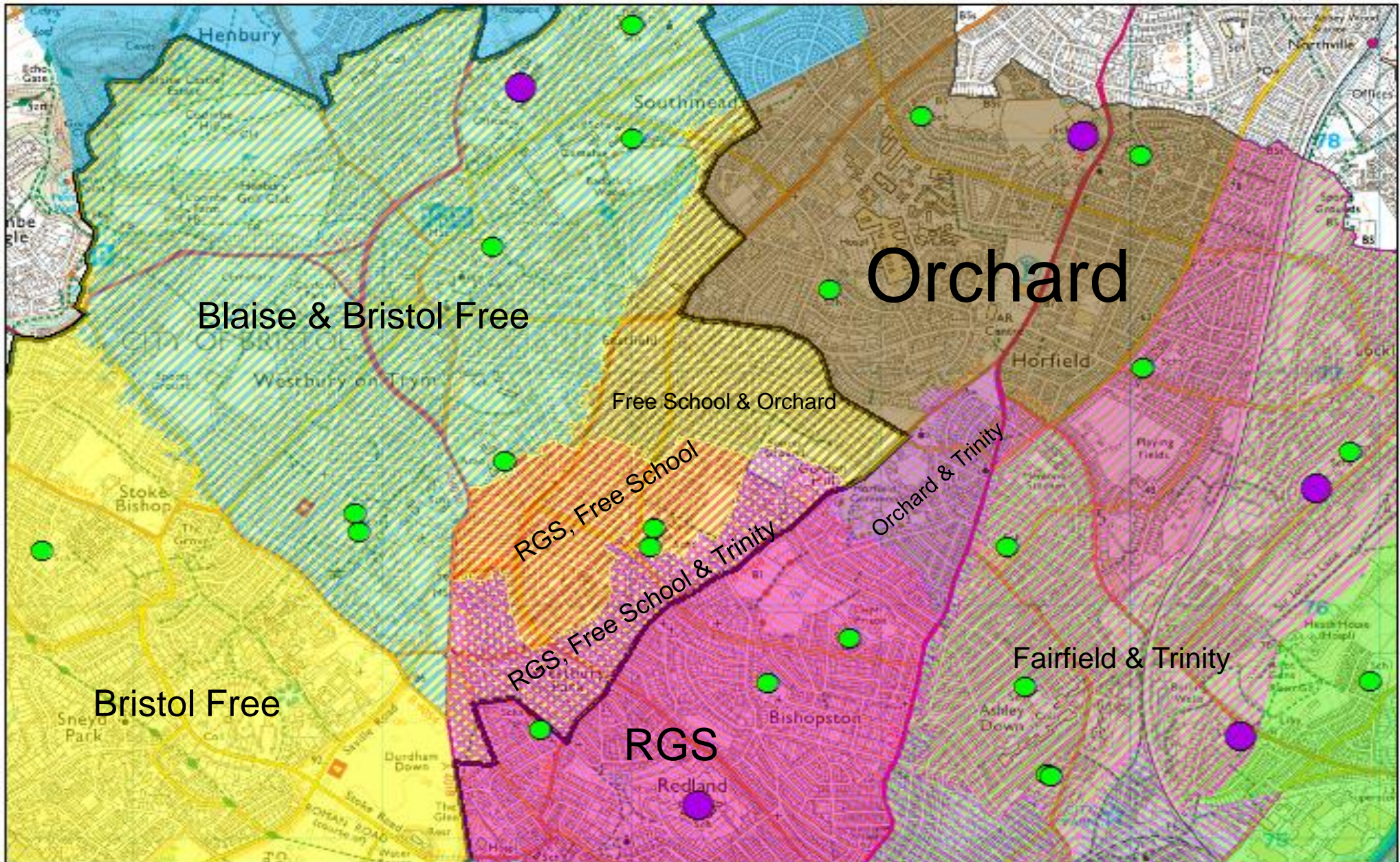
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Secondary APAs near Henleaze



Secondary APAs near Henleaze



How to Apply

- Via the Bristol City Council website
- Google ‘ Bristol Secondary School Admissions’

Apply for a new secondary school year 7 place

How to apply for a new year 7 secondary school place

If your child was born between 1 September 2008 and 31 August 2009 you need to apply for a new year 7 secondary place

Online

[Apply for new year 7 secondary place for Sept 2020 >](#)

To apply online you'll need to register for an account on our Parent Portal admissions system. You'll get an email confirmation of your application.



Case Study

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



Scenario 1 – Just one preference

- *“I really want Bristol Cathedral Choir School. I feel it is the perfect school for Jenny. 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”*
- *1st Pref – Bristol Cathedral Choir*
- *2nd Pref – None*
- *3rd Pref - None*



Scenario 1 - Outcome

- *Jenny's application is considered under BCCS random allocation. A draw takes place and Jenny's name is drawn 897th. 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 – Three Preferences

- *“I really want Bristol Cathedral Choir School. I feel it is the perfect school for Jenny. 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 RGS as my 2nd preference and Bristol Free as my 3rd.”*
- *1st Pref – Bristol Cathedral Choir*
- *2nd Pref – Redland Green*
- *3rd Pref – Bristol Free*



Scenario 2 - Outcome

- *Jenny's application is considered under BCCS random allocation. A draw takes place and Jenny's name is drawn 523rd . A place cannot be offered.*
- *She qualifies for a place at RGS the fact that it is a 2nd preference makes no difference. She also qualifies for her 3rd Preference, Free School, but Jim discounts this as he knows we can offer a higher preference in Redland Green*
- *Jenny can still go on a waiting list for BCCS or appeal and the place at RGS will be saved while she waits.*

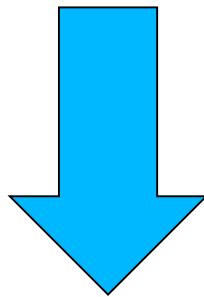
Waiting List or Appeal?

- Both treated the same by me
- Appeals worth a try
- Very fair transparent process
- Appeals take place May – July 2020



Rounds of Allocation

- 1st Round – 31st March 2020
- Change Preferences? Order? Contact Jim?
- 2nd Round – Late May 2020



Subsequent Rounds as and when up until September 2020

What Happened Last Year?

Health Warning

Things will be different this year

- More Pupils in Year 6
- CST Trinity is open and is an option
- Colston's Girls taking 28 fewer pupils



What happened last year?

- **Redland Green**
- 1st Round – In Area within 1km
- End of Process – In Area with 1.2km
- There are applicants living outside the APA with siblings who missed out



What happened last year?

- **Cotham**
- 1st Round – Everybody within a 2.146km radius
- End of Process – Everybody within a 2.33km radius
- **Bristol Free**
- 1st Round – Everybody within the APA
- End of Process –
- Everybody within a 921m radius of the school
- Everybody within a 2.7km radius of the measure point



What happened last year?

- **BCCS**
- Only 54 places left for random allocation
- Over 1300 applications!
- **CGS**
- 1st Round – Everybody within the APA
- Only 107 places left for random allocation
- Over 800 applications!
- 28 fewer places this year.

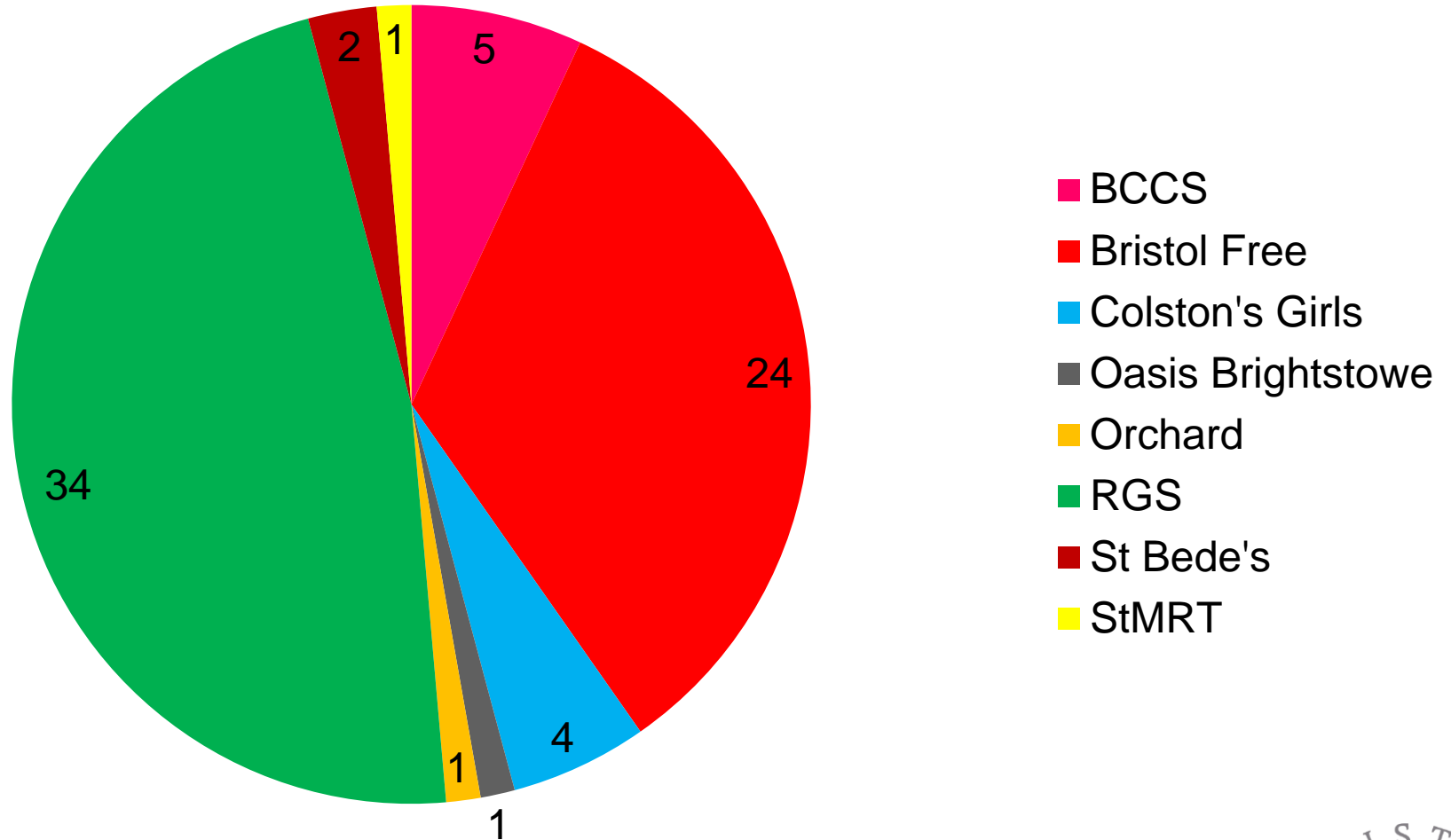


What happened last year?

- **Fairfield**
- 1st Round – Outside Area as far as 1.11km radius
- End of Process – Outside Area as far as 927m radius
- **StMRT & St Bede's**
- Talk to School
- **Orchard & Brightstowe**
- Both breached to take extra pupils
- Both were refusing pupils come the end



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 Mary Redcliffe & Temple 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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