

Dear Parent

I work in the School Admissions Team of Bristol City Council. We coordinate the process for Secondary School applications.

I am holding several Zoom Online information sessions over the coming weeks to give an overview of the process, let you know where you can access useful information, dispel some myths, and hopefully give you a good understanding of what to expect.

The sessions will be identical. You can opt to join any of them. Details are set out below. I have arranged them so that local Primary/Junior schools are loosely grouped together. This is so that any questions raised may be about the same local Secondary Schools and are of relevance to other attendees.

It is not my role to promote or advertise individual schools and I won't be able to offer a bespoke service predicting what your chances are of getting a particular school. Even I wanted to I can't. Your chances of getting your preferred school largely depends on what other parents ask for, if they have siblings, where they live etc. What I can do is tell you how things work and what happened in previous years.

Session 1 - Bishop Rd, Cotham Gardens, SS Peter & Paul, St Bonaventure's, St John's, Dolphin, Christchurch – Wednesday 21st September 22 at 4-30pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72621353682?pwd=dtXqyeznhns4POBuuuVZoblYPOQ42b.1>

Meeting ID: 726 2135 3682 Passcode: Z694BG

Session 2 – Avonmouth CE, Nova, Oasis Bankleaze, Oasis LongCross, Our Lady of the Rosary, Shirehampton and St Bernard's- Monday 26th Sept 22 – 16-30pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79688771195?pwd=RXFval6iDpoxMvbTHnWEMl6CaNauaD.1>

Meeting ID: 796 8877 1195 Passcode: bUy9Ht

Session 3 - Elmlea Junior, Henleaze Junior, Sea Mills, St Ursula's, Stoke Bishop, Westbury Park

Join Zoom Meeting – 3rd October 2022 – 16-30pm

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71093226656?pwd=oM14qI9gcNc5umVSkNRuPGchdlS6eR.1>

Meeting ID: 710 9322 6656 Passcode: bb6KJ9

Session 4 - Badock's Wood, Blaise Primary, Brentry, Henbury Court, LittleMead, Westbury on Trym

Join Zoom Meeting – Wednesday 5th October 22 – 16-30

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76118756532?pwd=3XOWJ13rhNUZoB5X9axtcgcpvFsaj3.1>

Meeting ID: 761 1875 6532 Passcode: B9andC

Session 5 -, Filton Ave, Fonthill, Horfield, St Teresa's, Stoke Park, Upper Horfield

Join Zoom Meeting – Friday 7th October 22 – 16-30pm

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76925203866?pwd=3WYggPktiaH2orodTWd7Jc6l1uSFhL.1>

Meeting ID: 769 2520 3866 Passcode: 5C65A4

Session 6 - Ashley Down, Brunel Field, Fairlawn, Glenfrome, Sefton Park Junior, St Werburgh's

Join Zoom Meeting – Monday 10th October 2022 – 16-30pm

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78903204231?pwd=z1U0KK8TWWfkwrT4Oyi2bfOHXtNG8p.1>

Meeting ID: 789 0320 4231 Passcode: Wuqu1Q

I will try to deliver the key messages within 30 minutes but can stay online a little longer if parents have additional questions.

Set out below are some useful links and tools which may help you.

- The 'My Neighbourhood Tool' – Use this to add your address and find out which schools your home address gives you priority for (if any) and what your straight-line distance is. [Neighbourhoods \(bristol.gov.uk\)](https://www.bristol.gov.uk/my-neighbourhood-tool)
- School Admission Policies and Maps – Use this to find out how the school decides who gets the places and if it has a 'Priority Area' [Bristol secondary school places and geographical area that schools cover](https://www.bristol.gov.uk/school-admission-policies-and-maps)
- What happened in Previous Years? – Details of how the places were allocated in the past [Admissions to secondary school in previous years \(bristol.gov.uk\)](https://www.bristol.gov.uk/admissions-to-secondary-school-in-previous-years)
- Details of Appeal Numbers last year - [Bristol secondary schools appeals in previous year](https://www.bristol.gov.uk/secondary-schools-appeals-in-previous-year)

I know that all schools will be holding Open Evenings/Days over the coming weeks. These are useful opportunities to get a feel for the school and to raise issues with staff that are important for you and your child.

The Deadline for applications is 31st October 2022. There is no advantage in applying earlier. It is not 'first come first served'. Take your time to visit schools, ask questions and understand the process.

I hope that this is helpful and look forward to meeting some of you online.

Kind Regards

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