

Dear Parent/Carer

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

I am holding several Online 'Teams' 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 almost 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, what happened in previous years and signpost you to some useful information.

Session 1 - Bishop Rd, Cotham Gardens, SS Peter & Paul, St Bonaventure's, St John's, Dolphin, Christchurch – Tuesday 26th Sept 23 4pm

Join Zoom Meeting

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 388 945 094 479

Passcode: ysbwVf

Session 2 – Avonmouth CE, Nova, Oasis Bankleaze, Oasis LongCross, Our Lady of the Rosary, Shirehampton and St Bernard's- Wednesday 27th Sept 23 4pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 330 286 015 537

Passcode: wfSpJW

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

Join Zoom Meeting – Thursday 28th Sept 23 4pm

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 397 521 306 933

Passcode: x3hkRw

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

Join Zoom Meeting – Tuesday October 3rd at 4pm

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 391 308 417 003

Passcode: wvPeRh

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

Join Zoom Meeting – Wednesday October 4th at 4pm

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 314 738 423 458

Passcode: LFoTLy

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

Join Zoom Meeting – Thursday October 5th at 4pm

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 331 113 853 298

Passcode: 84fkr5

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. [My neighbourhood search \(bristol.gov.uk\)](https://www.bristol.gov.uk/my-neighbourhood-search)
- 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/secondary-school-places-and-geographical-area-that-schools-cover)
- 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)
- A map showing the location of schools and their areas - [Secondary Schools \(arcgis.com\)](https://www.arcgis.com)

I know that all schools will be holding Open Evenings/Days over the coming weeks. These are really useful opportunities to get a feel for the school and to raise issues with staff that are important for you and your child. I am not sure of the dates when these are happening. **If any of the meetings above clash with a school event, please prioritise attending the school event.** I will also be holding a session on Friday 27th October 23 at 4pm for anyone unable to attend an earlier session.

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 329 332 615 458

Passcode: HZ6PWC

The Deadline for applications is 31st October 2023. 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. Naming 3 schools gives you 3 chances.

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

Kind Regards

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