

Consultation on 2020/21 Admission Arrangements

Cathedral Schools Trust (CST) is now consulting on the proposed admission arrangements for schools within the Trust for the academic year 2020/21. The consultation process will run for a six week period from 12th November 2018 to 7th January 2019.

Bristol Cathedral Choir School (BCCS) 11-16 provision

A number of changes have been proposed to the admission arrangements as follows:

To increase the published admission number (PAN) for entry to year 7 to 150. The need for secondary school places in Bristol is becoming increasingly critical and by 2022 there is a projected shortage of 684 places across the city. BCCS has had an intake of 150 students for year 7 for 2017 and 2018 entry and therefore the PAN needs to be adjusted accordingly.

To name Cathedral Primary School (CPS) as a feeder school for BCCS. As CPS is legally a separate school from BCCS it is necessary to name CPS as a feeder school in the admission arrangements for BCCS to achieve this.

To remove year 12 as a qualifying sibling. Whilst we recognise that parents will want their children to attend the same school, it is accepted that this is more significant for younger children and that it is reasonable to apply this criterion for Year 7 to Year 11 at secondary school.

To reduce the postcodes of the catchment area or area of prime responsibility to BS1 to BS16. This is to better support the needs of Bristol children seeking school places in Bristol schools. Random allocation will be used as a tie-break to decide the remainder of the places from any of the Bristol postcode areas from BS1 to BS16. In the event of any places still available these will be allocated by random allocation to those applicants living outside of the BS1 to BS16 postcode areas.

A number of other changes have been made to the wording of the policy to improve clarity and ensure it is compliant with applicable legislation. Full details of the changes can be viewed by reading the draft admission arrangements attached.

Bristol Cathedral Choir School (BCCS) Post 16 Provision

A number of changes have been proposed to the admission arrangements for Post 16 provision, as follows:

To remove Year 12 as a qualifying sibling. Whilst we recognise that parents will want their

children to attend the same school, it is accepted that this is more significant for younger children and that it is reasonable to apply this criterion for Year 7 to Year 11 at secondary school.

To reduce the postcodes of the catchment area or area of prime responsibility to BS1 to BS16. This is to better support the needs of Bristol children seeking school places in Bristol schools. Random allocation will be used as a tie-break to decide the remainder of the places from any of the Bristol postcode areas from BS1 to BS16. In the event of any places still available these will be allocated by random allocation to those applicants living outside of the BS1 to BS16 postcode areas.

A number of other changes have been made to the wording of the policy to improve clarity and ensure it is compliant with applicable legislation. Full details of the changes can be viewed by reading the draft admission arrangements attached.

Cathedral Primary School (CPS)

The main change to the admission arrangements for 2020/21 is the proposal to amend the sibling criterion for a CPS applicant. An applicant who has an older sibling on roll at BCCS will no longer qualify for a place under this criterion. However, they will qualify for a place if the sibling is on roll at CPS.

The other change is to reduce the postcodes of the catchment area or area of prime responsibility to BS1 to BS16. This is to better support the needs of Bristol children seeking school places in Bristol schools, random allocation will be used as a tie-break to decide the remainder of the places from any of the Bristol postcode areas from BS1 to BS16. In the event of any places still available these will be allocated by random allocation to those applicants living outside of the BS1 to BS16 postcode areas.

A number of other changes have been made to the wording of the policy to improve clarity and ensure it is compliant with applicable legislation. Full details of the changes can be viewed by reading the draft admission arrangements attached.

Victoria Park Primary School (VPPS)

The change to the admission arrangements for 2020/21 is the proposal to include a staff criterion, which can be viewed by reading the draft admission arrangements attached.

A number of other changes have been made to the wording of the policy to improve clarity and ensure it is compliant with applicable legislation. Full details of the changes can be viewed by reading the draft admission arrangements attached.

Trinity Academy (TA)

The change to the admission arrangements for 2020/21 is the proposal to amend the wording for the sibling criterion. The wording of the policy is also amended to clarify Trinity Academy will be part of the coordinated admissions scheme with Bristol City Council and all applications are

made on the common application form via the home local authority and ensure it is compliant with applicable legislation. Full details of the changes can be viewed by reading the draft admission arrangements attached.

The consultation for all schools within Cathedral Schools Trust is open until 7th January 2019. If you would like to comment on the proposed admission arrangements or have any queries please put them in writing, **stating clearly which school your response is regarding**, and send to:

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