



CLIFTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Admissions Policy

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In the event of the number of places sought exceeding the number available, parents preferences for Clifton Community School will be considered and allocated in the following order of priority:

- i. Relevant looked after children (see note 1 below)
- ii. Children who on the closing date have a specific medical reason confirmed by a medical practitioner which the Authority is satisfied makes attendance at Clifton Community School essential. Parents should attach full supporting information on their on-line application or the Common Application Form.
- iii. For children who are the subject of a Statement of Special Educational Needs for whom the Statement or Educational Health and Care Plan specifies that particular school.
- iv. For children for who have a compelling social reason which the Authority is satisfied makes attendance at Clifton Community School essential. The kind of overriding social reason which could be accepted are where there is evidence that the pupil's education would be seriously impaired if he or she did not attend Clifton Community School.
- v. Children who on the closing date live in the catchment area of the school as defined by the Authority who have brothers or sisters (see note 2) in attendance at Clifton Community School on the date of admission.
- vi. Children who on the closing date live in the catchment area of Clifton Community School as defined by the Local Authority
- vii. Children who it is expected will have an older brother or sister on roll at Clifton Community School at the start of the academic year.
- viii. Children who on the closing date are on the roll of one of the associated Primary/ Junior/ Junior & Infants schools as identified by the Local Authority.
- ix. Children who on the closing date live nearest to Clifton Community School measured by a straight line on a horizontal plane (commonly known as measurement, "as the crow flies")

Notes

1. A 'relevant looked after child' is a child that is looked after by a local authority in accordance with Section 22 of the Children Act 1989 at the time an application for admission to a school is made, and who the local authority has confirmed will still be looked after at the time when he/she is admitted to the school.
2. For a child to be considered a sibling, one of the following conditions must exist:- (you may be asked to provide proof e.g. Birth Certificate and proof of residence)
 - brother/sister to be permanently resident at the same address.
 - stepbrother/stepsister to be permanently resident at the same address.
 - half brother/half sister to be permanently resident at the same address.
 - brother/sister who do not live at the same residence but, who share the same parents.
 - child of the parent/carer's partner to be permanently resident at the same address.
 - adopted brother/sister permanently resident at the same address
3. Places will be allocated in accordance with the LA's co-ordinated admissions schemes for Primary and Secondary schools. In assessing preferences, the LA will operate an 'equal preference' system, which means that no priority will be given according to the ranking of the preference, except where a potential offer can be made in respect of more than one school. In that situation, the final offer of a place will be made at the highest ranked of the potential offer schools.
4. Children issued with a statement of Special Educational Needs will gain a place at the school named in the statement as part of that process.

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