Bath & North East Somerset Council

Admissions Criteria for Chew Valley School

PRIORITY A

Children in Public Care [Looked after children and previously looked after children].

PRIORITY B

Children from within the Area of Prime Responsibility [APR] whose older sibling will be attending the school on the admission date.

PRIORITY C

Children living within the APR.

PRIORITY D

Children living outside the APR whose older sibling will be attending the school on the admission date.

PRIORITY E

Children living outside the APR.

To be considered under the above criteria parents/carers must have named the school as a preference. Under the above criteria all preferences are considered equally. If a pupil qualifies for more than one school they will be offered their highest preference as stated on their application form.

If under all the above criteria any single category resulted in oversubscription, priority would be given to those children who live nearest to the school. Distance will be measured in a direct line from the address point of the child's home address to the address point of the school as defined by the Local Land & Property Gazetteer (LLPG). Measurements will be determined using the Local Authority's GIS computerised mapping system with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

For the purpose of measuring home to school distance, all calculations will be measured using a straight line measurement from the address point of the home to the address point of the school using a Geographical Information System (GIS) method. The GIS system used within this LA would not be able to calculate a staircase measurement in the case of multi-level dwellings. If the distance between two children's homes and the school is exactly the same then a random allocation would be used for any such cases.

In the event of the school being oversubscribed where the applicant for the final qualifying place(s) available within the admission number is the parent/carer of twins, triplets or other multiple births the Governors will breach the admission number to allow these children to be offered places.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs [SEN] or an Education Health and Care Plan [EHC] are dealt with through the SEN Code of Practice and their placement is determined through the statutory assessment process or an annual review of their statement. All schools are consulted before being named on a pupil's Statement and schools have the opportunity to draw attention to any difficulties arising from oversubscribed year groups. If a particular school is named on a Statement this will take priority over the Admissions Criteria, although, wherever possible the place will be offered within the Admission Number for the school.

A sibling refers to children who are brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, the child of the parent/carer's partner and in every case the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address.

Looked after Children and previously looked after children. In line with the School Admissions Code these children are given the highest priority within the oversubscription criteria. The code defines a Looked After Child as a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions at the time of making an application to a school. Previously looked after children are defined as children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order).

The school has a Published Admissions Number of 206. All applications must be submitted to the child's home Local Authority (LA) by the closing date of 31 October 2016. Parents can either use their LA's On Line application facility or can complete their LA's common application form. After the closing date the Governing Body will be provided with details of all applications received.

Under the Bath & North East Somerset LA's secondary coordinated scheme, any parents refused a place for the new Year 7 intake may ask for their child's name to go on the waiting list where the name will remain until the end of the academic year. During that time, they would be re-considered by the Governors under the admissions criteria for any places that may become available within the admission number and alongside any parents who have lodged an appeal and any later applications received. Please note, however, that children who are the subject of a direction by a LA to admit or who are allocated to the school in accordance with a Fair Access Protocol must take precedence over those on the waiting list.

Any late applicants should complete their home LA's common application form and return it to their home LA as soon as possible. The Governing Body will be informed of any late applications received in accordance with the Bath & North East Somerset LA's secondary coordinated scheme.