



# Churchdown School

## Admissions Policy for Years 7 to 11 September 2020

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### Admissions Criteria

#### Pupil Ability

Pupils will be admitted without reference to ability

#### Indicated Admission Number

The Indicated Admission Number for Churchdown School is 230.

#### Over-Subscription

Where the number of applications for admission is greater than the number of places available, places will be offered in accordance with the following criteria. The criteria will be applied in the order set out below:

- Priority 1**
- (1) A 'looked after child' is 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 (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school. In Gloucestershire, such children are referred to as Children in Care.
  - (2) This includes children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 (see section 12 adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children's Act 2002 (see section 46 adoption orders).
  - (3) Under the provisions of s.12 of the Children and Families Act 2014, which amend section 8 of the Children Act 1989, residence orders have now been replaced by child arrangements orders.
  - (4) See Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 which defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).
- Priority 2**
- Children with a sibling. For this purpose, sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner as well as children who are brought together as a family by a same sex civil partnership. In every case, the child must be living in the same family unit at the same address, at the time of application.
- Priority 3**
- Children with the strongest geographical claim, measured in a straight line from the Ordnance Survey Point of the child's home address (including flats) to the front gate of the school, using the local authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

In the event of over subscription in any of the above criteria, places will be allocated to children with the strongest geographical claim, measured in a straight line from the Ordnance Survey Point of the child's home address (including flats) to the front gate of the school, using the local authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

In the event of a tie between two or more children when applying the above tie-break (strongest geographical claim based on straight line distance) where there are not enough places available to offer all children a place at the school, a process of random allocation will be followed by the Governing Body

### **Appeals against Non-Admission**

Appeal Papers and Guidelines for their use are available from the school. An Independent Panel will be established in accordance with the Government regulations for Academy Schools to hear parents' appeals.

### **Educational Health Care Plans**

The school is required to admit a child with an Educational Health Care Plan(EHCP) if that EHCP names the school. This applies even if the school is full.

### **Waiting Lists**

If the school is oversubscribed a waiting list will be held for the first term. The waiting list will be prioritised according to the school's oversubscription criteria.

The school operates the In-Year Fair Access Protocols held by the Local Authority. Should a vulnerable child within these Protocols require a place at the school, they will take precedent over any child on the waiting list.

### **In Year Admissions**

Any applications for a school made outside the normal year of entry to the school must be made directly to the school. Application forms can be downloaded from the school website.