



St Mary Redcliffe
and Temple School

Redcliffe Sixth Form Centre Admissions Policy 2026-27

Policy

1. The Governing Body is by law responsible for admissions into the Sixth Form.
2. The school will admit any students with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), whose Education, Health and Care Plan names the school.
3. We offer only Level 3 courses, for which the basic admissions threshold will be outlined in our current prospectus. This will also detail the additional grade requirements which apply in particular subjects. All places offered will be dependent on achieving the published admissions threshold.
4. Students currently attending Year 11 at St Mary Redcliffe and Temple School, who express a preference for a place, will be admitted to the Sixth Form provided they meet the published admissions threshold and complete the on-line application form by the published deadline*.
5. Students wishing to transfer to St Mary Redcliffe and Temple School Sixth Form from other educational institutions must complete the on-line application form and submit this to the school by the published deadline*.
6. The Published Admission Number (PAN) for students from other educational institutions for September 2026 is 100. If fewer students than the PAN apply from other educational institutions, then all of these students will be admitted, provided they meet the published admissions threshold.
7. After the admission of students with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), if there are more applications from students from other educational institutions by the application deadline than places available, then each application received on time will be ranked against the following oversubscription criteria in determining the awarding of offers:
 - A. Students who are currently Looked After* or have previously been Looked After*;
 - B. Students who currently have siblings* in Years 7 to 12 of St Mary Redcliffe and Temple School;
 - C. Distance from the student's home to the school in a straight line, as at the published deadline. Home to school distances will be measured in a direct line from a point on the home address as held by the Local Authority, defined in the Local Land and Property Gazetteer, to a defined point within the main school building using the Local Authority's computerised mapping system.
8. Where it has not been necessary to apply these criteria on the published deadline*, then places will continue to be awarded in the order that they are received until places available have been filled.

9. Students who are unsuccessful in securing a place will be entered on a waiting list. Should places become available before the start of the academic year, these will be offered to those who still wish to be admitted in accordance with the over-subscription criteria. Unsuccessful applicants have the right to appeal. Anyone questioning an admissions decision should refer their concern initially to the Head of 6th Form. If the response is unsatisfactory then this can be referred to the Chair of the Governors' Admissions Committee.
10. Admission to the Sixth Form does not guarantee a place on all courses.

Definitions

Full meaning set out below for all terms followed by an asterisk (*):

Published Deadline	Completed application forms must be submitted to the School by 1 December 2025.
Home	The permanent place of residence of child and Parent/Carer. Bristol will not accept more than one address as the child's home address. Where a child regularly lives at more than one address the Local Authority will have to reach a conclusion about which should be counted as the main address when allocating places, taking relevant evidence into account. Normally this will be the address where the child is registered with a medical GP. Where parents or carers are living separately and do not agree on the child's home address, they are urged to reach an agreement. If this does not happen evidence may be required by providing court documents or other legally binding documentation such as a sworn affidavit confirming where the child resides for the majority of the school week. Where satisfactory evidence cannot be provided Bristol Local Authority will determine the address to be used for allocating a school place.
Late Applications Forms	All applications on the application form received, for whatever reason, after the Published Deadline.
Sibling	A Sibling* is a brother or sister, half-brother or half-sister or step-brother or step-sister living in the same Home* and family unit. Full brothers/sisters are defined as children who have the same biological or adoptive Parents*. Half-brothers/sisters are defined as children who share only one biological or adoptive Parent*. Step-brothers/sisters are defined as children who are not related biologically but are living in the same household. For the avoidance of doubt this does not include cousins, other family members or friends.
Looked After Children or previously Looked After Children*	Children in care or children who were previously in care. i. To a Local Authority in England and immediately after being in care who became subject to an adoption, child arrangement order, or special guardianship order. ii. Those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state

	care as a result of being adopted. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order). Definition Children in Care and Children Previously in Care i. Children in care are children who are in the care of a local authority or provided with accommodation by that authority under section 22 of the Children Act 1989. 1989 Children's Act ii. In relation to school admissions legislation a 'looked after child' is a child in public care at the time of application to a school. Applicants can provide evidence demonstrating their child was previously in care to an institution acting as a Local Authority, or an organisation that supports the best interests of the community/child. In the case of previously looked after children, admission authorities may request a copy of the adoption order, child arrangements order or special guardianship order and a letter from the local authority that last looked after the child, confirming that they were looked after immediately prior to that order being made, or such evidence that demonstrates a child was in state care outside of England prior to being adopted (In case of queries we refer to the wording and definitions of the DfE. School Admissions Code (Referred to as Looked After Children. Page 10, Paragraph 1.7)
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