

# Beaufort Community School

## Admissions Policy for Years 7 to 11, September 2010

### 1. Admissions Criteria

#### a) Pupil Ability

Pupils will be admitted without reference to ability.

#### b) Indicated Admission Number

The Indicated Admission Number for Beaufort Community School is 203.

#### c) Over-Subscription

Where the number of applications for admission is greater than the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied in this order:

**Priority 1** Children in public care (Looked After Children)

**Priority 2** Children with a sibling who will still be on roll at the school, including the Sixth Form, when the child starts.  
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, and in every case, the child must be living in the same family unit at the same address.

**Priority 3** Children for whom only this particular school is appropriate due to an exceptional medical condition. Applications under this criteria will only be considered if they are supported by a written statement from a doctor. This must demonstrate that there is a very specific connection between the medical need and this school.

**Priority 4** Children living in the priority catchment area normally served by the school with the strongest geographical claim, measured in a straight line from the front door of the child's home address (including flats) to a central point of the school, using the local authorities computerised measuring system, with those living close to the school receiving the higher priority.

**Priority 5** Children living outside the priority catchment area with the strongest geographical claim, measured in a straight line in the same manner to Priority 4.

**NB** In the event of a tie places will be offered to each pupil where facilities and resources allow.

### 2. Catchment Area

The school's priority catchment area is defined as the geographical area served by Gloucester City Council. A definitive map is available at the school for parents to consult.

### **3. 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 Foundation Schools to hear parents' appeals.

### **4. Admission Procedures**

As a Foundation School admissions are the responsibility of the School Governors. The Governing Body has confirmed that it will use Gloucestershire County Council to administer the admissions procedures for entry into Year 7 for September 2010 in line with the Gloucestershire Secondary Coordinated Admissions Scheme.

### **5. Waiting Lists**

If the school is oversubscribed, a waiting list will be held for the first school term (ie until October half-term). The waiting list will be prioritised according to the school's oversubscription criteria.

The school has signed up to 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.

### **6. In Year Admissions**

Any applications for a school made outside the normal year of entry to the school must be made directly to the Local Authority. In accordance with their statutory duty, the Local Authority will be responsible for offering school places to children on behalf of the Governing Body within their In-Year Co-ordinated Admission Scheme for the school year 2010-2011.

### **7. Transport**

There is no dedicated school transport provided by the Local Authority.

### **8. Supplementary Forms**

No supplementary information forms are required for entry to Beaufort Community School.

### **9. Post 16 Admissions**

There is a separate Admissions Policy covering application, selection and appeals procedures for admission to the Sixth Form at Beaufort Community School.