



CONSULTATION ON SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR PITTVILLE SCHOOL

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/2026

The School Admissions Code 2021 requires all admission authorities to consult upon their admission arrangements if changes are to be made or if there are no changes, at least once every 7 years.

The Governing Body of Pittville school is the admissions authority for Pittville School. Pittville school last consulted upon our admission arrangements in 2016, therefore we are now due a full consultation.

The current oversubscription criteria give priority in the following order:

- *Where the child is in public care (looked after children). A 'looked after child' (1) or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption(2) child arrangements order (residency order) (3) or special guardianship order (4).*

* (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). This also includes 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. (Internationally Adopted Looked After Children – IAPLAC)

(3) Under the provisions of section 12 of the Children and Families Act 2014, which amend section 8 of the Children Act 1989, residence orders have now been replaced by child arrangements orders.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).

- Children who have a sibling attending the school and who will continue to do so when the younger child is admitted i.e.:- a brother or sister, half-brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent's/carer's partner, and in every case, the child must be living in the same family unit at the same address.
- Children of full or part time salaried members of staff who have been employed at Pittville School for two years or more at the time of the application for admission, or of a member of staff recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
- Children with the strongest geographical claim, measured from the ordnance survey point of the child's home address (including flats) to the ordnance survey point of the school, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

We will not be making any changes to these admission arrangements for the academic year 2025-2026 therefore the priority for admission to Pittville School will remain the same as above.

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The link to the Gloucestershire County Council admissions consultation can be found here <https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk.engagementhq.com/school-admission-arrangements-2025-consultation>