

For Information: Adjustments to the Admission Arrangements at Orchard School Bristol

Trust in Learning (Academies) is seeking a temporary change to the admission arrangements relating to Year 9 and 10 at Orchard School Bristol under Paragraph 3.6 of the Admissions Code. This request is being sought from the Secretary of State via the Department of Education.

In 2018/19 the school was asked by Bristol Local Authority to admit students well in excess of the school's normal pupil admission number of 185. Trust in Learning (Academies) accepted that this was the right thing to do for the City and for those families. In excess of 210 students were admitted to the school in Year 7.

Since that time, the demand for places at Orchard School Bristol has continued to be high and the total population (number on roll at the school) is approaching its maximum capacity. While we await news of this request we will suspend new entrants enrolling into these two year groups in anticipation that this change will be agreed so as not to adversely affect the quality of education that we are providing at the school.

This suspension will take effect from 1st March 2020.

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