

RECEPTION ADMISSIONS - SEPTEMBER 2026

INITIAL ALLOCATION STATEMENT FOR FRESHFORD CHURCH SCHOOL

PLACES AVAILABLE: 20

As Freshford Church School was oversubscribed it was necessary to use the Academy Trust's admissions criteria, as published in 'A Primary School for Your Child – 2026/27', to allocate the places available at the school. Applications for all schools are considered under an equal preference system which means that all preferences (1st, 2nd & 3rd) for each school are considered equally. If there are any cases where more than one of the school preferences named on the application form could have been met only the highest preference school has been allocated.

A total of **54 preferences** were originally received for Freshford Church School which has an Admission Number of **20**.

If, under any of the categories listed, places were offered and refused, priority was given to those who live closest to the school as measured in a direct line between the home address and the school.

How the initial allocation of places was made for this school:

0 places have been offered to children with an Education, Health and Care Plan where the school has been named in their statement.

Category A - Looked after children or previously looked after children. **0 Children**

Category B - Children who, at the time of application, have a sibling attending Freshford Church School. **11 Children**

Category C – Children of staff at the school, in either or both of the following circumstances: **0 Children**

- a) Where the member of staff has been employed by the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or
- b) The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

Category D - Children for whom Freshford Church School is their closest school as measured in a direct line from the Child's home address. **5 Children**

Category E - Children who live closest to the school as measured in a direct line. **4 Children** The furthest direct line distance between the preferred school and the home address offered in this category was **1.843 miles**.

8 Children in total have initially been refused a place at Freshford Church School. (All other preferences originally considered have qualified for another school as a higher preference)

CLASS SIZE PREJUDICE APPEALS – Effects of Infant Class Size Legislation:

Appeals for Freshford Church School will be heard on the basis of Infant Class Size Prejudice as the school will organise with 1 mixed class of Reception and Year 1 pupils containing 30 pupils, each with one full-time qualified teacher (or equivalent of) in each class.

Please Note: If you decide to lodge a formal appeal for a place at this particular school your initial notification of intent to appeal should be sent to your home local authority by **30 April 2026** and your letter of appeal for Freshford Church School should be sent by no later than **15 May 2026** by email to admissions_transport@bathnes.gov.uk or for those without this facility to the Postal Address at: Admissions & Transport, People & Communities Department, Lewis House, Manvers Street, Bath, BA1 1JG.

Date of Statement 16 April 2026