



APPLYING FOR BACKWELL SCHOOL

Applications to join our Year 7 cohort in September 2023 are made via North Somerset Council.

Full details on this process can be [found here](#).

Closing date for applications is 31 October 2022.

We have 270 spaces in our 2023 Year 7 cohort.



All admissions into Year 7 are considered and the following oversubscription criteria is applied when there are more applications than places available:

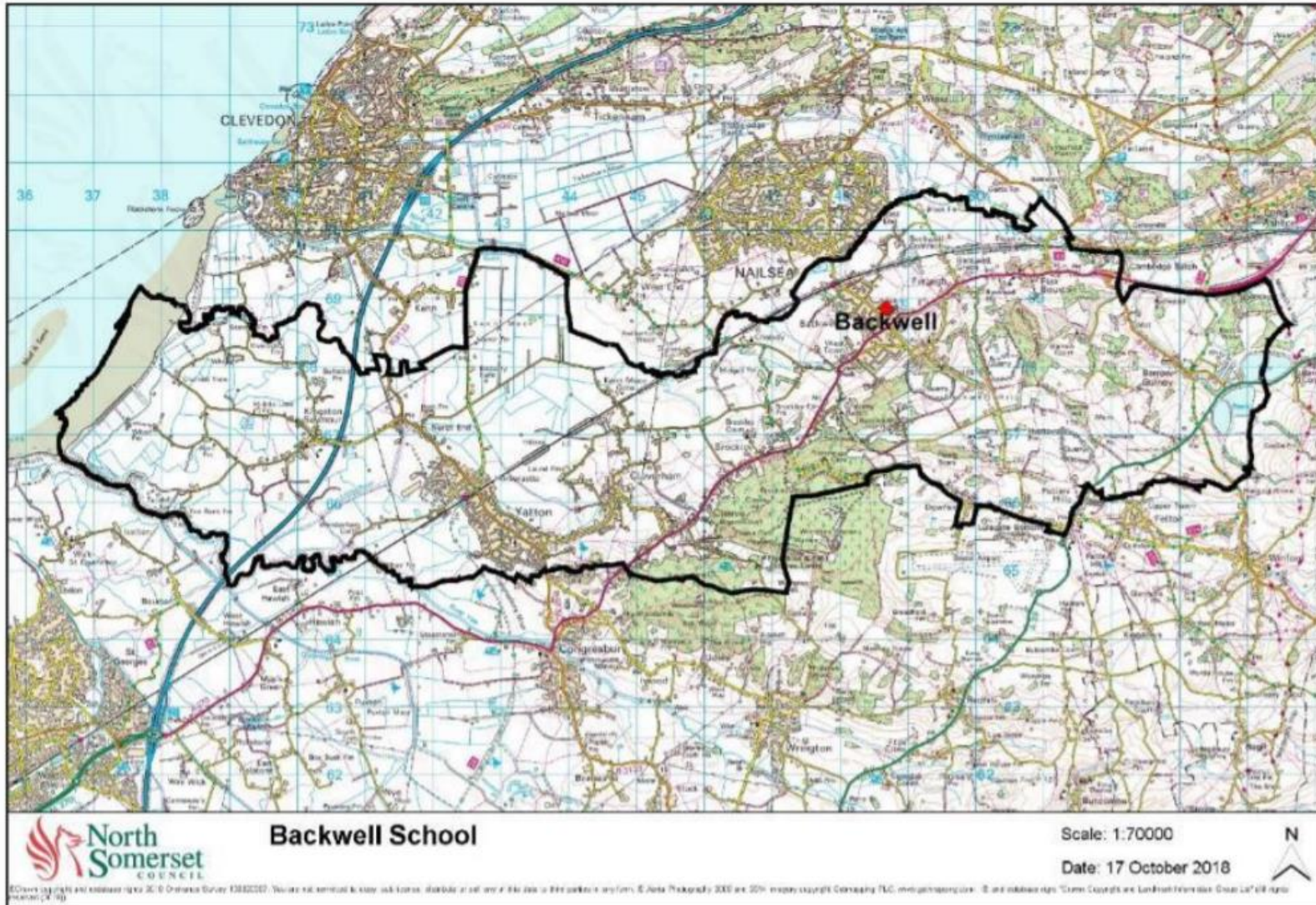
1. Looked-after children at the time of application and children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order) immediately following having been in Care.
2. Children who reside within Backwell School's First Geographical Area with a sibling on roll at the school at the time of application who will still be on roll at the time of admission, and who lives at the same home address.
3. Children living in Backwell School's First Geographical Area, shown on the attached map. For further information on schools' First Geographical Areas please contact the North Somerset School Admissions Team.
4. Children who reside outside the First Geographical Area who have a sibling on roll at the school at the time of application who will still be on roll at the time of admission, and who lives at the same home address.
5. Children of Backwell School staff employed on a permanent contract by the school for at least two years at the time of application, or where the member of Backwell School staff has been recruited to fill a post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. This does not include staff who work on the school site for other employers.
6. Children not in the above categories.



Priority within each category will be given to those living closest to the school. The distances will be measured in a direct line between the address point of the child's home and the main entrance marker for the school indicated on North Somerset Council's computerised system(s). If these distances are equal the ranking of applications will be made by drawing lots.

Our full Admissions Statement for 2023 can be [found here](#).

Our First Geographical Area (Catchment Area)



Otherwise you can visit [this website](#) which allows you to enter your postcode and find out which school catchment area your property resides.

If you do not live in our catchment area you are still very welcome to apply for a place here at Backwell School*. We do not fill all of our spaces from our catchment area and the following table details the statistics, and the furthest allocated distance from the school, for the past 3 years.

Year	Admissions from the catchment areas	Furthest distance from the school in miles
Entry to Year 7 2022	166	3.10 miles
Entry to Year 7 2021	112	3.75 miles
Entry to Year 7 2020	121	2.03 miles

Full details of oversubscription allocations and breakdowns for the School over the past few years can be found on [North Somerset Council's Website](#).

* If you are applying from outside of North Somerset, and you wish to apply for Backwell School, you will need to include us in your list of preferences via your council's (e.g. Bristol City Council) secondary admission application system.



Naming two or three schools on your application will not in any way reduce the chance of being offered a place at the school placed as your highest preference. Priority is not given to those who only name one preference and all preferences are considered in accordance with an 'equal preference system'.

Parents will be informed of their secondary school allocation on National Offer Day: 1 March 2023

If you are not offered a place at Backwell School, as a parent you have the right to request to be placed on the waiting list or to appeal the decision. Your local council will provide you with the necessary steps and information for this when you receive your secondary school allocation in March 2023.

We will contact families with a place at Backwell School with transition information and admission forms in May 2023.



If your child is offered a place – how will they get to school?

- If you live inside our catchment area, but under three miles away (i.e. Flax Bourton or Backwell) your child will walk or cycle to school.
- If you live inside our catchment area, but over three miles away (i.e. Cleeve, Claverham or Yatton) your child will be provided by home-to-school transport by North Somerset Council. This may be a train or public bus pass.
- If you live outside of our catchment area, and apply for a place at Backwell School, it is your responsibility to provide/organise transport to school for your child. We do offer a parent-funded coach service for those living in Long Ashton/Bristol. Places are limited and the costs and running of this service is reviewed on a year-by-year basis; it must have enough demand to run. A place on the coach costs approx. £500-700 per year.
- Children living in Nailsea, Long Ashton, Weston or Bristol can also walk, cycle or use public transport to get to school.





**ANY QUESTIONS? CONTACT US:
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