



The Bishop of Hereford's Bluecoat School
Alternative Rooming Arrangements Policy

SLT Lead: Ellie Bunston

Governor Committee Approval: AQT

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Key staff involved in the policy

Role	Name
Exams officer	Clara Lobban
ALS lead/SENCo	Nick Vaughan
Senior leader(s)	Ellie Bunston
Head of centre	Tom Williams
Other staff (if applicable)	Not Applicable

This policy is reviewed and updated annually to ensure that alternative rooming arrangements at The Bishop of Hereford's Bluecoat School is awarded and managed in accordance with current requirements and regulations.

References in this policy to AA and ICE refer to the JCQ publications **Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments** and **Instructions for conducting examinations**.

Introduction

Alternative rooming arrangements within the centre is an available access arrangement as defined in the JCQ regulations. This is an arrangement where a candidate with an established difficulty may be eligible to take an examination accommodated in another room separate to the main cohort.

Purpose of the policy

The purpose of this policy is to confirm the criteria when this arrangement may be considered and granted for a candidate at The Bishop of Hereford's Bluecoat School in compliance with the regulations.

1. Decisions on the awarding of the arrangement At The Bishop of Hereford's Bluecoat School, decisions on the awarding of the arrangement are made by: Nick Vaughan

Decisions are based on:

- Whether the candidate has a substantial and long term impairment which has an adverse effect (AA 5.16)
- The candidate's normal way of working within the centre (AA 5.16)
- Ensuring the proposed arrangement does not unfairly disadvantage or advantage the candidate (AA 4.2.1)

Additional information:

Not Applicable

2. Criteria for the awarding of the arrangement

Alternative rooming arrangements will be considered where the arrangement would prevent a candidate from being placed at a substantial disadvantage and where the following conditions are met:

- The candidate has an established difficulty as defined in section 5.16 of the JCQ's **Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments** publication (ICE 14.18)
- (updated 2021/22) The candidate has a long-term medical condition or long term social, emotional and mental health needs (AA 5.16)
- The candidate's difficulties are established within the centre and known to relevant staff or a senior member of staff with pastoral responsibilities (AA 5.16)
- (updated 2021/22) Alternative rooming arrangements reflects the candidate's normal way of working in internal tests and mock examinations because of a long term medical condition or long term social, emotional and mental health needs (AA 5.16)
- Where a candidate is subject to separate invigilation within the centre, the regulations and guidance within the JCQ publication **Instructions for conducting examinations** will be adhered to, particularly in relation to accommodation and invigilation arrangements (ICE 14.18)

Additional information:

Not Applicable

3. Alternative rooming arrangements

At The Bishop of Hereford's Bluecoat School arrangements for seating candidates in rooms separate to the main cohort may be put in place in other circumstances. As and when applicable, these circumstances include:

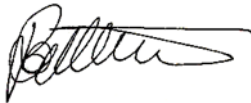
Seating candidates in Smaller room

Access arrangements room

Access to Word processors (ClaroRead)

Separate room for candidates with scribes.

Approved by the AQT Governors Committee at their meeting of the 6th November 2025



Signed:

(Chair of AQT Governors Committee)