

**Brighton & Hove  
City Council**

**Councillor Gill Mitchell  
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Mr Tom Hook  
Head of Scrutiny  
Brighton & Hove City Council

31<sup>st</sup> October 2011

Dear Tom,

**Calculation of home to school distances related to school admissions.**

Through my casework as a ward councillor it has recently come to my attention that the computer programme that the Brighton & Hove Local Education Authority uses to determine home to school distances for the purposes of school admissions does not recognise private roads as they are deemed not to form part of the road network. However, I believe that other local authorities such as East Sussex County Council, do factor in private roads when determining routes.

In one particular local case this has meant an additional 245m metres being added into a computer modelled school route for one household living in a private road where a total distance of 930.42m from the school was given. Whereas the neighbouring property, also fronting the same private road but adjacent to a public highway, was deemed to be 245 metres nearer to the same school with a total 685.6473m being calculated.

This anomaly would appear to have implications for all families in Brighton and Hove that live in private roads and I would therefore request that the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee call for a full report on this issue.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Gill Mitchell  
CC Councillor Stephanie Powell, Chair CYPOSC.

**Subject:** FW: Brighton & Hove City Council website: Home to school distance request

Thank you for your enquiry. Home to school distances from 87 St George's Road are as follows:

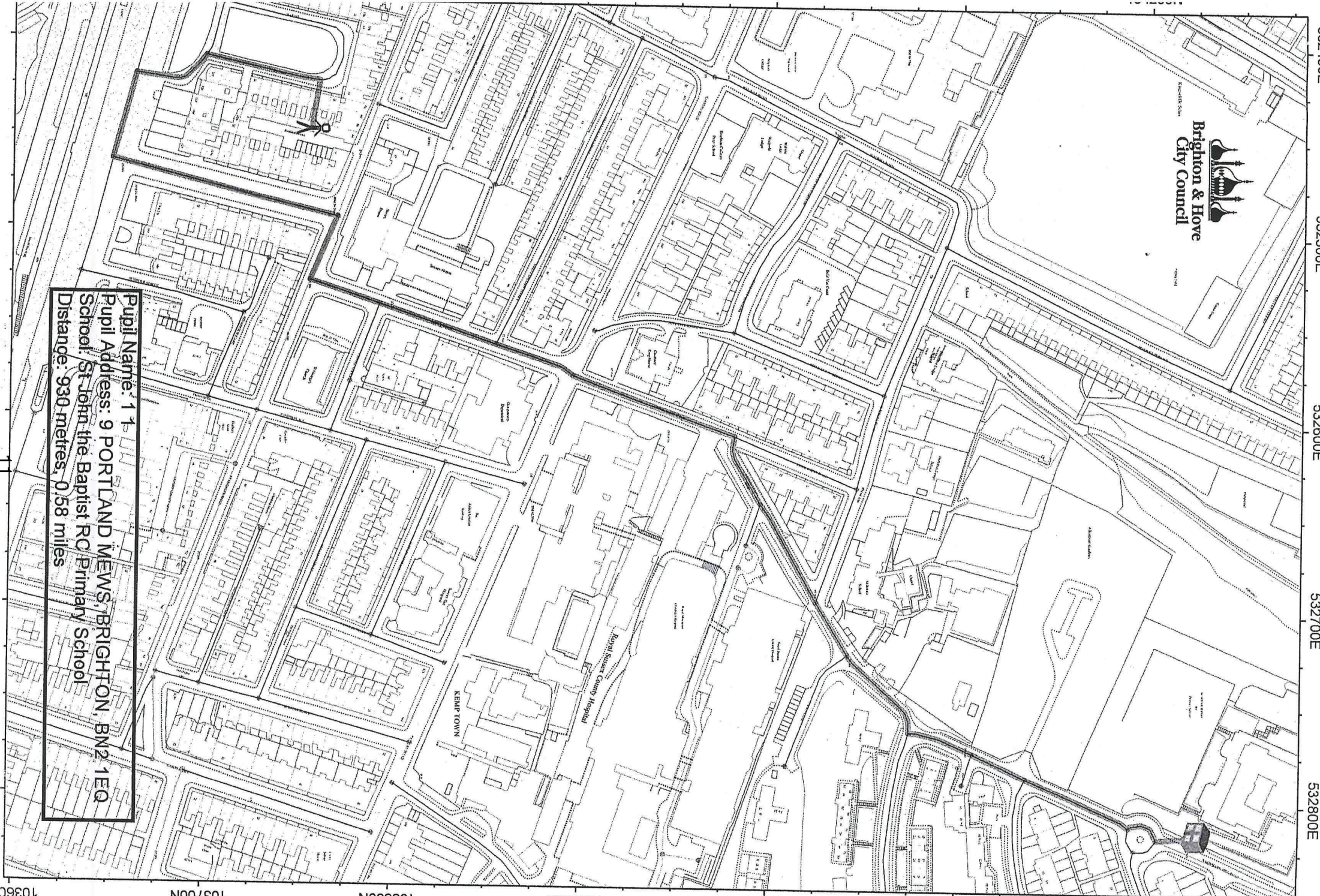
School	Distance (Metres)
St John the Baptist RC Primary School	685.6473
Queens Park Primary School	866.5218
St Mark's CE Primary School	1085.9451
Carlton Hill Primary School	1263.8938
St Luke's Primary School	1279.8116
Whitehawk Primary School	1746.7319
Middle Street Primary School	1752.0888
Elm Grove Primary School	1906.468
St Paul's CE Primary School	2133.0294
St Mary Magdalen's RC School	2275.7913
St Bartholomew's CE Primary School	2326.7081
Fairlight Primary School	2355.0911
St Martin's CE Primary School	2407.7504
Downs Infant School	3049.0928
Davidor Infant School	3095.2904
Coombe Road Primary School	3269.2589
St Joseph's RC Primary School	3595.9526
Stanford Infant School	3657.193
Hertford Infant School	3794.171
Cottesmore St Mary's RC Primary School	4010.4255
Bevendean Primary School	4218.5124
Balfour Primary School	4276.4154
West Hove Infant- Connaught Road	4351.2246
St Andrew's CE School	4352.5594
St Bernadette's RC School	4407.8905
Moulsecomb Primary School	4563.5278
Woodingdean Primary School	4694.2695

Please note that the distances given for Secondary schools are for information only- they have no connection to the allocation process as we use catchment areas for Secondary Admissions.

We do update our map for measuring distances regularly where we receive information about new buildings, roads and new paths we agree to add. Therefore this measurement is only a snapshot of the measurements as at today.

Best regards,

Pupil Name: 14  
Pupil Address: 9 PORTLAND MEWS, BRIGHTON, BN2 1EQ  
School: St John the Baptist RC Primary School  
Distance: 930 metres, 0.58 miles



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**distance to Infant and Primary Schools from 9 Portland Mews, Brighton BN2 1QE**

<b>School</b>	<b>Distance (Metres)</b>
St John the Baptist RC Primary School	930.42
Queens Park Primary School	1091.22
St Mark's CE Primary School	1330.71
Carlton Hill Primary School	1469.40
St Luke's Primary School	1504.51
Middle Street Primary School	1900.10
Whitehawk Primary School	1991.50
Elm Grove Primary School	2131.17
St Paul's CE Primary School	2281.04
St Mary Magdalen's RC School St Bartholomew's CE Primary School	2423.80 2532.22
Fairlight Primary School	2579.79
St Martin's CE Primary School	2632.45
Davigdor Infant School	3243.30
Downs Infant School	3254.60
Coombe Road Primary School	3493.96
Stanford Infant School	3805.20
St Joseph's RC Primary School	3820.65
Hertford Infant School Cottesmore St Mary's RC Primary School	4018.87 4158.44
Bevendean Primary School New Hove School - Connaught Centre	4443.21 4499.24
St Andrew's CE School	4500.57
Balfour Infant School	4536.62
St Bernadette's RC School	4613.40
Moulsecoomb Primary School	4788.23



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