



Oasis Academy Clarksfield Admission Arrangements for 2026/2027

Introductory statement

Oasis Academy Clarksfield is an academy where all young people are given the opportunity, they deserve to make excellent progress and fulfil their full potential. Oasis academy Clarksfield is a fully inclusive primary academy, accepting children of all abilities, of any faith or none.

Admission number(s)

The school has an admission number of 60 for entry in reception.

The school will accordingly admit this number of students if there are sufficient applications. Where fewer applicants than the published admission number(s) for the relevant year group are received, the academy trust will offer places at the school to all those who have applied.

Application process

Arrangements for applications for places to Reception at the academy will be made in accordance with Oldham Local Authority's co-ordinated Admission arrangements and will be made on the Common Application Form provided and administered by Oldham Local Authority.

Please access the application form by visiting Oldham Local Authority's website, <http://www.oldhamprimaryadmissions.co.uk/>

The process of allocating places will begin after 15th January. You will be sent a letter or email from Oldham Local Authority in April.

Oversubscription criteria and Tie Break

When the school is oversubscribed, after the admission of students with an Education, Health and Care plan or a Statement of Special Educational Needs naming the school, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

1. Looked after children and children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order. This includes those children who appear to Oasis Community Learning to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order).
2. Children for whom the Academy is appropriate on genuine medical or social grounds. Such applications will be decided by the Academy Council or nominated panel. (Applications on medical grounds will only be considered under this criterion if they are supported by an attached written statement from a doctor or other relevant healthcare professional. Evidence for social grounds must be presented in writing from a social work professional. All applications must demonstrate that there is a very

specific connection between the child's medical/social need and the Academy requested).

3. Children who will have a sibling attending the school at the time of their admission. Included in this criteria are siblings (step-brothers and sisters and half-brothers and sisters) living at the same address and who will be attending the school at the expected time of admission.
4. Children who live closest to the school. The distance will be determined by measuring the shortest available route using the public road network from the pupil's home to the main school gate, as determined by the LA. The distance will be measured by using a computerised geographical information system (GIS). Priority will be given to those living nearest to the school using this system. Pupils living in flats where the distance measures the same, priority will be given in ascending order of flat number/letter/floor.

Tie Breaks

If there are more applicants than there are places remaining within a particular category, random allocation will be used to allocate the final available place(s). Random allocation process will be independently verified.

Late applications

All applications received by Oldham Local Authority after the deadline will be considered late applications. Late applications will be considered after those received on time. If, following consideration of all applicants the school is oversubscribed, parents may request that their child is placed on the school's waiting list.

For more information on late applications, please visit Oldham Local Authority's website <http://www.oldhamprimaryadmissions.co.uk/>

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Parents may request that their child is admitted outside their normal age group. To do so parents should include a request with their application, specifying why admission out of normal year group is being requested, and the year group in which they wish their child to be allocated a place.

When such a request is made, the academy trust will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child concerned, taking into account the views of the principal and any supporting evidence provided by the parent.

In the first instance, please contact clarksfield.admin@oasisclarksfield.org

Waiting lists

The waiting list for Oasis Academy Clarksfield is held and maintained by Oldham Local Authority.

For more information on the waiting list, please visit Oldham Local Authority's website <http://www.oldhamprimaryadmissions.co.uk/>

Appeals

All applicants refused a place have a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel constituted and operated in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code.

Appellants should contact school.appeals@oldham.gov.uk for information on how to appeal. Information on the timetable for the appeals process is on <http://www.oldhamprimaryadmissions.co.uk/>

Applicants living outside the Local Authority

Parents living outside the Local Authority, where the academy is located, should use the Common Application Form provided by their home Local Authority.

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Home address:

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Sibling:

'Sibling' means a natural brother or sister, a half brother or sister, a legally adopted brother or sister or half-brother or sister, a stepbrother or sister or other child living in the same household as part of the same family who, in any of these cases, will be living at the same address at the date of their application for a place.

Medical and Social Need:

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Nursery Admission Arrangement Template



Oasis Academy Clarksfield Nursery Admission Arrangements for 2025/2026

About our nursery

Oasis Academy Clarksfield is a nursery where our young people are given the care, support, and opportunity to develop and grow in a safe and encouraging environment and prepare for their step into life at school. Oasis Academy Clarksfield is a fully inclusive provision, accepting children of all abilities, of any faith or none.

Age range

Oasis Academy Clarksfield has classes for 3-year-olds which your child would typically start the term after their 3rd birthday.

Admission number(s)

The nursery provides either a morning or afternoon session

The school will accordingly admit this number of children if there are sufficient applications.

Application process

If you are a Parent or Carer and wish to apply for a place in our two-year-old and three-year-old Nursery at Oasis Academy Clarksfield you will need to complete our Application Form available on our website or from our reception. **Please note that children who have a place in our nursery do not automatically move into our Reception classes. Parents and Carers must apply for a Reception place for their child via Oldham Local Authority's admissions service.**

Applications are open throughout the year, please speak to the school office for an application form. Children will be put onto the waiting list and places will be offered during the half term before the place becomes available.

For more information, please contact us on 0161 213 1235. Application forms must be returned to the academy reception.

Funding

Please check your eligibility by contacting Oldham Local Authority at <http://www.oldhamprimaryadmissions.co.uk/> for further information.

For three-year olds. Depending on your circumstances, you may be eligible for free childcare through the Nursery Education Fund (NEF). Please visit the Government's advice website <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare> for more information.

If you believe you are eligible, please let us know when you make your application.

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In-Year Admission Arrangement



Oasis Academy Clarksfield, In-year Admission Arrangements for Reception to Year 6

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We welcome initial enquiries from parents and careers who would like information regarding admission to the academy in-year, and our waiting lists.

In the first instance, please contact our office regarding admissions by phoning 0161 213 1235 or coming to the school office.

Arrangements for applications for places are administered by Oldham Local Authority, who you can contact by emailing ecs.pupils@oldham.gov.uk or phoning 0161 770 4213.

Waiting lists

As the academic year has now begun, it may be that you will need to join Oasis Academy Clarksfield's waiting list. The waiting list is held and maintained by Oldham Local Authority.

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