

## In-Year Admission Arrangement Oasis Academy Clarksfield



### Oasis Academy Clarksfield, In-year Admission Arrangements for 1 November 2021 until 31 August 2022

#### 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.

#### Application process

We welcome initial enquiries from parents and carers 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 0161 688 7535 or [info@oasisclarksfield.org](mailto:info@oasisclarksfield.org) or call into the reception between 9am and 4pm.

Arrangements for applications for places are administered by Oldham Council, who you can contact by telephone on 0161 770 4213, email on [ecs.pupils@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:ecs.pupils@oldham.gov.uk) or by post School Admissions Team, Level 8, Civic Centre, West Street, Oldham, OL1 1UT

#### 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 Council.

For more information on the waiting list, please visit Oldham Council's website [https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201167/apply\\_for\\_a\\_primary\\_school\\_place](https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201167/apply_for_a_primary_school_place)

#### Oversubscription criteria and Tie Break

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

**1. Looked after children and previously looked after children**

Looked after children and all previously looked after children and 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** - Where there are more applications than there are places remaining within a particular category, the direct line distance from home to school will be used as a tie-break. 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.

### **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 [info@oasisClarksfield.org](mailto:info@oasisClarksfield.org)

### **Notification of outcome**

The Oldham Council will notify parents of the outcome of their application in writing within 15 school days. Where an application is refused, the LA will set out the reason for refusal and information about the right to appeal.

### **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 Oldham Council by post School Admissions Team, Level 8, Civic Centre, West Street, Oldham, OL1 1UT for information on how to appeal.

## Notes/Definitions.

### Looked after children

Looked after children are those who are in the care of a local authority or provided with accommodation by that authority under section 22 of the Children Act 1989. 1989 Children's Act

In relation to school admissions legislation a 'looked after child' is a child in public care at the time of application to a school. Applicants can provide evidence demonstrating their child was previously in care to an institution acting as a Local Authority, or an organisation that supports the best interests of the community/child. In the case of previously looked after children, admission authorities may request a copy of the adoption order, child arrangements order or special guardianship order and a letter from the local authority that last looked after the child, confirming that they were looked after immediately prior to that order being made, or such evidence that demonstrates a child was in state care outside of England prior to being adopted.

### Home address:

The home address is where the child spends the majority of their time and is living with the person who has parental responsibility as the main 'carer', as defined in section 576 of the Education Act 1996.

The LA will not accept more than one address as the child's home address. Where a child regularly lives at more than one address the Local Authority will have to reach a conclusion about which should be counted as the main address when allocating places, taking relevant evidence into account. Normally this will be the address where the child is registered with a medical GP. Where parents or carers are living separately and do not agree on the child's home address they are urged to reach an agreement. If this does not happen the Local Authority will determine the address used for allocating a school place.

### 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 step brother 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:

'Social need' does not include a parent's wish that a child attends the school because of a child's aptitude or ability or because their friends attend the school. 'Medical need' does not include mild medical conditions.

### Free School Meals Priority:

Those eligible for free school meals admission priority are children who:

- Are currently registered as eligible for free schools meals

Children for whom their parents cannot provide evidence that their child is currently registered for free school meals but where the child or its parents receive any of the following:

- Universal Credit
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance;
- An income-related employment and support allowance;
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit) and have an annual income that, from 6 April 2011, does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs);
- Where a parent is entitled to the Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment someone receives for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

Parents will be required to provide evidence of eligibility with their application.

#### Pupil Premium Priority:

Those eligible for Pupil Premium admission priority are children who:

- Are currently registered as eligible for free schools meals;
- Have been registered as eligible for free school meals at any point in the last six years

Children for whom their parents cannot provide evidence that their child is currently registered for free school meals, [or has been in the past 6 years] but where the child or its parents receive any of the following:

- Universal Credit
- Income Support;
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance;
- An income-related employment and support allowance;
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit) and have an annual income that, from 6 April 2011, does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs);
- Where a parent is entitled to the Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment someone receives for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit);
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