



Oasis Academy Clarksfield admission arrangements for 2022-2023

Introductory statement

Oasis Academy Clarksfield is an academy where all young people will be given the opportunity to be the best they can be, and will be provided with the support, care and guidance they require to allow them to successfully transition to Secondary Education. Oasis Academy Clarksfield is a 3-11 co-educational, fully inclusive academy, accepting children of all abilities, of faith and no faith.

Admission number(s)

The academy has an admission number of 60 for entry in Reception in 2022-2023.

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

Application process

Arrangement for application for places at Oasis Academy Clarksfield will be made in accordance with Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council's coordinated admission arrangements and will be made on the Common Application Form (CAF) provided and administered by Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council.

The CAF can be obtained from http://oldham-council.co.uk/school_admissions/.

Oversubscription criteria

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

1. 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. Priority will next be given to children based on their exceptional medical or social needs. Each application must include evidence, from a medical specialist or social worker of the child's need and why they must attend this academy rather than any other, based on those needs. If evidence is not submitted to the LA with the application, a child's medical or social needs cannot be considered.
3. Priority will next be given to the siblings of pupils attending the academy at the time the application is received. Where an older sibling is in year 11, siblings will not be prioritised under this criterion.
4. Priority will next be given to the children of staff who have been recruited to fill a skill-shortage area.
5. Other children

Tie-break

If in categories 2-5 above a tie-break is necessary to determine which child is admitted, the child living closest to the academy will be given priority for admission. Distance is measured from the child's home to the front gates of the academy in a straight line.

Grid references can be increased² to determine distance and in the event of two or more children living equal distance from the school, e.g. blocks of flats, the places will be decided by drawing lots, the first name drawn will be offered the place.

Drawings lots will not be applied to multiple birth siblings (twins and triplets etc.) from the same family tied for the final place. We will admit them all, and exceed our PAN.

Late applications

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

¹ A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

² This will be determined by the LA when allocating places.

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 Headteacher and any supporting evidence provided by the parent.

Appellants should contact info@oasisclarksfield.org for information on how to request admission outside of their normal age group. The academy recommend that parents make a request inside the normal age group at the usual time, as well as such a request.

Waiting lists

The academy will operate a waiting list for each year group. Where the academy receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until the end of first term after the beginning of the academy year. This will be maintained by the Academy and it will be open to any parent to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application.

Children's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Where places become vacant they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. The waiting list will be reordered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria whenever anyone is added to or leaves the waiting list.

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 Metropolitan Borough Council for information on how to appeal. For information of appeals process and timetable please visit:

http://oldham-council.co.uk/school_admissions/

Notes:

Home address:

The home address is where a child normally lives. Where a child lives with parents with shared parental responsibility, each part of week, the address where the child lives is determined using a joint declaration from the parents stating the pattern of residence. If a child's residence is split equally between both parents, then parents will be asked to determine which residential address should be used for the purpose of admission to the academy. If no joint declaration is received by the closing date for applications, the home address will be taken as the address where the child benefit is registered. In the absence of this other supporting information defined by the Local Authority will be used to determine the home address.

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 academy because of a child's aptitude or ability or because their friends attend the academy. 'Medical need' does not include mild medical conditions.