

Admissions Policy 2025/26

Oasis Academy Limeside

1 Introduction

This document sets out the admission arrangements for Oasis Academy Limeside, throughout this document referred to as “the Academy”. These arrangements are without prejudice to the provisions within the Standard Funding Agreement (relating to Statemented pupils).

Oasis Academy Limeside is a non-selective school open to pupils of all religious faiths or those of no faith.

2 School Admissions Code/ School Admissions Appeal Code

The Academy will comply with all relevant provisions of the statutory codes of practice (the School Admissions Code 2014 and the School Admission Appeals Code 2014) as they apply at any given time to maintained schools and with the law on admissions as it applies to maintained schools.

Reference in the codes to admission authorities shall be deemed to be references to Oasis Community Learning. References to “the LA” shall be deemed to be references to Oldham Council. The Academy will participate in the co-ordinated admission arrangements operated by the LA and the local in-year Fair Access Protocol.

Notwithstanding these arrangements, the Secretary of State may direct the Academy to admit a named pupil to the Academy on application from a Local Authority. Before doing so the Secretary of State will consult the Academy.

3 Admission number

The admission numbers for the relevant years of entry to the Academy for the year 2025/26 and for subsequent years are:

- a) For 2025/26 and subsequent years the Academy has an agreed admission number of 26 pupils in the Nursery. The Academy will accordingly admit 52 part-time pupils (aged 3 – 4 years) each year if sufficient applications are received. The Nursery school day will be split into 2 sessions (morning & afternoon) – 26 applicants will be accommodated in each session.
- b) For 2025/26 the admission number for Year R is 60.

4 Application process

Applications for places at the Academy will be made in accordance with the LA’s co-ordinated admission arrangements and will be made on the Common Application Form provided and administered by the LA.

Admissions at Oasis Academy Limeside are co-ordinated under the Common Application Form via Oldham City Council. If you are a parent or carer and wish to apply for a place at Oasis Academy Limeside for the following September, you will need to complete the Common

Application Form via the LA website: <http://www.oldhamprimaryadmissions.co.uk>

The Academy will use the following timetable for applications each year (exact dates within the months may vary from year to year) which, whenever possible, will fit in with the common timetable agreed by the LA:

- September - The Academy will publish in its prospectus information about the arrangements for admission, including oversubscription criteria, for the following September (e.g. in September 2013 for admission in September 2014). The Academy will also provide information to the LA for inclusion in the composite prospectus, as required.
- October to December - The Academy will provide opportunities for parents/carers to visit the Academy.
- December/January - Common Application Form to be completed and returned to the LA to administer; LA sends applications to Academy.
- March/April - Academy sends list of pupils to be offered places to LA
- April - LA applies agreed scheme for own schools, informing other LAs of offers to be made to their residents
- On or about 16th April - offers made to parents/carers
- May – deadline for appeals

5 Consideration of applications

The Academy will consider all applications for places. Where fewer than the published admission number(s) for the relevant year groups are received, the Academy will offer places to all those who have applied.

6 Procedures where the Academy is oversubscribed

Where the number of applications for admission is greater than the published admission number, applications will be considered against the oversubscription criteria set out below. After the admission of pupils with Statements of Special Educational Needs where the Academy is named on the statement, the criteria will be applied in the order in which they are set out below:

6.1 : 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).

Looked after children and previously looked after children

- i..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
- ii. 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.

6.2 : 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).

6.3 : 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.

6.4 : 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-Breaker

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.

7 Operation of waiting lists

The Academy will operate a waiting list. Where in any year the Academy receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate for at least one term after the admission date. 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 set out in section 6.

Where places become vacant they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria, subject to applications for places made under the Fair Access Protocol or on behalf of looked after or previously looked after children.

8 Arrangements for appeals panels

Parents/carers will have the right of appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel if they are dissatisfied with an admission decision of the Academy. The Appeal Panel will be independent of the Academy. The arrangements for Appeals will be in line with the School Admission Appeals Code published by the Department of Education.

As Nursery provision is non-statutory, there is no right of appeal to an independent appeal panel, although the Academy will consider any complaints in line with its published complaints policy.

9 Arrangements for admitting pupils outside the normal admissions round

Subject to any provisions in the LA's co-ordinated admission arrangements relating to applications submitted for years other than the normal year of entry, the Academy must consider all such applications.



If the year group applied for has a place available the Academy must admit the child and notify the local authority of both the application and its outcome, to allow the local authority to keep up to date figures on the availability of places in the area.

If more applications are received than there are places available, the oversubscription criteria shall apply. Parents/carers whose application is turned down are entitled to appeal.

10 Admission of children below compulsory school age and deferred entry to school

In accordance with paragraph 2.16 in the Admissions Code 2012 parents can

- a) Request that the date their child is admitted to school is deferred until later in the academic year or until the term in which the child reaches compulsory school age and
- b) Parents can request that their child takes up the place part-time until the child reaches compulsory school age.

11 Admission records

Records of applications and admissions shall be kept by the Academy for a minimum period of ten years and shall be open for inspection by the Secretary of State.