



## **Oasis Academy Oldham, Admission Arrangements for 2024/25.**

### **Introductory statement**

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

### **Admission number(s)**

The school has an admission number of 300 for entry in year 7.

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**

For applications in the normal admissions round you should use the online Common Application form (CAF) provided by your home local authority (regardless of which local authority the schools are in). You can use this form to express your preference for a minimum of 3 state-funded schools, in rank order. and submission of the CAF to their own LA.

Arrangements for applications for places to Year 7 at the academy will be made in accordance with Oldham Council's co-ordinated Admission arrangements and will be made on the Common Application Form provided and administered by Oldham Council.

Please access the application form by visiting Oldham Council website, <https://www.oldham.gov.uk/admissions>

The process of allocating places will begin after the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024. You will be sent a letter or email from Oldham Council on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025

### **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 a particular school is appropriate on genuine medical or social grounds. Such applications will be decided by Oasis Community Learning 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. This

must demonstrate that there is a very specific connection between the child's medical need and the school requested).

3. Admission of Students living within the geographical area of Oasis Academy Oldham whose siblings currently attend the school and who will continue to do so on the date of admission of the younger child; The term "sibling" means a full, half, adopted or fostered brother or sister, or other child that is living permanently within the same household. Oasis Community Learning reserves the right to ask for proof of relationship;
4. Those children living within the geographical area of Oasis Academy Oldham who will not have a sibling at the school as defined in c) above. Children will be prioritised in proximity order, with those living next nearest the Academy being admitted first
5. Those children living outside the geographical area of the Academy who will have a sibling at Oasis Academy Oldham when the younger child is admitted (sibling defined in c) above).
6. Those children living outside the geographical area of Oasis Academy Oldham who will not have a sibling at the Academy as defined above. Children will be prioritised in proximity order, with those living next nearest to the school being admitted first.

### **Tie Breaks**

In the case of 2 or more applications that cannot be separated by the oversubscription criteria outlined above, the school will use the distance between the school and a child's home as a tie breaker to decide between applicants. Priority will be given to children who live closest to the school. Distance will be measured in a straight line from the child's home address to Oasis Academy Oldham using the Local Authorities computerised measuring system. A child's home address will be considered to be where he/she is resident for the majority of nights in a normal school week and is registered with the Local Authority.

Where the distance between 2 children's homes and the school is the same, random allocation will be used to decide between them. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out. This process will be independently verified. Where this decision involves twins living at the same address, both pupils will be admitted

### **Late applications**

Oldham Council

[https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201168/apply\\_for\\_a\\_secondary\\_school\\_place/2515/how\\_to\\_apply\\_online](https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201168/apply_for_a_secondary_school_place/2515/how_to_apply_online)

If you missed the deadline, you can still make an online application. Your application will be considered as late and will be dealt with after all the on-time applications have been allocated a school place.

Please contact the Admissions Team at Oldham Council for help and advice:

email: [ecs.pupils@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:ecs.pupils@oldham.gov.uk)

phone: 0161 770 4213

All applications received by Oldham Council 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.

## 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.

Parents must now use the [Oldham Council online application form](#) to make an in-year transfer application for their child. If you are moving into Oldham from another local authority, you must also ensure that the supplementary form is completed. An application will not be considered more than 30 school days in advance of the intended start date.

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 [mandy.lowe@oasisoldham.org](mailto:mandy.lowe@oasisoldham.org)

## Waiting lists

The waiting list for Oasis Academy Oldham is held and maintained by Oldham Council.

## 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 School Appeals, Level 4, Civic Centre, West Street, Oldham, OL1 1UL or [schoolappeals@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:schoolappeals@oldham.gov.uk) by 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025 for information on how to appeal. Information on the timetable for the appeals process is on [School appeals | School appeals | Oldham Council](#).

## 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.

## Notes/Definitions

### 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.

Home address:

The home address is where a child normally lives. Where a child lives with parents with shared parental responsibility, each for part of a 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 school. If no joint declaration is received where the residence is split equally by the closing date for applications, the home address will be taken as the address where the child is registered with the doctor. If the residence is not split equally between both parents, then the address used will be the address where the child spends the majority of the school week.

#### 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.

#### Free School Meals Priority:

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

- Are currently registered as eligible for free school 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)

#### 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. This means that, typically, a doctor or social worker etc should write supporting the application on the basis that for medical or social reasons (family breakdown, bullying, abuse, psychological etc) the child needs to go to the school/academy

above all others because of the child's particular need or, if the school wishes, the parent's need.

Pupil Premium Priority:

Those eligible for Pupil Premium admission priority are children who:

- Are currently registered as eligible for free school 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).
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit.

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