

In-Year Admission Arrangement



Oasis Academy Leesbrook In-year Admission Arrangements for 1 November 2021 until 31 August 2022

Introductory statement

Oasis Academy Leesbrook is an academy where all young people are given the opportunity they deserve to make excellent progress and fulfil their full potential. Oasis academy Leesbrook is a fully inclusive secondary 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 290 4000 / info@oasisleesbrook.org or call into the reception between 8.15am – 3.00pm.

Arrangements for applications for places are administered by Oldham Council, who you can contact by 0161 770 4213 / ecs.pupils@oldham.gov.uk / 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 Leesbrook'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/201168/apply_for_a_secondary_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 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 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 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 increased 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. This will be determined by the LA when allocating places.

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.

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.

Appellants should contact info@oasisleesbrook.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.

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 School Appeals, Level 4, Civic Centre, West Street, Oldham OL1 1UL / schoolappeals@oldham.gov.uk / 0161 770 4213 for information on how to appeal.

Notes/Definitions

Looked after children

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).

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.

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);
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