



## Admission Arrangements

### Oasis Academy Brislington Admission Arrangements for 2021-2022

#### Introductory statement

Oasis Academy Brislington is an academy where all young people are given the opportunity they deserve to make excellent progress and fulfil their full potential. Oasis Academy Brislington 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 270 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

Details of the LA Process including where to access the Common Application Form (CAF) can be found here: <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/secondary-apply>

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

Please access the application form by visiting Bristol city Council's website:

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/documents/20182/33091/Secondary+Application+Form.pdf/041e2cd3-4a36-bab4-b5b4-22a648e10f50>

The process of allocating places will begin after 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020. You will be sent an email from Bristol City Council on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021.

#### 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:

##### **a) Looked after children and previously looked after children**

Looked after children are defined as children in public care at the date on which the application is made. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order, immediately after being looked after. If an application is made under the 'looked after' criterion, it must be supported by a letter from the relevant Local Authority Children's Services Department and/or relevant documents

Any application made within the "looked after" category must be supported by a letter from the relevant LA (Children's Services) Department. If applying under the "previously looked after children" criterion a copy of the adoption or special guardianship order must also be supplied.

**b) Children whose sibling(s) currently attend the school and who will continue to do so on the date of admission.**

The term “sibling” means a full, half, adopted or fostered brother or sister. Sibling criteria may apply where, at the time of application, a sibling is expected to be on roll when the child starts at the Academy. If the sibling unexpectedly leaves the Academy after the offer has been made, the place must not be withdrawn on these grounds. The Academy will request proof of relationship.

**c) Children for whom a particular school is appropriate on genuine medical grounds.**

Such applications will be decided by the Academy Governing Body 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 Academy requested).

**d) Distance: priority will be given to Children living closest to the school as measured in a direct line from the home\* address to the school**

Distance will be measured in a straight line from a point of the pupil’s main home to the designated main entrance, nominated by the school using the LA's computerised measuring system with those living closer to the school receiving higher priority.

\*Home is defined as the address where the child normally resides as their only or principal residence. Addresses involving child minders, business or relatives cannot be considered.

If false or misleading information is used to gain entry to the Academy, the offer of a place will be withdrawn. Parents will be asked to provide documentary evidence to confirm an address and parental responsibility. The LA should be notified of changes of address immediately.

**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. When the furthest distance to qualify for a place relates to a household containing two or more children for whom applications are made (e.g. Twins, triplets etc.), the remaining child will also be offered a place above the PAN if necessary. This would also apply to a brother or sister born in the same academic year. Where two or more children live in a flat or other multi-home dwelling and it is not possible to determine which applicant lives closest to the preferred school as measured in a direct line from building to school; the available place(s) will be allocated by drawing lots.

Any offer of a place determined by random allocation will be overseen by a member of staff from the Legal Division of Bristol City Council.

## Late applications

Details of the LA process including links where relevant

All applications received by Bristol City Council 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 school is oversubscribed, parents may request that their child is placed on the school’s waiting list.

For more information on late applications, please visit Bristol City Council’s website:

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/secondary-apply>

## 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 the school office on 0117 377 2055 or email: [info@oasisbrislington.org](mailto:info@oasisbrislington.org)

## Waiting lists

The waiting list for Oasis Academy Brislington is held and maintained by Bristol City Council.

For more information on the waiting list, please visit Bristol City Council's website:

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/secondary-apply>

## 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 School Admissions, Bristol City Council, City Hall, P O Box 3399, Bristol, BS1 9NE by 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021 for information on how to appeal. Information on the timetable for the appeals process is on [www.bristol.gov.uk](http://www.bristol.gov.uk)

## 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

### **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 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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