Admission Arrangements

Oasis Academy New Oak, Admission Arrangements for 2027-2028

Introductory statement

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

Admission number(s)

The school has an admission number of 30 for entry into Reception year.

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). Provide links where relevant.

Arrangements for applications for places into Reception 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, www.bristol.gov.uk

The deadline for applying is 15 January 2027. You will be sent a letter or email from Bristol City Council on 16 April 2027.

Oversubscription criteria and Tie Break

When the school is oversubscribed, after the admission of students with an Education, Health and Care plan 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 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 arrangement order or special guardianship order).

2. Siblings – where there are siblings already at the Academy and on roll in the year of entry.

3. Geography – Children living closest to the school as measured in a direct line from the home address to the school. The home address is where the child spends the majority of the time and is living with the person who has parental responsibility and is the main 'carer' as defined in section

576 of the Education Act 1996 (documentary evidence may be requested). Bristol will not accept more than one address as the child's home address. Where a child regularly lives at more than one address the admission authority will have to reach a conclusion about which should be counted as the main address when allocating places, taking relevant evidence into account. Normally this will be the address where the child is registered with a medical GP. Where parents or carers are living separately and do not agree on the child's home address, they are urged to reach an agreement. If this does not happen the admissions authority will determine the address used for allocating a school place. Home to school distances will be measured in a direct line from a point on the home address as held by the Local Authority, defined in the Local Land and Property Gazetteer, to a defined point within the main school building using the Local Authority's computerised mapping system. This point is used for the My Neighbourhoods information available on the Bristol City Council website.

Tie Break

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 application are made (e.g. twins), the place will be offered to one child unless the admission authority agrees to admit the subsequent child(ren) as an excepted child under infant class size legislation (School Admissions Code Para; 2.15 g). The remaining child(ren) will be considered under the sibling criterion if further places become available.

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 will be determined by drawing lots, overseen by individuals independent of the school and trust.

Late applications

Applications submitted after the closing date will be considered as 'late' applications and will be dealt with at a later stage when all 'on time' applications have been processed. In very exceptional circumstances e.g. illness of a lone parent, a late application may be considered as on-time if the application is made before 19 January 2027, the date the authority exchanges application details with other admission authorities. 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.

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 Academy at info@oasisnewoak.org or by telephone on 01275 894570.

For more information on admission of children outside their normal age group, please visit Bristol City Council's website at www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning- earlyyears/starting-school-later-reception-class

Waiting lists

The waiting list for Oasis Academy New Oak is held and maintained by the school.

For more information on the waiting list, please contact info@oasisnewoak.org

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 Bristol City Council's Admissions Team by 6 June 2027 for information on how to appeal. Information on the timetable for the appeals process can be found on Bristol City Council's website at www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning- earlyyears/primary-school-new-reception-admissions-appeals.

In-Year Applications

For In-Year applications please see our arrangements on our website at www.oasisacademynewoak.org/admissions/how-to-apply/in-year-admissions.

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. 'Looked After' and 'Previously Looked After' children are sometimes referred to as 'Children in Care' and 'Children Previously in Care'.

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.

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.