Oasis Academy John Williams Admission Arrangements for 2027-2028

Introductory statement

Oasis Academy John Williams is an academy where all young people are given the opportunity they deserve to make excellent progress and fulfil their full potential. Oasis Academy John Williams 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 180 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

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/schools-learning-early-years/secondary-admissions. The process of allocating places will begin after 31st October 2026. You will be sent an email from Bristol City Council, on National Offer Day (1st March 2027), confirming the offer made to you.

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. Children in care (Looked After Children) at the time of application, or Children previously in care, but immediately after being in care became subject to an adoption, child arrangements 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. Siblings of students who will be members of Years 7 to 11 at the Academy on the date when the applicant would be admitted. The term "sibling" means a full, step, half, adopted or fostered brother or sister, or other child living permanently within the same household. The academy reserves the right to ask for proof of relationship.

3. Children who live the nearest by direct line distance from the Academy within the area of first priority.

4. Children who live the nearest by direct line distance from the Academy outside the area of first priority.

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 someone independent of the school.

Late applications

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.

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 info@oasisjohnwilliams.org

Waiting lists

The waiting list for entry into Year 7 at Oasis Academy John Williams in 2027-28 is held and maintained by Bristol City Council, until 1st September 2027. After this date it is managed by Oasis Academy John Williams. For information about the waiting list, please contact info@oasisjohnwilliams.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 School admissions, Bristol City Council (City Hall), PO Box 3399, Bristol, BS1 9NE Email: school.admissions@bristol.gov.uk, by 1st May 2027 for information on how to appeal. Information on the timetable for the appeals process is available at https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/secondary-school-new-year-7-admissions-appeals

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:

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

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 the child spends the majority of their time and is living with the person who has parental responsibility as the main 'carer', as defined in section 576 of the Education Act 1996.

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 Local 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 Bristol Local Authority will determine the address used for allocating a school place.

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.