

Oasis Academy Skinner Street, Gillingham

ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019 TO AUGUST 2020

Oasis Academy Skinner Street is part of the Oasis family of Academies. The ethos of Oasis is an expression of our character and permeates everything we do. Inspired by the life, message and example of Jesus Christ we are committed to fostering these qualities::

- a passion to include everyone
- a desire to treat everyone equally, respecting differences
- a commitment to healthy and open relationships
- a deep sense of purpose that things can change and be transformed
- a sense of perseverance to keep going for the long haul

The Oasis Education Charter explains how our ethos impacts our work and is presented as a statement of identity:

- We are community – we are relationships
- We are learning – we are achievement
- We are unique – we are inclusive
- We are enjoyment – we are perseverance
- We are hope – we are the future
- We are Oasis.

We welcome applications from Christian families, and those of other faiths or none. We ask all parents applying for a place at our Academy to respect our ethos and its importance to the whole Academy community.

The Academy Council, not Medway Local Education Authority (the LA), is responsible for deciding on admissions to the Academy, but works closely with the LA to coordinate admissions to all Academy's in Medway. Parents and carers can view the Medway Co-ordinated Admission Scheme for Primary Admissions at www.medway.gov.uk/admissions. Details of the LA arrangements are in the Medway booklet, available from the Academy or from the Medway Local Authority website. The Academy Council has made every effort to ensure that this policy complies with all relevant legislation on infant class sizes and equal opportunities. The policy also explains how parents / carers can express a preference.

Applications for entry to Oasis Academy Skinner Street Academy in September 2018 must be made on the common application form of the local authority in whose area the parents live at the time of application (the home LA), which may not be Medway. They can be made either on line, following the procedures outlined on the home LA's website, or by completing the home LA's paper form. The application must be submitted by the deadline date. Offers of a place will be sent to parents / carers on the date indicated in the home LA's booklet on admissions. Parents / carers (see note 1) will be given time to accept an offer. Applications received after the deadline date will only be considered **after** all those received by the deadline. This means that, if no places are left after considering all the applications received by the deadline, even if you fulfil a higher criterion than that under which places have been offered to other applicants, you will be unsuccessful.

At Oasis Academy Skinner Street Academy, pupils are normally admitted at the beginning of the academic year (1st September) in which they reach their fifth birthday, without reference to ability or aptitude. Entry in September 2019 is therefore open to all children born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015. Full time places will be offered to those children.

Early admission (before September 2019) for children born between September 2014 and August 2015 will not be considered.

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The number of intended admissions for the year commencing 1st September 2019 is 60. Years 1 – 6 have 60 places each, and pupils will be admitted to these year groups if there are any places in the relevant year group. Parents have the right to defer a child's entry to later in the Academy year 2019/2020, where the child is not of compulsory Academy age (the term beginning in January, April or September after the child's fifth birthday). Under such circumstances, the Academy will hold the place for that child.

It should be noted that parents of children who reach the age of five between 1st April and 31st August 2020 wishing to defer entry to September 2020 would have to apply during the summer of 2020 for a Year 1 place in September 2020. At this point, there may not be any places available. Parents may also request that their children attend part time until they reach compulsory Academy age. In such cases the parents should discuss this with the Principal. In all other cases, pupils will be admitted provided there are places available in the relevant year group.

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