



In-year Admission Arrangement

Oasis Academy Skinner Street, In-year Admission Arrangements for 1 September 2024 until 31 August 2025

Introductory statement

Oasis Academy Skinner Street is an academy where all young people are given the opportunity they deserve to make excellent progress and fulfil their full potential. Oasis Academy Skinner Street is a fully inclusive primary 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.

Arrangements for applications for places are administered by Oasis Academy Skinner Street who you can contact by 01634 850213 and office@oasis Skinner Street.org or call into the reception office between 08:00 – 16:00.

You can apply for an in-year place at our academy by completing our In-Year Application Form which can be found on our academy website – <https://www.oasisacademyskinnerstreet.org/admissions/how-to-apply>

You can apply for an in-year place at our academy through the Medway Council by completing an online application form - https://www.medway.gov.uk/downloads/download/150/apply_to_move_school

Waiting lists

As the academic year has now begun, it may be that you will need to join Oasis Academy Skinner Street waiting list. The waiting list is held and maintained by Oasis Academy Skinner Street.

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. Siblings, where there are siblings in attendance at the preferred Academy and who will still be on roll in the year of entry (see note 4). Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, step-brother or sister or the child of the parent/carer's partner where the child for whom the place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling.
3. Children (or parent) with exceptional medical or social needs (see note 3) that make it essential that they attend Oasis Academy Skinner Street rather than any other. These needs must be fully supported by written evidence from the appropriate professional person involved with the family.
4. Distance: children living closest to the Academy (see note 5) .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). If a child regularly lives at more than one address, the Academy will have to reach a conclusion about which should be counted as the main address, when allocating places. This will normally be the address where the Child Benefit is paid and where the child is registered with a doctor.
5. In the event of over-subscription in any of the criteria above, proximity of the child's home to the Academy, please refer to Medway Council's co-ordinated admissions scheme. Those living nearer being accorded the higher priority, will be used to determine which children should be offered places. If the c is identical then a random allocation in the presence of an independent person will take place. The local authority GIS (geographical information system) will be used to determine distance.

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. In the unlikely event that two or more applicants living the same distance away from the Academy and in all other ways have equal eligibility for the last available place at the Academy, the names will be issued a number and drawn randomly to decide which child should be given a place.

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 office@oasiskinnertsreet.org

Medway Council Summer Born Children Protocol can be found on https://www.medway.gov.uk/downloads/file/2310/summer_born_children_admissions_protocol

Notification of outcome

The Oasis Academy Skinner Street will notify parents of the outcome of their application in writing within 15 school days. Where an application is refused, the Oasis Academy Skinner Street 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 01634 850213 Option 6, email office@oasiskinnerstreet.org or visit Oasis Academy Skinner Street, Skinner Street, Gillingham, Kent ME7 1LG for information on how to appeal.

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 address you use on your child's school application is important and will be used to calculate the home to school distance for the schools you have named on your school application. The address you provide must be your child's main place of residence. This means they must live at this address permanently or the address of the parent where the child spends most school nights. School nights are Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday as children will be travelling to school from that address the next day. You can only use one address in your application.

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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