



Oasis Academy Shirley Park, Nursery Admission Arrangements for 2021-2022

About Our Nursery

Oasis Academy Shirley Park Little Acorns is a nursery where all young people are given the care, support, and opportunity to develop and grow in a safe and encouraging environment, and prepare them for their step into life at school. Oasis Academy Shirley Park Nursery is a fully inclusive academy, accepting children of all abilities, of any faith or none.

Age Range

Oasis Academy Shirley Park Nursery has a preschool class for 3 and 4 year-olds. Children can start in our nursery class the September after they turn 3.

Admission Numbers

The nursery has an admission number of 52 part time spaces. We do offer 30 hour funded spaces, as well as top up.

The school will accordingly admit this number of students if there are sufficient applications.

Application Process

If you are a parent or carer and wish to apply for a place in our Nursery at Oasis Academy Shirley Park for the following September, you will need to complete our Application Form available on our website or from our office reception.

The closing date for applications for 2021-2022 is 15th January 2021. The process of allocating places will begin after this date and you will be sent a letter or email from the academy by 12th February 2021.

For more information please contact us on primaryadmissions@oasisshirleypark.org. Application forms must be returned to the Academy reception.

Please note that children who have a place at our nursery do not automatically move into our reception classes. Parents and Carers must apply for a Reception place via Croydon Local Authority admissions service.

Funding

Depending on your circumstances you may be eligible for 30-hours free childcare through the Nursery Education Fund (NEF). Please visit the Government advice website <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare> for more information. If you believe you are eligible, please let us know when you make your application.

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 public care (looked after children and previously looked after children).

Looked after children are children who are in the care of the LA or provided with accommodation by that authority 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 child arrangement order or special guardianship order immediately after being looked after.

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

2. Children of Staff

Children whose parent is a member of staff who has been employed by the Academy for two or more years at the time at which the admission application is made, and/or has been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

3. Siblings

Children whose sibling(s) currently attend the school (including the Sixth Form) 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 (including in the Sixth Form) 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.

4. Distance from academy

Children who live nearest to the Academy are calculated using the Local Authority's computerised system. The distance will be measured in a straight line from the child's home address* to the designated entrance(s) of the school using a computerised measuring system (GIS) and geographical reference points as provided by the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG). Those living closer to the school will receive higher priority. If a child lives in a shared property such as flats, the geographical references will determine the start point within the property boundaries to be used for distance calculation purposes.

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 children spends the majority of the school week.



Late Applications

All applications received by us, after the deadline will be processed 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 academy's waiting list