



Oasis Academy Shirley Park, Admission Arrangements for Reception

Introductory Statement

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

Admission Numbers

The school has an admission number of 120 for entry in the Reception year.

The school will accordingly admit this number of students if there are sufficient applications. Where fewer applicants than the published admission number 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 Reception at the Academy will be made in accordance with Croydon Local Authority co-ordinated admission arrangements and will be made on the Common Application Form provided and administered by Croydon Local Authority.

Please access the application form by visiting Croydon Local Authority website (<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/education/schools-new/school-admissions/starting-primary-school>).

The process of allocating places will begin after 15th January 2021. You will be sent an email from Croydon Local Authority on the evening of 16 April 2021. You must accept or decline your offer by 30 April 2021.

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. 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.

3. 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.

2. 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 Croydon local Authority, 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 admissions 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 view of the Principal and any supporting evidence provided by the parent.

In the first instance, please contact priamryadmissions@oasisshirleypark.org.

Waiting Lists

The waiting list for Oasis Academy Shirley Park is held and maintained by Croydon Local Authority.

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 follow this link <https://www.oasisacademyshirleypark.org/admissions/how-to-apply/appeals> for all information regarding appeals and the timetable for the appeal process.

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.