Admission Arrangements 2021 – 2022
Oasis Academy Skinner Street
Skinner Street, Gillingham, Kent, ME7 1LG
www.oasisskinnerstreet.org
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.

Admission number(s)

The school has an admission number of 60 for entry in Year Reception.

The number of intended admissions for the year commencing 1st September 2021 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 (In-year Admissions).

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

Entry in September 2021 is therefore open to all children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017. Full time places will be offered to those children.

Parents have the right to defer a child’s entry to later in the Academy year 2021/2022, 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.

Details of the LA Process including where to access the Common Application Form (CAF) and Oasis Academy Skinner Street In-Year transfer Form.

new.medway.gov.uk/education/school-admissions/starting-primary-school/apply-for-a-place

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Arrangements for applications for places to Reception at the Academy will be made in accordance with Medway Council co-ordinated admission arrangements and will be made on the Common Application Form provided and administered by Medway Council.

Please access the application form by visiting Medway Council website

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The process of allocating places will begin after the deadline date. You will be sent an email from Medway Council on the allocation date.
Oversubscription criteria and Tie Break

When the school is oversubscribed, after the admission of students with an Education, Health and Care plan or a Statement of Special Educational Needs naming the school, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

1. Looked after children and children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, 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) as measured by the shortest available walking route from the home address to the Academy. 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, as measured by the shortest safe walking route, with those living nearer being accorded the higher priority, will be used to determine which children should be offered places. If the child 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.

Late applications

Details of the LA process including links where relevant

All applications received by Medway 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.

If applicable - For more information on late applications, please visit Medway Council website new.medway.gov.uk/education/school-admissions/starting-primary-school/apply-for-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@oasisskinnerstreet.org

Waiting lists

The waiting list for Oasis Academy Skinner Street is held and maintained by the Academy for that academic year only for those children who are not offered a place; the order of priority on the waiting list is the same as the list of criteria for over-subscription.

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 Medway Council by the appeals’ deadline date for admission to Reception for information on how to appeal. Information on the timetable for the appeals process is on new.medway.gov.uk/education/school-admissions/starting-primary-school/appeal.

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

If applicable, include details of all definitions. This will be dependent on the oversubscription criteria chosen.

Looked after:

By a "looked-after child" we mean one in the care of a local authority or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of its social services function. Adoption orders come under the terms of the Adoption and Children Act 2002, Section 46. A ‘residence order’ is one settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live (Children Act 1989, Section 8). A ‘special guardianship order’ is one appointing one or more individuals to be a child’s special guardian/s (Children Act 1989, Section 14A). Applications under this criterion must be accompanied by evidence to show that the child is looked after or was previously looked after (e.g. a copy of the adoption, residence or special guardianship order).

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 child spends the majority of the school week.

**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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Fair Access Protocol

The Academy participates in the LA’s Fair Access Protocol to allocate places to vulnerable and other children in accordance with Appendix A of the School Admission Code 2012. Admitting students under the protocol may require the Academy to admit above the planned admission number for the relevant year group.

Admission Arrangements Consultation

How can you give your views?
Your views are important to us

We will be holding a consultation day on the 12th November 2019 at Oasis Academy Skinner Street between 3-4 pm for parents/carers and the wider community. Please feel free to visit the academy between these times to discuss your views.

The below questionnaire aims to gather views on the proposal. Please fill out and return to the school office or post to:
A: Oasis Academy Skinner Street, Gillingham, ME7 1LG

1. Please tell us who you are—tick all that apply
   □ Parent/carer of a child/children at Oasis Academy Skinner Street
   □ Parent/carer of a child/children at another school. Which one?
   □ Parent/carer of a child/children not yet of school age
   □ A member of staff at Oasis Academy Skinner Street
   □ A member of staff at another school. Which one?
   □ A local resident
   □ Other: ____________________________

2. What is your view of the proposal to make no changes to Oasis Academy Skinner Street Admissions Arrangements?
   □ Strongly in favour
   □ In favour
   □ Not sure
   □ Not in favour
   □ Strongly Against

3. Please use the space below to add any other comments or views.