



Admissions Policy 2019-20





1. Introduction

This document sets out the admission arrangements for Oasis Academy Watermead, throughout this document referred to as “the Academy”. Oasis Academy Watermead is a fully inclusive Academy accepting children of all abilities, of faith and no faith.

2. Admission Number:

For 2019/20 and subsequent years the Academy has an agreed admission number of: **60 full time pupils for year Reception**

Nursery - the Academy has 52 part-time places for 3/4 year olds in the Nursery department. The Nursery school day will be split into a choice of session arrangements. **26** children can be accommodated in each session. A place in the nursery class does not automatically qualify children for a place in the Academy’s Reception class. To apply for a nursery place, please see the **nursery admissions policy**.

The Academy will accordingly admit this number of pupils each year if there are sufficient applications. Where fewer than the published admission number for the relevant year group are received, the Academy Trust will offer places at the Academy to all those who have applied.

3. Application process

Applications for places at the Academy will be made in accordance with 2014 Schools Admission Code and will be made on the Common Application Form provided and administered by the LA on behalf of Oasis.

The admission arrangements for the Academy in 2019-20 comply with the requirements of the statutory Admission Code of Practice. Its admission arrangements include the oversubscription criteria and other detailed information that explains how Oasis manages this function.

The Academy supports and reflects Sheffield LA’s Admissions arrangements for 2019-20 as this operates under the provisions of the statutory Admission Code of Practice, which aims to provide local communities with a greater voice when it comes to issues such as school places and the types of schools they want for their children.

Oasis Academy Watermead fully participates in Sheffield City Council’s co-ordinated scheme for the allocation of school places in the normal admissions round. Nevertheless, Oasis Academy Trust is still responsible for considering the applications and ensuring that admissions arrangements are compliant with the School Admissions Code.

Admissions for the Academy are co-ordinated under the Common Application Form via Sheffield City Council. If you are a parent or carer and wish to apply for a place at Oasis Academy Watermead for the following September, you will need to complete the Common Application Form via the Local Authority Website:

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/schools-childcare/apply-school-place>

4. Consideration of applications

The Academy will consider all applications for places. Where fewer than the published admission number(s) for the relevant year groups are received, the Academy will offer places to all those who have applied.

5. Oversubscription criteria

The oversubscription criteria for the Academy is in line with the Schools Admission Code 2014. Where the number of applications for admission is greater than the published admission number, applications will be considered by the Academy against the criteria set out below. After the admission of students with an Education, Health and Care plan or statement of special educational needs naming the Academy, the criteria will be applied in the order in which they are set out below:

In the event of oversubscription places will be offered in the following order of priority:

(i) Priority One

Looked After or Previously Looked After Children

The highest priority **must** be given, to children who are looked after (LAC) and previously looked after children:

A "looked after child" is a child who is:

- a) In the care of a local authority, or
- b) Being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.

A "previously looked after child" is a child who:

- a) Ceased to be looked after because they were adopted (under the terms of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 Section 46 (adoption orders)), or
- b) Became subject to a residence order (under the terms of the Children Act 1989 Section 8 - an order settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live), or
- c) Became subject to a special guardianship order (see Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 - an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians)

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Looked After or Previously Looked After Children – Admissions outside the normal admission round.

In accordance with the Regulations described above, Looked After Children and previously looked after will be prioritized for admission at their preferred school when an application is made for other year groups.

**(ii) Priority Two
Catchment area with Sibling**

Children who normally reside with a parent or person with parental responsibility in the defined catchment area and who will have a brother or sister at the preferred school on the day of admission will be considered next.

The catchment area is defined at the end of section 4 in the form of a map. The definition of a sibling for these purposes is given at (iv) below.

This means that all catchment/sibling applications are prioritised before catchment applicants irrespective of distance. The normal distance tie-breaker will apply within each category.

(iii) Priority Three

Catchment Area

Children who normally reside with a parent or person with parental responsibility in the defined catchment area, but will not have a sibling at the preferred school at the point of admission will be considered next.

In the event of oversubscription, tie-breakers will be used as describe below

**(iv) Priority Four
Siblings**

A sibling is a child who permanently or usually lives at the same address as below:-

The term “sibling” means a full, half, adopted or fostered 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 living permanently within the same household.

The Academy reserves the right to ask for proof of relationship

(iv) Priority Five

Children of Services personnel will be prioritised where an application is received outside the normal admission round. Children of services personnel are those who have a parent, or parents who are serving in regular military units of all HM forces and who are currently exercising parental care and responsibility.

(v) Priority Six

All other applicants

Any applicant who does not fall into one of the above categories will be considered next.

