

In-Year Admission Arrangement



Oasis Academy Pinewood In-year Admission Arrangements for 1 November 2021 until 31 August 2022.

Introductory statement

Oasis Academy Pinewood is an academy where all young people are given the opportunity they deserve to make excellent progress and fulfil their full potential. Oasis Academy Pinewood 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.

In the first instance, please contact our office regarding admissions by calling on 01708 743000 or email office@oasispinewood.org or call into the reception between 8.30am and 3.30pm.

Arrangements for applications for places are administered by the London Borough of Havering, who you can contact by calling on 01708 434600, emailing schooladmissions@haverling.gov.uk or by visiting their website www.haverling.gov.uk/homepage/110/school_admissions.

Waiting lists

As the academic year has now begun, it may be that you will need to join Oasis Academy Pinewood's waiting list. The waiting list is held and maintained by the London Borough of Havering.

For more information on the waiting list, please visit the London Borough of Havering's website www.haverling.gov.uk/homepage/110/school_admissions.

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. Exceptional medical or exceptional social grounds (evidence must be provided at the time of application).
3. Pupils with siblings on the roll of the school on the date of admission who live up to a distance of 1.6km (straight line distance) from the school. Pupils who live further than 1.6km (straight line distance) from the school will also receive priority under this criteria if they currently have a sibling at the school who was admitted prior to September 2018. This will include siblings at partner junior schools.
4. The distance of the home address from the School, as measured by a straight line from the School, those pupils living nearer the school being given higher priority.
5. Other children

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.

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 email office@oasispinewood.org.

Notification of outcome

The London Borough of Havering will notify parents of the outcome of their application in writing within 15 school days. Where an application is refused, the LA 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 the London Borough of Havering 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 home address is where the child spends the majority of their time and is living with the person who has parental responsibility as the main 'carer', as defined in section 576 of the Education Act 1996.

The LA will not accept more than one address as the child's home address. Where a child regularly lives at more than one address the Local Authority will have to reach a conclusion about which should be counted as the main address when allocating places, taking relevant evidence into account. Normally this will be the address where the child is registered with a medical GP. Where parents or carers are living separately and do not agree on the child's home address they are urged to reach an agreement. If this does not happen the Local Authority will determine the address used for allocating a school place.

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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