



Oasis Academy Pinewood Prospectus



CEO's Welcome

A very warm welcome to Oasis Community Learning!

I am delighted that you and your daughter or son are interested in becoming part of Oasis Academy Pinewood.

Oasis Community Learning was established as a multi-Academy Trust in 2004 with the vision to create "Exceptional Education at the Heart of the Community".

We now run Academies in four main regions throughout the UK, providing either Primary, Secondary or All-through education.

All of our Academies are committed to providing a rich educational experience and ensuring that every child and young person has the opportunity to achieve at the highest level.

Our ethos is integral to that provision. It is an expression of our character, a statement of who we are and therefore the lens through which we assess all we do. We are committed to a model of inclusion, equality, healthy relationships, hope and perseverance throughout all aspects of the life and culture of each Academy community.

We passionately embrace learning and are committed to every child within our care reaching their full potential, developing holistically across every area of their lives both now and in their future.

All of this is underpinned by our philosophy of education which highlights our focus on inspirational leadership, deep learning and healthy communities. It aspires to develop the character and competence of every child within every community of which we are a part.

At Oasis Community Learning therefore, we believe we are all 'the architects of our students' lives' and as such we are committed to laying the right foundations for every one of our young people.

So we look forward to your daughter or son potentially becoming part of Oasis, in the knowledge that we will work in partnership with you to ensure they become confident learners ready to fulfil their aspirations in life.

Best wishes,
John Murphy
Chief Executive Officer, Oasis Community Learning



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Principal's Welcome

Oasis Academy Pinewood is a happy and exciting place for children to learn and thrive. I am very proud to be Principal and warmly welcome you to come and see for yourself how wonderful our children and staff are.

We put our children at the heart of all we do here and work in partnership with our families to ensure that their academic and social needs are met. We provide a safe and stimulating environment both inside and out to maximise the opportunities for learning and development. At Oasis Academy Pinewood we are fully committed to inclusion at all levels and believe in healthy, honest relationships and teamwork alongside our families.

Children learn best through engaging, meaningful experiences. At Oasis Academy Pinewood we provide a rich and challenging curriculum. This ensures that through excellent teaching, our children achieve to the very best of their abilities and they are fully prepared for the next stage in their education.

I look forward to meeting you and your child, please contact the Academy office to arrange a visit.

Jenni Elliott
Principal, Oasis Academy Pinewood

**"High expectations for pupils are a shared vision for the school."
Ofsted 2016**

**"The school's promotion of pupil welfare is outstanding... As a result, pupils thrive in their time at school."
Ofsted 2016**



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About the Academy



Oasis Academy Pinewood is located in a beautiful location in Collier Row, Romford and we make full use of the surrounding green space and forest. It opened as an Oasis Academy in 2013 to provide exceptional education for the local community.

Our Values

At Oasis Academy Pinewood, everything we do is centred on the Oasis ethos:

A passion to include everyone

A desire to treat everyone equally, respecting differences

A commitment to healthy and open relationships

A deep sense of hope that things can change and be transformed

A sense of perseverance to keep going for the long haul

We have an unwavering belief in 'inclusion' – that every child should have the opportunity to realise and reach their potential, regardless of their background. You will see the Oasis 'Circle of Inclusion' throughout the Academy which symbolises this belief.



We believe in community. We recognise that we are stronger together and therefore value collaboration. We develop an understanding and tolerance of each other through knowledge, mutual respect, believing the best of each other and forgiveness. We work as a community, supporting our own pupils, families and staff in everything we do.

“Relationships are extremely strong across the school. Pupils look after each other and show that they care for each other in their work and play.”
Ofsted 2016

“Behaviour is exemplary and pupils take great pride in their work. They are engaging and enjoy their time at school.”
Ofsted 2016



The Academy Day

Nursery

We are pleased to announce that Oasis Academy Pinewood are offering the 30 hours tax free childcare for 3 and 4 year olds.

8.45am – 12.15pm (AM session)

12.45pm – 3.15pm (PM session)

8.45am – 3.15pm (Full Day session)

Reception

9.00am – 11.45am

12.45am – 3.10pm

Reception children have continuous access to outdoor play and provision

Years 1 and 2

8.50am – 12.00pm (break from 10.45am – 11.00am)

1.00pm – 3.10pm

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

8.50am – 12.15pm (break from 10.45am – 11.00am)

1.10pm – 3.10pm

Our Uniform

Pupils are expected to wear full Academy uniform every day. The uniform consists of:

- White polo shirt (with Academy logo)
- Red sweatshirt or cardigan (with Academy logo)
- Black or grey shorts, trousers or skirt
- Black or white socks
- Smart black shoes
- Red and white gingham dresses may be worn in the summer

PE

- White crew neck shirt (with Academy logo)
- Black PE shorts
- Black PE shoes
- PE Kit bag (with Academy logo)
- School book bag (with Academy logo)

Please see the uniform policy on our website for more information.

Teaching and Learning



At Oasis Academy Pinewood, we teach an exciting and creative curriculum that takes account of the latest research on how children think and learn. We encourage our learners to achieve their very best and to ensure they develop their skills and talents in all aspects of intellectual, social and physical development. We are committed to ensuring that all of our pupils get the very best academic start in life, so that they leave Oasis Academy Pinewood fully prepared for secondary education. Our most recent Ofsted report highlighted that:

“The school’s promotion of welfare is outstanding. All staff take great care to ensure that pupils receive the right support. As a result, pupils thrive in their time at school.”

The Academy is split into the following stages:

Early Years & Foundation Stage – Nursery (3-4 years old) and Reception (4-5 years)

Key Stage 1 – Years 1 (5-6 years) and 2 (6-7 years)

Key Stage 2 – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (7-11 years)

Our Curriculum

Our curriculum includes core areas of learning and experience which are essential to a child’s development and are defined within the National Curriculum. The learning environment is carefully planned to support learning and teaching so that children can become independent and motivated learners.

The core areas are:

- **English** – speaking, listening, reading and writing. A strong emphasis of our curriculum is placed on developing our learners into confident and skilled speakers. We are proud to be a “Talk 4 Writing” school.
- **Mathematics** – learners develop their numeracy, problem solving and reasoning skills through a range of practical activities and challenges.
- **Science** – learners have opportunities to explore and learn about their world. They learn to hypothesise, test their predictions and draw conclusions.
- **Computing** – learners are equipped with the necessary skills and confidence to successfully function in the changing world of technology.
- **Religious Education** – we believe that all learners should develop mutual respect and understanding of many different beliefs and cultures. You will have the right to withdraw your child from RE and Collective Worship by written request.
- **Creative Arts** – Developing our children’s knowledge and skills in the arts is crucial for their success as a well-rounded learner. At Oasis Academy Pinewood, our rich music, art and drama curriculum ensures this.

At Oasis Academy Pinewood, we use a topic-based approach to the curriculum. Every half term or term, each year group will have a humanities based topic, e.g. Toys, Ancient Egypt etc. The children will experience an exciting entry point into the topic, for example role playing an earthquake evacuation centre for the start of the ‘Active Planet’ topic or children taking on the role of archaeologists and unearthing treasures from a sandpit for the start of an ‘Ancient Egypt’ topic. Work produced within the topic is cross-curricular with art, maths, computing, science and English work linked in wherever possible. Children also take part in school trips to support their learning; in the last year we have visited The National Portrait Gallery, The Imperial War Museum, The British Museum, Kew Gardens, Rainham Marshes, The Natural History Museum, Bedfords Park and The London Eye Experience. We also have educational visitors come in to work with the children.

Forest School

Oasis Academy Pinewood is proud to hold Forest School status. Every term, each class visits Havering Country Park, which is adjacent to the school site. The children take part in a variety of activities, such as nature hunts, den building, creative play, team games and crafting items from natural resources. The Forest School education allows the children to work in groups and encourages team building skills. Pupils are able to learn in a safe outdoor environment and this has encouraged children to demonstrate independence and creativity. In the Academy grounds, we also have a fire pit where children regularly light fires and toast foods such as marshmallows.



Opportunities and Partnerships

Student Voice

All children in the Academy are taught about British Values and we are integrating this into all curriculum areas. The children are taught to respect each other's rights, as is reflected in our class charters, which are agreed democratically by the children. We also have a student council that make important decisions about the Academy.

Inclusion Quality Mark



We are proud to hold the Inclusion Quality Mark Flagship Status. This shows that here at Oasis Academy Pinewood, we are fully committed to inclusion at every level within our Academy community.

After School Clubs

We offer a variety of lunchtime and after school clubs for Year 1 to 6 on a termly basis, which are run by our teachers and support staff. The clubs range from gardening and origami to film and drawing club. We try to ensure that all children who apply are offered at least one club to give them the opportunity to try something new.



Educational Trips outside the Academy

Children are most engaged when learning outside of the classroom.

At Oasis Academy Pinewood, we make full use of the outside space that we have to extend children's knowledge and understanding of the world around them.

Oasis Academy Pinewood is fortunate enough to have the forest very close by and this provides us with an amazing resource for all curriculum areas – we are proud to be a Forest School.

Being close to London, and able to take advantage of free public transport, our children have the experience of trips to museums, art galleries and places of interest in the City such as the London Eye, Kew Gardens and the National Gallery to name but a few.

In Year 6, our children are invited to take part in a residential trip. This encourages them to become independent and builds resilience, it develops their team work skills and challenges them in preparation for their next step into secondary education.

We believe that these visits are an integral part of our children's learning journey. They bring the curriculum to life, giving Pinewood children first hand experiences to develop their sense of awe and wonder about the world around them.

Oasis Global Partnerships

Oasis works in 11 countries across the world, delivering a range of services in each. Each Oasis Academy is partnered with one of the 10 other countries in which we work and we regularly share learning and experiences, carry out awareness drives and participate in fundraising. Our Academy is partnered with Oasis South Africa.



Hub and Community

Our Academy also works in partnership with other local schools and community. The vision of the Academy is to create both an outstanding school and also a community Hub. The aim is for our community to be able to access a range of services, adult learning programmes, healthy living advice and activities, sports facilities and out-of-hours youth activities.

This is an Academy that works with, in and for our community, and the community is increasingly proud of us. Oasis believes that it has a duty to respect the environment through a commitment to sustainability and bio-diversity.

Admissions

Students admitted to the Academy are allocated places in accordance with London Borough of Havering Admissions Policy. For further information on admissions arrangements, please visit www.havering.gov.uk or call 01708 434600.



A Message from our Founder



When I started Oasis back in 1985, I had no idea it would grow into the wonderful family of charities that it has become today. In Oasis Community Learning, we are the country's second largest provider of Academy schools, educating around 25,000 children and young people. Through Oasis Aquila Housing, we provide housing for vulnerable young people. With Oasis Community Partnerships we run social projects – from community farms and coffee houses to churches and children's centres – and much more besides. And we do this in communities as diverse as Gateshead in the North East to Bristol in the South West. So, the question is...why?

Not only do we believe your child should receive the very best formal education, but also that there is more to a healthy life and future than simply the knowledge they hold. Every one of us is a product of the community in which we live. That is why Oasis is passionate that every community served by one of our Academies should be a happy, healthy place where every person is included and

valued, and has the ability to thrive and achieve their full, God-given potential. That is why Oasis' vision not only aims to deliver outstanding education, but also to help build great local neighbourhoods.

We are motivated by our core Christian ethos which means that we believe every person – those of all faiths or none – are equally valuable and have a part to contribute in helping this vision become a reality. Helping a young person realise who they are meant to be is about more than simply the qualifications they get or the job they want; it's about how they see themselves and those around them. That's why Oasis' goal is to help create great communities where every young person achieves their best, respects themselves, values those around them and contributes to the good of all.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to an Oasis Academy in order to experience this for yourself.

Steve Chalke
Oasis Founder



Steve Chalke, MBE
Oasis Founder



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You can keep up-to-date with developments at Oasis Academy Pinewood via our website

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If you wish to know more about Oasis Community Learning – part of the Oasis group of charities – please contact:

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