

Admission Arrangements

Oasis Academy Blakenhale Junior

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Introductory statement

Oasis Academy Blakenhale Junior is an academy where all young people are given the opportunity they deserve to make excellent progress and fulfil their full potential. Oasis academy Blakenhale Junior 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 90 for entry in year, 3 to 6.

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

Details of the LA Process including where to access the Common Application Form (CAF). Provide links where relevant. Arrangements for applications for places to year 3 to 6 at the Academy will be made in accordance with Birmingham LA co-ordinated admission arrangements and will be made on the Common Application Form provided and administered by Birmingham City Council.

Please access the application form by visiting Birmingham City Councils website, <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

The deadline to apply for a year 3 place is 31st October 2024. You will be sent an email from Birmingham City Council LA on 16th April 2025 anytime up to 5.15pm. Please check your spam or junk folder. Informing you which school your child has been offered.

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. 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. Siblings – where are siblings already at the Academy
3. Children who live nearest the Academy
4. Other children

Within each of these categories, priority is given to those who live nearest to the academy. Calculated on the basis of a straight line measurement. Between home and the main entrance of the Academy.

Late applications

All applications received by Birmingham City 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.

For more information on late applications, please visit Birmingham City Council website www.birmingham.gov.uk

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Parents may request but not insist 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 info@oasisblakenhale.org

Waiting lists

The waiting list for Oasis Academy Blakenhale Junior is held and maintained by Birmingham City Council. For more information on the waiting list, please visit Birmingham City Council website at <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

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 school admissions by <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions> for information on how to 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

Looked After and Previously Looked After Children

A looked after child is a child who is in the care of the local authority who is being provided with accommodation by local authority as set out in s22(1) of the children act 1989. A previously looked after child is a child who immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption special guardianship or child arrangement order.

In relation to school admissions legislation a 'looked after child' is a child in public care at the time of application to the school. Application can provide evidence demonstrating their child was previously in care to an institute acting as a Local Authority. Or an organisation that supports the best interests of the community/child. In the case of previous 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.

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);
- the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

Parents will be required to provide evidence of eligibility with their application.

If a place is offered on the basis of an address that is subsequently found to be different from a child's normal and permanent home address than that place will be withdrawn