Proposed Admissions Arrangements 2021 - 2022

Oasis Academy Lister Park, Admission Arrangements for Year 7

Introductory statement

Oasis Academy Lister Park is an academy where all young people are given the opportunity they deserve to make excellent progress and fulfil their full potential. Oasis Academy Lister Park is a fully inclusive secondary academy, accepting children of all abilities, of any faith or none.

Admission number(s)

The school has an admission number of 160 for entry in year 7.

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

For details of the Local Authority process including how to apply for a school place please visit https://www.bradford.gov.uk/education-and-skills/school-admissions/apply-for-a-place-at-one-of-bradford-districts-schools/

Arrangements for applications for places to Year 7 at the Academy will be made in accordance with Bradford's co-ordinated admission arrangements and administered by City of Bradford Council.

Online and paper applicants receive an email/letter confirming allocated school on National Offer Day in March (next working day to 1st March).

Oversubscription criteria and Tie Break

The admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan is dealt with by a separate procedure. Such children will be admitted to the named school named without reference to the oversubscription criteria below.

Where the number of preferences for a school exceeds the number of places available, priority will be given to children in the following categories:

1. Looked after children or children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangements or special guardianship order (see Note 1).

2. Previously looked after children from outside of England and Wales who were adopted (see Note 2)

3. Children who have exceptional social or medical needs, supported by a written recommendation from the child's paediatrician/consultant or professional from Children's Services. The letter must explain why the school is the only suitable school to meet the child's needs and why no other school could provide the appropriate support.

4. Children whose home address in the school's priority admission area who have a brother or sister, attending from the same address, who are at present in years 7 – 10 and who will still be attending the school at the time of admission. (see Note 3).

5. Other children whose home address is in the school's priority admission area (see Note 3).

6. Children whose home address is outside the school's priority admission area who have a brother or sister, attending from the same address, who are at present in years 7 – 10 and who will still be attending the school at the time of admission.

7. Other children whose home address is outside the school's priority admission area (see Note 3)

NOTES

1. A 'looked after child' is a child who is in the care of the local authority, or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions. A previously 'looked after child' who is no longer looked after in England and Wales because he/she is the subject of an adoption, special guardianship or child arrangements order which includes arrangements relating to with whom the child is to live.

2. A 'previously looked after child' who has been in 'state care' outside of England and Wales, accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other organisation the sole or main purpose of which is to benefit society and legally adopted.

3. The term 'sisters' and 'brothers' refers to children who live with the same family at the same address. Children living with the same family e.g. foster, adopted children and step-sisters and brothers are also included, cousins are not siblings.

4. 'Home address' refers to the child's permanent home at the date of admission. Where the child lives with split parents who have shared responsibility, it is for the parents to determine which address to use when applying for a secondary school. Proof of residency may be required at any time during or after the allocation process.

Late applications

All applications received by Bradford authority 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.

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 Uzma Rafiq (uzma.rafiq@oasislisterpark.org)

Waiting lists

Where in any year Oasis Academy Lister Park receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until the final term of the school year. This will be maintained by Bradford Local Authority and it will be open to any parent to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application.

Note: The Admissions Code only allows waiting lists to begin to offer places once local co- ordination ends or once all children applying – before 1 March - for a place through the area's co-ordinated scheme have been offered a place, whichever is latest.

Children's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Where places become vacant they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. The waiting list will be reordered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria whenever anyone is added to or leaves the waiting list.

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 Admissions Team on **01274 439200** for information on how to appeal. Information on the timetable for the appeals process is on https://www.bradford.gov.uk/education-and-skills/school-admissions/make-an-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.

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.