

## **Oasis Academy South Bank Admissions Arrangements:**

### **Relating to admissions to the academy in the academic year 2021/2022**

#### **1. Introductory statement**

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

#### **2. Admission numbers**

The school has an admission number of 120 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.

#### **3. Application Process**

- a. Admissions to Oasis Academy South Bank are handled by the London Borough of Lambeth as part of the co-ordinated admissions arrangements.
- b. Parents/carers must apply directly to the Local Authority where the applicant lives. If you are unsure, for example if you live near council boundaries, it is whichever Local Authority you pay your council tax to. You can apply for a secondary school in any borough, but you must apply to your home authority.
- c. Where parents are applying to Oasis Academy South Bank and want to be considered for a place under the Oversubscription Criteria detailed in Section 5f (as they are eligible for the Pupil Premium) they must also complete the Supplementary Information Form which MUST be returned to the Academy by Friday 30th October 2020.
- d. Oasis Academy South Bank will use the following timetable for applications to the Academy each year (exact dates within the months may vary from year to year) which, whenever possible, will fit in with the common timetable agreed by the Pan-London Admissions Authority.
- e. The process of allocating places will begin after 31<sup>st</sup> October. You will be sent an email from your Local Authority on 1<sup>st</sup> March with your secondary school offer.

#### **4. Admissions Criteria**

- a. A child with an Education and Health Care Plan which names Oasis Academy South Bank will be admitted to the Academy and will not count towards the admission number of 120. If your child has such a plan, you do not apply for a place at Oasis Academy South Bank under this policy. Instead, you must contact your Local Authority who will advise you on the procedure to follow.
- b. Oasis Academy South Bank is committed to serving the needs of the local community and specifically to serving the interests of families who receive the Pupil Premium who statistically underachieve relative to their non-disadvantaged peers in the national picture. Where the need exists, we are committed to address it as a priority within our admissions criteria.

## 5. Oversubscription Criteria

If the school is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with an Education and Health Care Plans Needs where the school is named, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in order:

NB. The words in **bold** have meanings which are set out in section 7, the Definition section.

- a. **Looked After Children and 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).
- b. Children who have **a sibling** at Oasis Academy South Bank.
- c. Children with an **exceptional medical or social need**, to be accompanied by supporting submissions from the applicant's GP and/or consultant, social worker or education welfare officer, setting out the particular reasons why Oasis Academy South Bank is the most suitable school for the child and that the medical or social grounds are such that they cannot be met sufficiently at another school.
- d. Children of staff at Oasis Academy South Bank, who have been in post for at least two years, or of staff recently appointed to a post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
- e. Up to 30 children who are currently on roll at Oasis Academy Johanna and have attended the Academy since the beginning of Key Stage 2.
- f. Priority will be given to **Pupil Premium applicants** living closest to Oasis Academy South Bank, such that, including those admitted under criteria a-e above, the Year 7 Pupil Premium percentage is no lower than 60%. This is subject to sufficient applications from Pupil Premium families being received. When the 60% threshold is met, we will revert to criteria g.
- g. Children living closest to Oasis Academy South Bank, using the method of measurement defined in clause 12c.

## 6. Tie-Breaking

- a. Where there are more applications satisfying any category b. to g. places will be offered **in order or proximity to Oasis Academy South Bank** at the date of application. Those living closer will be given higher priority.
- b. Measurement of those living closer will be calculated using the method defined in clause 12c
- c. If there are two or more applicants who live the same distance from the school, for example from the same block of flats/apartments, and where the priority status of those applicants cannot be distinguished by the oversubscription criteria at paragraph 4 above, then priority will be decided through a process or random allocation. This process will be independently verified.

## 7. Late applications

All applications received by the Local Authority after the deadline and Supplementary Information Forms received by the Academy after the deadline will be considered to be late applications. Late applications will be considered after those received on time until National Offer Day when the late applications will then be processed. If, following consideration of all applicants the school is oversubscribed, parents may request that their child is placed on the school's waiting list. The waiting list will include late applications and on time applications ordered in line with the oversubscription criteria.

## 8. 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 [pumi.dlova@oasissouthbank.org](mailto:pumi.dlova@oasissouthbank.org)

## 9. Waiting lists

If in any year the academy receives more applications for places than there are places available, the academy will operate a waiting list which is open to any parent to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list following either an unsuccessful application or an unsuccessful appeal. The child's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria set out above. Where places in the academy become vacant they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria.

## 10. In Year Applications

Oasis Academy South Bank welcomes initial enquiries from parents and careers who would like information regarding admission to the Academy in-year, and our waiting lists. In the first instance, parents / carers should contact our office regarding admissions by emailing [pumi.dlova@oasissouthbank.org](mailto:pumi.dlova@oasissouthbank.org).

In the case that Oasis Academy South Bank is oversubscribed, the Academy holds and maintains a waiting list. 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 in Section 5, in priority order.

## 11. Appeals

Parents, carers or guardians have the right to appeal to an independent panel where a place is not allocated to them, and where they think that the school has not complied with its published admissions criteria. Normally there are no other grounds for appeal unless there have been substantial changes in circumstances since the application was made (eg the child has received a statement since originally applying). Such appeals have to be made within 30 days of notification of failure to obtain a place.

If you wish to appeal, please email [democracy@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:democracy@lambeth.gov.uk) or phone 020 7926 2170 to obtain the necessary paperwork.

## 12. Definitions

- a. **Looked After Children and Previously Looked After Children:**
- i. 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
  - ii. 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.
- b. **Sibling:** Brother or sister, whether whole, half, adopted or step; provided that the applicant child is living the same family unit at the same address as that sibling. For a sibling of the applicant child to be treated as being at Oasis Academy South Bank, the sibling must have a place to attend Oasis Academy South Bank on the day the applicant child would start attending should they secure a place.
- c. **In order of proximity to the school:** Priority to those living closest to Oasis Academy South Bank as measured by a straight line from the permanent site of the school. This measurement will be done using a computerised mapping system. This measurement will be from a point from the child's home as identified by the software to a point as the school as profiled by the software.
- d. **Exceptional medical or social needs:** Only exceptional reasons directly relevant to Oasis Academy South Bank as set out in section 5 of the application form, will be considered by the MedSoc panel (including Principal, SENDCo, Hub Council member). The admission authority may contact professionals involved with your child for further information. Any information provided will be treated in strict confidence. The MedSoc Panel decision as to whether a reason meets this criteria is final.
- e. **Pupil Premium applicants:** Currently, children are eligible for the Pupil Premium if they have been registered as eligible for free school meals at any point during the previous six years. Children who have been looked after for 1 day or more or were adopted from care on or after 30 December 2005, or left care under a Special Guardianship Order on or after 30 December 2005, or a Residence Order on or after 14 October 1991 also qualify for Pupil Premium, but Looked After (and previously looked after) Children are allocated places under Section A of the oversubscription criteria and do not therefore need to apply for preference under this section.
- f. **Home address:** The home address is the child's main residence at the time of application. Where a child lives for part of the week with each parent, the child's home address will be the address where he or she lives and sleeps and goes to school from the majority of the school week. Where this remains equal, the address that is registered with the child's GP will be used as the home address.
- Oasis Academy South Bank reserves the right to investigate so far as it considers necessary the evidence provided in support of a home address. Oasis Academy South Bank application forms are to be accompanied by two documents providing evidence of address of the child. If there is a dispute to where the child's main residence is, the address that is registered with the child's GP will be decisive.

Where false or misleading information has been provided on application, to gain a place at Oasis Academy South Bank, the Admission Authority may withdraw the offer of that place.

- g. **Multiple Birth Applications:** Where multiple applications are received from one family, e.g. twins, triplets or other multiple births, for a single remaining place in the oversubscription criteria, the Admissions Authority will admit both/all children even if it means going over the admission number of 120.