

Oasis Academy Isle of Sheppey Admission Arrangements for 2023-2024

Introductory statement

Oasis Academy Isle of Sheppey is an academy where all young people are given the opportunity they deserve to make excellent progress and fulfil their full potential. Oasis academy Isle of Sheppey 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 390 for entry into 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

Details of the LA Process including where to access the Secondary Common Application Form (CAF).

Arrangements for applications for places to year 7 at the Academy will be made in accordance with Kent Local Authority's co-ordinated admission arrangements and will be made on the Secondary Common Application Form provided and administered by Kent Local Authority.

Please access the application form by visiting Kent Local Authority website, <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places>

The process of allocating places will begin after 31st October 2022. You will be contacted by Kent Local Authority on National Offer Day – 1st March 2023.

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:

- a) Children in public care (looked after children and previously looked after children)

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).

Any application made within the "looked after" category must be supported by a letter from the relevant LA (Children's Services) department.

If applying under the “previously looked after children” criterion a copy of the adoption or special guardianship order must also be supplied.

- b) Admission of students whose siblings currently attend the Academy and who will continue to do so on the date of admission; “sibling” is defined as a brother or sister or step-brother or step-sister where the children are living together in the same family.
- c) Health and Special Access reasons – Medical, health, social and special access reasons will be applied in accordance with the school’s legal obligations, in particular those under the Equality Act 2010. Priority will be given to those children whose mental or physical impairment means they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school. Equally this priority will apply to children whose parents’/carers’ physical or mental health or social needs mean that they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school. Such claims will need to be supported by written evidence from a suitably qualified medical or other practitioner who can demonstrate a special connection between these needs and the particular school.
- d) Admission of students who reside on the Isle of Sheppey: children residing on the Isle of Sheppey will be ranked by straight line distance as defined in section (e) below
- e) Nearness of children's homes to school - we use the distance between the child’s permanent home address and the school’s Minster Campus, measured in a straight line using the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG) address point. Distances are measured from a point defined as within the child’s home to a point defined as within the school as specified by NLPG. The same address point on the school site is used for everybody.

Tie Breaker

In the unlikely event that after the application of the above oversubscription criteria still leaving two or more applicants with an equal claim, the Academy will use random allocation as the final tie-breaker. The random allocation will take place with an independent adjudicator in line with the LA Random Allocation Protocol.

Late applications

Applications for September Year 7 entry must be received by Kent County Council by the 31st October prior to the year of entry.

All applications received by Kent Local 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.

For more information on late applications, please visit the Kent Local Authority website - <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places>

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Subject to any provisions in the LA’s co-ordinated admission arrangements relating to applications submitted for years other than the normal year of entry, the Academy will consider all such applications and if the year group applied for has a place available, admit the child unless one of the permitted reliefs apply. If more applications are received than there are places available, the oversubscription criteria (a-e) shall apply. There will be a right of appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel for unsuccessful applicants.

The Academy will participate in Kent LA's In Year Fair Access Protocol.

Waiting lists

Subject to any provisions regarding waiting lists in the LA's co-ordinated admission scheme, the Academy will operate a waiting list. Where in any year the Academy receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until three months after the beginning of the school year. This will be maintained by the Academy 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. The waiting list will be re-ranked in line with the published oversubscription criteria every time a child is added.

Children's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria set out in (a-e) above. Where places become vacant they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria.

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 Kent Local Authority for information on how to appeal. Information on the timetable for the appeals process is on - <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places>

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.

Sixth Form Admissions

Before application of the oversubscription criteria, children with a Statement of Special Educational Need or Education, Health and Care Plan which names The Oasis Academy Isle of Sheppey will be admitted. As a result of this the published admissions criteria will be reduced accordingly. Priority is given to students who have previously been attending The Oasis Academy Isle of Sheppey and who have consistently supported the Academy's code of conduct.

The entry criteria for the Academy's Sixth Form are:

Course type	Entry requirement
Academic	Grade 4 or above in English Language and three other EBACC subjects Grade 6 or above in Science if opting for Biology or Chemistry Grade 7 or above in Mathematics if opting for A-level Mathematics
Performing Arts	A performer at a high level or
Vocational	Grade 4 or above in any three subjects Grade 4 or above in any three subjects

Any offer made will be conditional and subject to course viability.

Where deemed necessary a probationary period will be agreed in consultation with all stakeholders.

Students that have satisfied the academic and attendance criteria for admission into the Sixth Form will be allocated places according to the Academy oversubscription criteria above.

Notes/Definitions

Looked after children and previously 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.

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.

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:

Kent Local Authority only accepts one current home address on the Secondary Common Application Form. If you live separately from your partner but share responsibility for your child and the child lives at two different addresses during the week, we will regard the home address as the one at which the child sleeps for the majority of weekdays.

If you have other arrangements which involve your child living at more than one address and you are not sure which address you should give, please contact the Kent Local Authority Admissions Team for advice. If more than one application is received for a child, parents/guardians will be contacted and asked to agree in writing which application should be used.

It is not the role of the Local Authority to decide which application to use where both parents retain parental responsibility for the child. Where agreement cannot be reached, both applications will be withdrawn and the child will not be offered a place on 1 March 2023. Where a court proceeding is sought to decide which parent's application should be used, the Admissions team will require a full copy of any Court Order before any application will be accepted.

Siblings:

'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.

Tie Breaker:

If there are more children who have equal ranking based on the over subscription criteria than there are places remaining within each criterion, the children will be ranked according to proximity of their home address to the Academy with the child living nearest being ranked higher. Distance will be calculated using the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG) address point. If two or more children live the same distance then random allocation will be used to allocate the final available place(s). This will be independently verified.

Fair Access protocol:

The Academy participates in the Local Authority's Fair Access protocol to allocate places to vulnerable and other children in accordance with Section 3: points 3.9 – 3.15 of the School Admission Code 2014. Admitting students under the protocol may require the Academy to admit above the planned admission number for the relevant year group.