

Admission Arrangements

Oasis Academy Blakenhale Infants

Proposed Admission Arrangements 2027/2028

Introductory statement

Oasis Academy Blakenhale Infants 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 Infants is a fully inclusive Primary academy, accepting children of all abilities, of any faith or none.

Admission number

The school has an admission number of 90 for entry into Reception and in Year 2. As of the 2025/2026 academic year, our Published Admission Number (PAN) for Year 1 is 60, and this will continue throughout the infant phase.

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 a place in Reception class for September 2027

Arrangements for applications for places to Reception at the Academy will be made in accordance with Birmingham LA co-ordinated admission arrangements and will be made online.

Birmingham residents can apply online by visiting Birmingham LA website:

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

Residents that live outside of Birmingham must make an application to their home Local Authority (where they pay their Council Tax).

The deadline to apply is 15 January 2027.

Those applicants that have applied on time will be sent an email from Birmingham LA on 16 April 2027 informing them of which school their child has been offered.

Children with an Education Health and Care Plan

Any child with an Education Health and Care Plan is required to be admitted to the academy that is named in their plan. This gives such children overall priority for admission to the named academy. This is not an oversubscription criterion.

Oversubscription criteria and Tie Break

When the school is oversubscribed, after the admission of students with an Education, Health and Care plan naming the academy, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

1. 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 the Trust 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. Sibling in attendance at Oasis Academy Blakenhale Infants or Oasis Academy Blakenhale Junior.
3. Distance from the Academy.

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 classed as 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 <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>.

In-Year Applications

Applications made outside the normal admissions round (in-year admissions) should be made directly to the academy no matter which Local Authority you reside in. Parents/carers can apply for a place for their child at any time and to any academy. On receipt of an in-year application, the academy will notify the local authority of both the application and its outcome, to allow the local authority to keep up to date with figures on the availability of academy places in Birmingham.

The In-Year Application form is available here: [Application for a change of school \(In-year\) | Birmingham City Council](#).

Deferred entry

By law, parents must ensure that their children are receiving suitable full-time education at the beginning of the term after their 5th birthday. However, in Birmingham, children are admitted to Reception Class in the September at the start of the academic year in which they reach five years of age.

Parents may, however, defer their child's admission to primary or infant school until later in the school year, but not beyond the beginning of the first academic term after the child's fifth birthday (the time when the child reaches compulsory school age) and not beyond the beginning of the final term of the school year of which the offer was made. Alternatively, a parent has the right for their child to be admitted on a part-time basis during Reception year but not beyond the point when they reach compulsory school age. In both cases above a school place is held for the child until they take it up.

A child who reaches the age of five during the 2027/2028 summer term would reach compulsory school age in September 2028. However, it is not possible to accept a place in Reception for September 2027 but defer the child's admission until the beginning of the 2028/2029 academic year, and if a child did not take up their place in a Reception class in 2027/2028, a separate in-year application would need to be made for the child to enter the school in Year 1.

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Parents have the right to request but not insist that their child be considered for admission to a class outside of their normal age group. This could be the case, for example, if a child is gifted and talented,

has experienced problems such as ill health, or that the child is summer born, i.e. a child born between 1st April and 31st August.

Parents who wish for their child to be considered for admission to a class outside of their normal age group must make an application for the normal age group in the first instance.

Parents must then submit a formal request to the Academy Trust for the child to be considered for a different age group class instead. This request should be in the form of a written letter of application outlining the reasons why they wish for their child to be considered to be admitted into a class outside of their normal age group and enclosing any supportive evidence and documentation that they wish to be taken into account as part of that request.

The Academy Trust will consider requests submitted for a child to be admitted into a class outside of their normal age group and advise parents of the outcome of that request before national offer day, having taken into account the information provided by the parents, the child's best interests and the views of the Principal. If the request is refused, the original application for the normal age group class will progress through the Local Authority co-ordinated admissions scheme, be considered by the Academy Trust and the parents advised of the outcome.

If the request is agreed and the year group for which the parents have requested a place is a current year group in the school, then the application will be considered by the Academy Trust and the parents advised of the outcome.

If the request is agreed and the year group for which the parents have requested a place is for a future year group, i.e. Reception in September 2028, then the original application is withdrawn, and the parents must submit a fresh application for Reception 2028 when applications open in the autumn term of 2026.

Please note that parents only have the right to re-apply for a place. Where the Academy Trust agrees to consider an application for Reception the following year, that application is considered alongside all other applications received and parents will be advised of the outcome of that application on national offer day. No place is reserved or held for the child in advance.

If parents are considering submitting an application for their child to be admitted into a class outside of their normal age group, it is strongly recommended that they also read the DFE guidance which can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/summer-born-children-school-admission>.

Requests should be made by email to: info@oasisblakenhaleinfants.org.

Waiting lists

The waiting list for the Reception intake for Oasis Academy Blakenhale Infants is held and maintained by Birmingham LA until 31 July 2027. The Academy will then maintain the waiting list from 1 September 2027 onwards up until at least the 31 July 2028.

Appeals

All applicants that are refused a place have a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel constituted and operated in accordance with the school admission appeals code.

Appeals are administered by Birmingham Local Authority for Oasis Academy Blakenhale Infants.

Parent/carers should visit <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions> to appeal against the decision to refuse their child admission.

Notes/Definitions

Looked after children and previously looked after children

A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangement order, or special guardianship order. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989). In the case of previously looked after children, admission authorities may request a copy of the adoption order, child arrangement order or special guardianship order and a letter from the local authority that last looked after the child confirming that he or she was looked after immediately prior to that order being made.

Children adopted from state care outside of England Children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted will be given equal first priority in admission arrangements, alongside looked after children (LAC) and children who were previously looked after by English local authorities (PLAC). These children are referred to as internationally adopted previously looked after children – "IAPLAC". Evidence will be required from the carer confirming that their child meets the above criteria in accordance with the DfE's non-statutory guidance on the admission of IAPLAC.

Sibling

Siblings (brothers or sisters) are considered to be those children who live at the same address and either:

- have one or both natural parents in common;
- or ii. are related by a parent's marriage;
- or iii. are adopted or fostered by a common parent.

Unrelated children living at the same address, whose parents are living as partners, are also considered to be siblings.

Children not adopted or fostered or related by a parent's marriage or with one natural parent in common, who are brought together as a family by a same sex civil partnership and who are living at the same address, are also considered to be siblings.

Distance

Distances are calculated on the basis of a straight-line measurement between the applicant's home address and the main entrance of the Academy. The Local Authority uses a computerised system, which measures all distances in metres. Ordnance Survey supply the co-ordinates that are used to plot an applicant's home address and main entrance of the academy.

Final Qualifier

In a very small number of cases, it may not be possible to decide between the applications of those pupils who are the final qualifiers for a place, when applying the published admission criteria.

For example, this may occur when children in the same year group live at the same address, or if the distance between the home and academy is exactly the same, for example, blocks of flats.

If there is no other way of separating the application according to the admissions criteria and to admit both or all of the children would cause the Published Admission Number for the child's year group to be exceeded, the Local Authority will use a computerised system to randomly select the child to be offered the final place.

In the event of this occurring with twins or other multiple birth applicants, academies will be admit over their Published Admission Number to accommodate the pupils.

Home address

A pupil's home address is considered to be a residential property that is the child's only or main residence and is either;

- Owned by the child's parent(s), or the person with parental responsibility for the child;
- Leased to or rented by the child's parent(s), or the person with parental responsibility under lease or written rental agreement of not less than twelve months duration.

Evidence of ownership or rental agreement may be required, plus proof of permanent residence at the property concerned.

Parents who are unable to provide proof of permanent residence should contact Birmingham Local Authority or Oasis Academy Blakenhale Infants to discuss providing other acceptable proof of address.

Where parents have shared responsibility for a child, and the child lives with both parents for part of the week then the main residence will be determined as the address where the child lives the majority of the week. Parents may be requested to supply documentary evidence to satisfy the authority that the child lives at the address put forward by the parents.

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, then that place will be withdrawn.

Fair Access Protocol

The Trust of Oasis Academy Blakenhale Infants is committed to taking its fair share of children who are vulnerable and/or hard to place, as set out in locally agreed protocols. Accordingly, outside the normal admission round the Trust is able to give priority to a child where admission is requested under any locally agreed protocol. The Trust has this power, even when admitting the child would mean exceeding the published admission number.

Application process for a place in Nursery class for September 2027

The academy deals with Nursery applications in-house and accept children in September the term after the child has turned 3 years of age.

The Nursery offers part time provision of 15 hours per child. If you are a working parent, we can offer a 30-hour place per child subject to receipt of your 30-hour code from HMRC. Please apply directly to the Academy for more information.

Further details are available on our website:

<https://www.oasisacademyblakenhaleinfants.org/admissions/how-to-apply>