

# Oasis Academy Johanna Admissions Arrangements for 2025/2026

## Introductory statement

Oasis Academy Johanna is an academy where all young people are given the opportunity, they deserve to make excellent progress and fulfil their full potential. Oasis Academy Johanna 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 30 for entry in year reception.

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

Arrangements for applications for places to reception at the Academy will be made in accordance with Lambeth Local Authority's coordinated admission arrangements and will be made on the Common Application Form provided and administered by Lambeth Local Authority.

To apply for a place please access the application form by visiting Lambeth Local Authority website, <https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions-and-appeals/primary-school-admissions>.

The process of allocating places will begin after Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. You will be sent an email or a letter from Lambeth Local Authority on National Offer Day (16<sup>th</sup> April 2024), confirming the offer made to you.

## 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. Children with a brother or sister who already attends the school, and who will not have left the school at the time of admission. As a result, siblings in the nursery or year 6 will not be regarded as a sibling under this criterion. A sibling is defined as a full/half/stepbrother or sister (who are living at the same address in all instances) or a child who is living as part of the family by reason of a court order, or a child who has been placed with foster carers at that address as a result of being looked after by the Local Authority. However, children who are looked after under an agreed series of short-term placements (such as respite) will not be regarded as siblings under this criterion.

3. Children with a professionally supported medical or social need, whose application identifies a particular school that is especially able to meet that need. The decision to prioritise children on these grounds will be determined via Lambeth's MEDSOC Panel, which is comprised of senior management. Documents from an appropriate professional (not including general information from a website, etc.) must support these applications. However, any supporting evidence does not automatically mean that applicants will gain priority as the decision to prioritise under this criterion will solely rest with the MEDSOC Panel.
4. Applications for children of staff at the school. A member of staff for the purposes of this criterion must be employed by the said school as a teaching assistant or qualified teacher for a minimum of 0.6fte (16.5 hours teaching staff) and this employment must have been for at least 3 years at the time of submitting the application (i.e. their employment must have started no later than September 2015). All such applications must be submitted via an iCAF application submitted to the LA and must be accompanied with the relevant paperwork supporting an application on these grounds. The applicant must take sole responsibility for providing such paperwork. Without the provision of the relevant papers that identify all the above, priority will not be given on these grounds. There will be a limit of 1 child per year group.
5. Priority will be given based on the distance between the child's home and the school, measured by a straight line. 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 central point in the school's grounds as profiled in the software. The child's home address will be the child's permanent place of residency and must not be a business address, or the address of a relative or carer, unless they have legal custody of the child. Applications must only be made from a single address.

*If parents are separated and share custody of the child, the address given should be that of the parent with whom the child spends most of the school week, which will normally be the address where Child Benefit is payable. If the parent making the application lives at a different address to the child, a letter of explanation should be attached. It is not acceptable for a family to use a temporarily rented address to secure a place of their preference. In disputed cases, Lambeth School Admissions will make a judgement based on the evidence available to them.*

Applications or offers under this criterion will only be valid once proof of address has been given and confirmed.

As a tiebreaker for all criteria, priority will be given to children living closest to the preferred school (measured by a straight line) in accordance with the measuring information in criterion 5. However, in the case where children have exactly the same distance between their home and the school, Lambeth LA will randomly allocate places as a tiebreaker.

Children who attend a Lambeth Community nursery school class **will not** automatically transfer to the main school. Parents **must** apply separately for the primary school through Lambeth LA.

## **Late applications**

All applications received by Lambeth Local Authority after the deadline (15<sup>th</sup> January) will be considered 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 be placed on the school's waiting list.

For more information on late applications, please visit Lambeth Local Authority website <https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions-and-appeals/primary-school-admissions>

## **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 based on 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@oasisjohnanna.org](mailto:info@oasisjohnanna.org)

## **Waiting lists**

The waiting list for Oasis Academy Johanna is held and maintained by Lambeth Local Authority, this is available from 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

For more information on the waiting list, please visit Lambeth Local Authority website <https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions-and-appeals/primary-school-admissions>

## **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 Lambeth Local Authority by 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024 for information on how to appeal. Information on the timetable for the appeals process is on <https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/schools-education/school-admissions-appeals>

## **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 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.
- 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.

### 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 stepbrother 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. This means that, typically, a doctor or social worker etc. should write supporting the application on the basis that for medical or social reasons (family breakdown, bullying, abuse, psychological, etc) the child needs to go to the school/academy above all others because of the child's particular need or, if the school wishes, the parent's need.

### MEDSCO Panel:

Medical, social panel who consider on-time primary applications in February/March based on medical and social needs for application.

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