

# **ADMISSIONS POLICY 2023-24**

## **OASIS ACADEMY JOHANNA**

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# Admissions Policy 2023 – 2024

## Oasis Academy Johanna

### Admission Criteria for the 2023/24 Academic Year

#### 1. Introduction

This document sets out the admission arrangements for Oasis Academy Johanna, throughout this document referred to as “the Academy”.

Oasis Academy Johanna is fully inclusive. It is a non-selective school open to pupils of all religious faiths or those of no faith.

#### 2. Admission Number

For 2023/2024 and subsequent years the Academy has an agreed admission number of 30 full time pupils for year R.

*It is expected that all children will start school in September. However, parents can request that the date their child is admitted to school is deferred until later in the academic year. Parents can request that their child takes up the place part-time until the child reaches compulsory school age.*

#### 3. Application Process

Applications for places at the Academy will be made in accordance with admissions arrangements for Lambeth community schools.

All applications received by the 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 applications the school is oversubscribed, parents may request that their child is placed on the school's waiting list.

#### 4. Over Subscription Criteria

Where the number of applications for admission is greater than the published admission number, applications will be considered against the oversubscription criteria set out below. After the admission of students with an Education, Health and Care Plan naming the Academy, common with many other admission authorities, Lambeth uses Looked After Children, sibling, and professionally supported medical/social need and distance as key criteria in cases of over-subscription.

##### 4.1 Criterion 1: Looked After Children

Priority will be given to looked after children and previously looked after children. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order) **immediately** following having been looked after.

A child in public care (looked after child) means a person under the age of 18 years who is provided by social services with accommodation by agreement with their parents/carers (Section 20 of the Children Act 1989) or who is the subject of a care order under Part IV of the Act. Children who are looked after under an agreed series of short-term placements (such as respite) are excluded. All applications under this criterion must be supported by a letter from the relevant Local Authority.

#### **4.2 Criterion 2: Siblings**

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/step brother 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.

#### **4.3 Criterion 3: Children with Exceptional Medical or Social Needs**

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.

#### **4.4 Criterion 4: Children of Staff at the School**

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).

1. All such applications must be submitted to the MEDSOC Panel 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 to provide such paperwork. Without the provision of the relevant papers that identify all the above, priority will not be given on these grounds
2. There will be a limit of 1 child per year group

#### 4.5 Criterion 5: Distance

Priority will be given on the basis of 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 criteria 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.

### 5. OTHER GENERAL ADMISSION ELEMENTS TO THESE ARRANGEMENTS

#### 5.1 Applications relating to twins, triplets or other multiple births

Where a parent applies for entry into the same year group for more than one child and it is not possible to offer a place to all of them, the names of the children who were unsuccessful will be added to the waiting list in accordance with the published admissions criteria, as per other children. Where the determining factor is based on distance, and these children have the same home to school distance, Lambeth LA will randomly allocate places to determine the rank order.

Where there is one school place available and there is more than one sibling who is eligible for a place under the published admissions criteria, Lambeth LA will randomly allocate the place in order to determine who gets the offer. The parent can then determine whether to accept or reject the offer.

## **5.2 Deferred entry to primary school**

Lambeth LA will provide for the admission of all its residents in the September following their fourth birthday. These arrangements make clear that where the child has been offered a place at the school, that:

- 5.2.1 the child will initially be offered a full-time place in the September following their fourth birthday.
- 5.2.2 the child's parents can defer the date their child is admitted to the school until later in the school year but not beyond the point at which they reach compulsory school age and not beyond the beginning of the final term of the school year for which it was made.
- 5.2.3 where the parents wish, children may attend part-time until later in the school year but not beyond the point at which they reach compulsory school age.

## **5.3 Admission of children outside their normal age group**

In Line with the School Admissions Code, parents may seek a place for their child outside of their normal age group. We are aware that some parents of summer-born children may not want to send their child to school until the September following their fifth birthday and may request that they are admitted out of their normal age group – to reception rather than year 1. Lambeth LA will manage such request via the following process:

- Parents applying for an out-of-year group place must submit professional documentation (as per criterion 3 – Children with exceptional medical/social reasons with their application. The MEDSOC Panel will then decide (along with the relevant head teacher for the school concerned) whether such an out-of-year group place will be offered at the named school. This will allow this LA to comply with section 2.17 of the Code, where it states that:

*“Admission authorities must make decisions on the basis of the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned. This will include taking account of the parent’s views; information about the child’s academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group; and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely. They must also take into account the views of the head teacher of the school concerned.”*

- This application must be received in the correct year in the relevant admissions round.
- If the request is granted, then the child will be offered a place in the year group agreed by the MEDSOC Panel and the school.
- If the place is NOT offered and no offer is made for the child to attend the school in any other year group, then the family will be given the right of appeal. However, if another year group has been offered in the school then the right of appeal will not be offered.