



Oasis Academy Fir Vale, Admission Arrangements for 2024 - 2025

Introductory statement

Oasis Academy Fir Vale is an academy where all young people are given the opportunity they deserve to make excellent progress and fulfil their full potential. Oasis Academy Fir Vale 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 60 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 in Reception to Year 6 at the Academy will be made in accordance with Sheffield's coordinated admission arrangements and will be made on the Common Application Form provided and administered by Sheffield City Council.

The closing date for applications will be 15 January 2024. You will be sent an email from Sheffield Local Authority in April 2024. Please visit Sheffield City Council website for further information <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/schools-childcare/apply-school-place>

Oversubscription criteria and Tie Break

Special Educational Needs

Any child that has an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP) that names a specific school must be offered a place there.

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

Category 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 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).

Category 2

Children in care or previously in care

Pupils who are in Care or who were previously in Care will be admitted to the school. Children who were previously in Care are children who were in care but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject of a child arrangement or special guardianship order immediately following being in Care.

Category 3

Catchment Area & Sibling

Children who live in the catchment area at the latest date for receiving applications and who will have siblings attending the preferred school or linked Junior School (see 5 for further definition of sibling)

Category 4

Catchment Area

Children living in the catchment area for the preferred school that do not have a sibling attending, will be considered next. Catchment areas can be checked at www.sheffield.gov.uk/pupiladmissions.

Category 5

BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF CHILDREN REFUSED A PLACE AT THEIR CATCHMENT SCHOOL

In circumstances where, in previous years, parents had applied on time but been refused a place at their catchment school for older siblings and allocated a place at a non-catchment school, any younger sibling will be afforded priority sibling status. This will only apply where allocated a preference ranked lower than the catchment school or allocated the nearest school available.

Other applications

Any child who does not fit into one of the above categories will be considered next. Places will be allocated up to the published indicated admission number.

Tie Breaks

Late applications

All applications received by Sheffield City Council after the deadline 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 is placed on the school's waiting list.

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 info@oasisfirvale.org

Waiting lists

The waiting list for Oasis Academy Fir Vale is held and maintained by Sheffield City Council. For more information on the waiting list, please visit <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/schoolschildcare/apply-school-place>

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 Sheffield City Council for information on how to appeal. Information on the timetable for the appeals process is on <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/schoolschildcare/apply-school-place>

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. 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.

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.

Free School Meals Priority:

Those eligible for free school meals admission priority are children who:

- Are currently registered as eligible for free school meals

Children for whom their parents cannot provide evidence that their child is currently registered for free school meals but where the child or its parents receive any of the following:

- Universal Credit
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- An income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit) and have an annual income that, from 6 April 2011, does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs)
- Where a parent is entitled to the Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment someone receives for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

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.

Pupil Premium Priority:

Those eligible for Pupil Premium admission priority are children who:

- Are currently registered as eligible for free school meals;
- Have been registered as eligible for free school meals at any point in the last six years

Children for whom their parents cannot provide evidence that their child is currently registered for free school meals, [or has been in the past 6 years] but where the child or its parents receive any of the following:

- Universal Credit
- Income Support.
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance.
- An income-related employment and support allowance.
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit (provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit) and have an annual income that, from 6 April 2011, does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs).
- Where a parent is entitled to the Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment someone receives for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit.

Parents will be required to provide evidence of eligibility with their application