



Admission Policy for Oasis Academy Sholing for 2025/26

Oasis Academy Sholing is an Academy where all young people are given the opportunity they deserve to make excellent progress and fulfil their full potential. Oasis Academy Sholing is a fully inclusive secondary Academy, accepting children of all abilities, of any faith or none.

The school's Published Admissions Number (PAN), which is the number of children the school will admit to Year 7 in September 2025, is 210.

Applications

For an application to be **on-time**, it must be made by 23:59 on the 31 October 2025.

If a school has fewer applications than its PAN, all children will be offered a place.

If a school under this policy has more applications by the 31 October 2025 than its PAN (called 'oversubscription'), applications will be ranked by the oversubscription criteria and places offered from this ranking.

Children with Education, Health and Care Plans (**EHCPs**) that name a school must be admitted to that school, even if it is full. This process sits outside of the normal admissions arrangements and this policy. Children with EHCPs will still count towards the PAN of the school.

Applications received after 31 October 2025 will be **late applications**. They will be dealt with after all on-time applicants have been offered school places. Places can't be 'held back' for late applicants. You may not get a place at your preference school if you apply late and the school has already been filled by on-time applications.

Oversubscription Criteria

1. Looked After/Previously Looked After Children
2. Children who have evidence that they must attend the school for medical or social care reasons
3. Children who have a sibling on roll at the school, who will continue to attend that school the following year
4. Children who live closest to the school

If a school oversubscribes within any of the 4 categories, distance will be used to prioritise the applications in that category. Should two or more identical distances exist for the last vacancy, lots will be drawn by a senior manager at Southampton City Council.

Distances are measured as straight-line ('as the crow flies') distances. They measure from the home address to the mid-point of the nearest pedestrian gate of the school that would be open during school hours, using a computerised mapping system with data supplied by the Ordnance Survey.

Waiting Lists

If a place cannot be offered to an applicant in Year 7, they will automatically be added to the school's waiting list.

Waiting lists are kept in the order of the school's oversubscription categories, and not how long a child has been on the waiting list for. This means that each new application will cause the list to be re-ranked, and children could move down as well as up the list.

Places will be offered for Year 7 from the waiting list if a vacancy arises at the school.

The Year 7 waiting list will be held until 31 July 2027.

In-Year Applications and Reserve Applicant Lists

In-year applications will be considered against this policy and its oversubscription criteria.

If a place cannot be offered to an applicant in Years 8-11, they will automatically be added to the school's reserve applicant list, unless they ask not to be.

The reserve applicant list will be kept in the order of the school's oversubscription categories on the basis of the information provided in their first applicant, and not how long a child has been on the list.

When vacancies arise, the applicant(s) at the top of this list will be invited to reapply.



This does not guarantee that a place will be offered at this time, as the application will need to be considered freshly against the Admissions Code 2021 and the school's admissions policy.

Definitions

Looked After/Previously Looked After Children: Looked After Children are those who are in the care of a Local Authority. A Previously Looked After Child is one who was in the care of a Local Authority until they were adopted or became subject to a Child Arrangements or Special Guardianship Order. This also applies to children who were in state care outside of England before being adopted.

Sibling: A sibling is defined as a brother or sister living in the same family unit for most of the school week. This included half, step, foster or adopted brothers and sisters. This criterion cannot be applied to cousins.

Medical/Social Care Reasons: A child will be able to apply under this category if they have a medical or psychological condition, or social care need, that means only the preference school can meet their needs. This must be evidenced by the relevant consultation/psychologist or Social Care professional. It will not apply simply if a child has a diagnosis of an illness, allergy, Special Educational Need, or is open to a Social Worker, as all schools are expected to manage the needs of all pupils.

Admission Outside of the Normal Age Group

The offers made for Year 7 classes are full-time places for the start of term in September 2026.

Parents may request that their child is admitted outside of their normal age group, for example, if they have previously been educated outside of their normal age group in primary school.

Parents whose child was previously educated outside of their normal age group in primary school will need to make a new request for entry to secondary school outside of their normal age group. This should be made when the child would ordinarily be in Year 6 (e.g. a child who has been decelerated from Year 6 to Year 5 should apply when they are being educated in Year 5).

Requests for a child to be educated outside of their normal age group can be made online via the Southampton City Council website.

Requests for education outside of the normal age group must be considered by the admissions authority for the school and other admission authorities do not have to honour this decision.

Requests for education outside of the normal age group must be made at each transition, and there is no guarantee that any agreement will continue through the child's whole school life.