Oasis Academy Temple Quarter Admission Arrangements for 2027 - 2028

Introductory statement

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

Admission number(s)

The school has an admission number of 180 students for entry in year 7.

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 Year 7 at the academy will be made in accordance with Bristol City Council's co-ordinated admission arrangements and will be made on the Common Application Form provided and administered by Bristol City Council.

Please access the application form by visiting Bristol City Council's website, https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/secondary-admissions.

You will be sent an email from Bristol City Council confirming the offer made to you on National Offer Day which is the 1 March 2027 (unless this date falls on a weekend in which case it will be the first working day after the 1 March).

Oversubscription criteria and Tie Break

When the school is oversubscribed, after the admission of students with an Education, Health and Care plan 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 as well as 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.

2. Siblings of students who will be members of Years 7 to 11 at the academy on the date when the applicant would be admitted. The term "sibling" means a full, step, half, adopted or fostered brother or sister, or another child living permanently within the same household. Oasis Community Learning reserves the right to ask for proof of relationship.

3. Children who live (home address) the nearest by direct line distance from the academy.

Tie Breaks If in categories 2 - 3 above a tie-break is necessary to determine which child is admitted, the child living closest to the school will be given priority for admission. Distance is measured from the child's home to a central point within the school building in a straight line as held on Bristol City Council's computerised mapping system (see notes and definitions). When the furthest distance to qualify for a place relates to a household containing two or more children for whom applications are made (e.g. Twins, triplets etc.), the remaining child will also be offered a place above the PAN if necessary. This would also apply to a brother or sister born in the same academic year.

Random allocation undertaken by another body unconnected with Oasis Community Learning will be used as a tie-break in categories 2 – 3 above to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between a child's home and the academy is equidistant in any two or more cases.

Late applications

All applications received by Bristol 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.

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 admissions@oasistemplequarter.org.

Waiting lists

The waiting list for entry into Year 7 at Oasis Academy Temple Quarter in 2027-28 is held and maintained by Bristol City Council, until 1 September 2024. After this date it is managed by Oasis Academy Temple Quarter. We maintain a clear, fair, and objective waiting list. Each added child will require the list to be ranked again in line with the published oversubscription criteria.

For information about the waiting list, please contact admissions@oasistemplequarter.org

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 Bristol City Council School Admissions by 1 May 2024 for information on how to appeal.

Bristol City Council (City Hall),
PO Box 3399,
Bristol,
BS19NE
Email: school.admissions@bristol.gov.uk,.

Information on the timetable for the appeals process is available at https://www.bristol.gov.uk/residents/schools-learning-and-early-years/school-admissions/school-admission-appeals

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 in the exercise of their social services functions under section 22 of the Children Act 1989. 1989 Children's Act

ii. A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.

iii. 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 the child spends the majority of their time and is living with the person who has parental responsibility as the main 'carer', as defined in section 576 of the Education Act 1996.

Bristol City Council will not accept more than one address as the child's home address. Where a child regularly lives at more than one address Bristol City Council will have to reach a conclusion about which should be counted as the main address when allocating places, taking relevant evidence into account. Normally this will be the address where the child is registered with a medical GP.

Where parents or carers share parental responsibility for a child and two applications are received for the one child, Bristol will ask the parents to determine which application should be considered. The other application will be withdrawn. This is because Bristol will offer only one school place to a child at any one time. If parents cannot agree, they should resolve the issue through the court system, for example to obtain a 'Specific Issues Order' which specifies which parent or carer has responsibility to make decisions on school preferences. If no agreement is reached and no Order is made the decision as to which application is accepted will be determined by drawing lots, overseen by a member of staff from Bristol City Council Legal Services. The home address will still be the address the child spends the majority of their time.

Home to school distance:

Home to school distances will be measured in a direct line from a point on the home address as held by the Local Authority, defined in the Local Land and Property Gazetteer, to a defined central point within the main school building using the Local Authority's computerised mapping

system. This point is used for the My Neighbourhoods information available on the Bristol City Council website.

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.